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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

JUNE 15, 2026

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

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**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 2027”.

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

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 6 thorizations.

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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”

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

7 **DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF**  
 8 **DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS**

9 **TITLE I—PROCUREMENT**

10 **Subtitle A—Authorization of**  
 11 **Appropriations**

12 **SEC. 101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for  
 14 fiscal year 2027 for procurement for the Army, the Navy  
 15 and the Marine Corps, the Air Force and the Space Force,  
 16 and Defense-wide activities, as specified in the funding  
 17 table in section 4101.

18 **Subtitle B—Army Programs**

19 **SEC. 111. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR IN-**  
 20 **FANTRY SQUAD VEHICLE PROGRAM.**

21 (a) AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.—  
 22 Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code,  
 23 the Secretary of the Army may enter into one or more  
 24 multiyear contracts, beginning with fiscal year 2027, for  
 25 the procurement of Infantry Squad Vehicles (ISV), includ-

1 ing associated components, spare parts, and support  
2 equipment.

3 (b) CONDITIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ensure  
5 that any contract entered into under subsection  
6 (a)—

7 (A) provides for savings compared to an-  
8 nual procurement;

9 (B) includes appropriate termination provi-  
10 sions to protect the interests of the United  
11 States; and

12 (C) complies with all requirements of sec-  
13 tion 3501 of title 10, United States Code.

14 (2) DURATION.—A contract entered into under  
15 subsection (a) shall cover a period of not more than  
16 five fiscal years.

17 (c) ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—The Secretary may  
18 include in a contract entered into under subsection (a)  
19 provisions for economic order quantity purchases of long-  
20 lead items to achieve cost efficiencies.

21 **SEC. 112. INCLUSION OF ARMY NATIONAL GUARD IN ARMY**  
22 **ARCTIC STRATEGY AND FORCE STRUCTURE.**

23 (a) INCLUSION IN STRATEGIC PLANNING.—The Sec-  
24 retary of the Army shall ensure that the Army National  
25 Guard is fully integrated into the implementation and fu-

1 ture iterations of the document entitled “Regaining Arctic  
2 Dominance: The U.S. Army in the Arctic” (or any suc-  
3 cessor strategy).

4 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out subsection (a),  
5 the Secretary of the Army shall carry out the following  
6 activities:

7 (1) Identify specific Army National Guard units  
8 with existing cold-weather capabilities or geo-  
9 graphical proximity to the Arctic Circle to be des-  
10 ignated as Arctic-capable or Arctic-focused.

11 (2) Establish a modernization roadmap to en-  
12 sure that Army National Guard units designated for  
13 Arctic missions are suitably equipped with mission-  
14 critical equipment such as Extreme Cold Weather  
15 Clothing System (ECWCS) gear, over-snow vehicles,  
16 and specialized communication equipment.

17 (3) Expand participation of Army National  
18 Guard units in multi-component Arctic exercises, in-  
19 cluding Northern Edge and Arctic Edge, to validate  
20 interoperability, as possible.

21 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than June 30,  
22 2027, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the Com-  
23 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House  
24 of Representatives a report on the specific roles, missions,

1 and resource requirements identified for the Army Na-  
 2 tional Guard within the Army’s Arctic strategy.

### 3           **Subtitle C—Navy Programs**

#### 4   **SEC. 121. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF PROCURE-** 5                   **MENT AUTHORITIES FOR CERTAIN AMPHIB-** 6                   **IOUS SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS.**

7           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 129 of the James M.  
 8 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
 9 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2448), as most re-  
 10 cently amended by section 121 of the Servicemember  
 11 Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Au-  
 12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–  
 13 159; 138 Stat. 1804), is further amended—

14                   (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “up to  
 15           five”;

16                   (2) in subsection (c)—

17                           (A) by inserting “, advance construction,  
 18                           or economic order quantities” after “advance  
 19                           procurement across programs”; and

20                           (B) by inserting “, spare parts, and major  
 21                           shore-based spares” after “systems and sub-  
 22                           systems”; and

23                   (3) in subsection (f), by striking “September  
 24           30, 2026” and inserting “September 30, 2030”.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Subsection (g)(2) of  
 2 such section 129 is amended by striking “section 4251(d)”  
 3 and inserting “section 4251(e)”.

4 **SEC. 122. FUNDING FOR REFUELING AND COMPLEX OVER-**  
 5 **HAULS OF THE U.S.S. JOHN C. STENNIS AND**  
 6 **U.S.S. HARRY S. TRUMAN.**

7 Section 123(b) of the National Defense Authorization  
 8 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat.  
 9 1234) is amended by striking “six years” and inserting  
 10 “eight years”.

11 **SEC. 123. VESSEL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AND COMMER-**  
 12 **CIAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIRE-**  
 13 **MENTS FOR CABLE LAYING AND REPAIR**  
 14 **SHIPS.**

15 (a) VESSEL CONSTRUCTION MANAGER.—If the Sec-  
 16 retary of the Navy seeks to acquire one or more cable lay-  
 17 ing and repair ships, the Secretary shall seek to enter into  
 18 an agreement with an appropriate vessel construction  
 19 manager pursuant to which the vessel construction man-  
 20 ager shall seek to enter into a contract for the construction  
 21 of such ships.

22 (b) DESIGN STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION PRAC-  
 23 TICES.—The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that ships  
 24 procured under subsection (a)—

- 1           (1) use a design based on nondevelopmental  
 2           vessels with commercial design standards; and  
 3           (2) to the maximum extent practicable, are con-  
 4           structed using commercial construction practices.

5 **SEC. 124. CONVEYANCE OF F-14D TOMCAT AIRCRAFT FROM**  
 6 **THE NAVY TO THE U.S. SPACE AND ROCKET**  
 7 **CENTER COMMISSION IN HUNTSVILLE, ALA-**  
 8 **BAMA.**

9           (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of the Navy (in this  
 10 section referred to as the “Secretary”) may convey, with-  
 11 out consideration, to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center  
 12 Commission in Huntsville, Alabama (in this section re-  
 13 ferred to as the “Commission”), all right, title, and inter-  
 14 est of the United States in and to 3 surplus F-14D Tom-  
 15 cat aircraft, (Bureau Numbers 164341, 164602, 159437),  
 16 which are excess to the operational requirements of the  
 17 Navy.

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

21           (c) **CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT.**—The aircraft being  
 22 conveyed under subsection (a) do not have any capability  
 23 for use as a platform for launching or releasing munitions  
 24 or any other combat capability that it was designed to  
 25 have.



1 (d) CONDITIONS.—The Secretary shall include in the  
2 instrument of conveyance of the aircraft under subsection  
3 (a)—

4 (1) a condition that the Secretary is not re-  
5 quired to repair or alter the condition of the aircraft  
6 before conveying ownership of the aircraft;

7 (2) a condition that the Secretary shall provide  
8 any maintenance and operations manuals that—

9 (A) are specific to the F-14D aircraft; and

10 (B) the Secretary has sufficient intellectual  
11 property rights to convey;

12 (3) a condition that the Secretary shall provide  
13 excess spare parts to make one of the F-14D air-  
14 craft flyable or able to complete a static display, pro-  
15 vided that any part transferred is from existing  
16 Navy stock, with no items being procured on behalf  
17 of the Commission; and

18 (4) a condition that the Secretary will not be  
19 responsible for transferring any additional parts or  
20 providing any additional support beyond what is  
21 stated in this section, during or after the conveyance  
22 of the aircraft.

23 (e) AGREEMENTS FOR RESTORATION AND OPER-  
24 ATION.—The Secretary may—

1           (1) authorize the Commission to enter into  
2       agreements with qualified nonprofit organizations  
3       for the purpose of restoring and operating the air-  
4       craft transferred under subsection (a) for public dis-  
5       play, airshows, and commemorative events to pre-  
6       serve naval aviation heritage; and

7           (2) if the Secretary authorizes any such agree-  
8       ment, require such additional terms and conditions  
9       in the instrument of conveyance as appropriate to  
10      protect the interests of the United States.

11      (f) REVERTER UPON BREACH OF CONDITIONS.—The  
12      Secretary shall include in the instrument of conveyance  
13      of the aircraft under subsection (a)—

14           (1) a condition that the Commission shall oper-  
15       ate and maintain the aircraft in compliance with all  
16       applicable limitations and maintenance requirements  
17       imposed by the Administrator of the Federal Avia-  
18       tion Administration; and

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

23           (3) a condition that if the Secretary determines  
24       at any time that the Commission has failed to com-  
25       ply with the conditions set forth in paragraphs (1)

1       and (2), all right, title, and interest in and to the  
2       aircraft, including any repair or alteration of the air-  
3       craft, shall revert to the United States, and the  
4       United States shall have the right of immediate pos-  
5       session of the aircraft.

6       (g) CONVEYANCE AT NO COST TO THE UNITED  
7       STATES.—The conveyance of an aircraft under subsection  
8       (a) shall be made at no cost to the United States. Any  
9       costs associated with such conveyance, costs of deter-  
10      mining compliance with terms of the conveyance, and costs  
11      of operation and maintenance of the aircraft conveyed  
12      shall be borne by the Commission.

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

19      (i) APPLICABLE LAW.—The transfer and use of the  
20      aircraft under subsection (a) is subject to all applicable  
21      Federal and State laws and regulations, including—

22              (1) the Arms Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et  
23              seq.);

24              (2) the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50  
25              U.S.C. 4811 et seq.);

- 1 (3) International Traffic in Arms Regulations
- 2 (22 C.F.R. 120 et seq.);
- 3 (4) Export Administration Regulations (15
- 4 C.F.R. 730 et seq.);
- 5 (5) Foreign Assets Control Regulations (31
- 6 C.F.R. 500 et seq.); and
- 7 (6) chapter 37 of title 18, United States Code
- 8 (commonly known as the “Espionage Act”).

9 **SEC. 125. PROHIBITION ON DESTRUCTION OR SCRAPPING**  
 10 **OF WORLD WAR II-ERA AIRCRAFT.**

11 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may  
 12 not destroy, dismantle, scrap, cannibalize, or otherwise  
 13 render permanently inoperable any aircraft that—

14 (1) was manufactured prior to December 31,  
 15 1945; and

16 (2) is in the custody or administrative control  
 17 of the Department of the Navy as of the date of the  
 18 enactment of this Act.

19 (b) AUTHORIZED DISPOSITIONS.—Aircraft described  
 20 in subsection (a) may only be—

21 (1) retained in the inventory of the Department  
 22 of the Navy;

23 (2) transferred to an eligible entity; or

24 (3) deaccessioned under a plan approved by the  
 25 Secretary of Defense that supports the long-term

1       preservation of such aircraft, consistent with guide-  
2       lines described in the committee report accom-  
3       panying this Act.

4       (c) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense  
5       may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) on a case-  
6       by-case basis only if—

7               (1) the aircraft is determined by qualified per-  
8       sonnel of the Department of the Navy or another eli-  
9       gible entity to be beyond practical restoration or  
10      preservation;

11             (2) no eligible entity expresses interest in ac-  
12      cepting the aircraft during the one-year period fol-  
13      lowing the publication of public notice of the avail-  
14      ability of the aircraft for transfer;

15             (3) the Secretary submits to the congressional  
16      defense committees written notification and justifica-  
17      tion of the waiver; and

18             (4) a period of 30 days has elapsed following  
19      the date of such submission.

20      (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21             (1) AIRCRAFT.—The term “aircraft” includes  
22      fixed-wing and rotary-wing manned aircraft.

23             (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible enti-  
24      ty” means—

1 (A) the National Naval Aviation Museum,  
 2 the National Museum of the Marine Corps, or  
 3 another official Department of Defense mu-  
 4 seum; or

5 (B) a Federal department or agency, non-  
 6 profit institution, or museum, with dem-  
 7 onstrated indoor preservation and public display  
 8 capabilities.

9 **SEC. 126. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR E-2D ADVANCED**  
 10 **HAWKEYE AIRCRAFT PROGRAM.**

11 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR BLOCK BUY CONTRACT.**—Sub-  
 12 ject to the availability of appropriations for such purposes,  
 13 the Secretary of the Navy may procure twelve or more  
 14 E-2D Advanced Hawkeye aircraft during fiscal years  
 15 2027 through 2029 by entering into one block buy con-  
 16 tract.

17 (b) **ADVANCE PROCUREMENT AND ECONOMIC ORDER**  
 18 **QUANTITIES.**—The Secretary of the Navy may enter into  
 19 one or more contracts, beginning in fiscal year 2027, for  
 20 advance procurement and economic order quantities of  
 21 components and material associated with the aircraft for  
 22 which authorization to enter into a block buy contract is  
 23 provided under subsection (a).

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

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

4           (2) the total liability of the Federal Government  
5           for termination of the contract shall be limited to  
6           the total amount of funding obligated to the contract  
7           at the time of termination.

## 8           **Subtitle D—Air Force Programs**

### 9   **SEC. 131. MODIFICATION OF INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS**

#### 10                   **FOR AIR FORCE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT.**

11           (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (i) of section 9062 of  
12           title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-  
13           lows:

14           “(i)(1) The Secretary of the Air Force shall—

15                   “(A) during the period beginning on October 1,  
16                   2026, and ending on October 1, 2035, maintain a  
17                   total aircraft inventory of fighter aircraft of not less  
18                   than 1,800 aircraft; and

19                   “(B) maintain a total aircraft inventory of com-  
20                   bat-coded fighter aircraft of not less than 1,369 air-  
21                   craft by December 31, 2030.

22           “(2) In this subsection:

23                   “(A) The term ‘attrition reserve’ means aircraft  
24                   procured and held specifically to replace anticipated

1 aircraft losses resulting from peacetime accidents  
2 (mishaps) or wartime attrition.

3 “(B) The term ‘backup aircraft inventory’  
4 means aircraft authorized in addition to the primary  
5 mission aircraft inventory to allow for scheduled and  
6 unscheduled depot-level maintenance, modifications,  
7 inspections, and repair without reducing the combat-  
8 ready fleet.

9 “(C) The term ‘combat-coded’ with respect to  
10 an aircraft means an aircraft that is—

11 “(i) assigned to a combat-designated oper-  
12 ational squadron or unit for the performance of  
13 its wartime mission;

14 “(ii) formally categorized within the De-  
15 partment of the Air Force inventory manage-  
16 ment system as primary mission aircraft inven-  
17 tory, backup aircraft inventory, or attrition re-  
18 serve; and

19 “(iii) resourced and maintained to provide  
20 immediate operational capacity and the nec-  
21 essary organic depth required to sustain combat  
22 mission effectiveness through modernization cy-  
23 cles, scheduled and unscheduled maintenance,  
24 and combat attrition.

25 “(D) The term ‘fighter aircraft’—



1 “(i) means an aircraft that—

2 “(I) is designated by a mission design  
3 series prefix of F– or A–;

4 “(II) is manned by one or two crew-  
5 members; and

6 “(III) executes single-role or multi-  
7 role missions, including air-to-air combat,  
8 air-to-ground attack, air interdiction, sup-  
9 pression or destruction of enemy air de-  
10 fenses, close air support, strike control and  
11 reconnaissance, combat search and rescue  
12 support, or airborne forward air control;  
13 and

14 “(ii) does not include collaborative combat  
15 aircraft.

16 “(E) The term ‘primary mission aircraft inven-  
17 tory’ means aircraft assigned to meet the primary  
18 aircraft authorization to a unit for the performance  
19 of its wartime mission.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
21 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

22 **SEC. 132. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR F-35**  
23 **AIRCRAFT.**

24 (a) MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY.—Sub-  
25 ject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code, except

1 as provided in this section, the Secretary of Defense may  
2 enter into one or more multiyear contracts for the procure-  
3 ment of F-35A, F-35B, and F-35C aircraft.

4 (b) FINDINGS REQUIREMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—A contract described in sub-  
6 section (a) is deemed to meet the requirements of  
7 section 3501(a) of such title.

8 (2) REQUEST.—Section 3501(i)(2) of such title  
9 shall not apply for purposes of this section.

10 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the  
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
12 Defense shall submit to Congress a report with re-  
13 spect to contracts described in subsection (a) con-  
14 taining preliminary findings of the agency head de-  
15 scribed in paragraphs (1) through (6) of section  
16 3501(a) of such title, together with the basis for  
17 such findings.

18 (c) ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
20 may enter into one or more contracts for advance  
21 procurement of key components of F-35A, F-35B,  
22 and F-35C aircraft in economic order quantities.

23 (2) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Defense  
24 shall include in any certification submitted under  
25 section 3501(i)(3) of such title a description of the

1 specific components the Secretary intends to procure  
2 under the authority provided by paragraph (1).

3 **SEC. 133. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR F-**  
4 **15EX AIRCRAFT.**

5 (a) MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY.—Sub-  
6 ject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code, except  
7 as provided in this section, the Secretary of Defense may  
8 enter into one or more multiyear contracts for the procure-  
9 ment of F-15EX aircraft.

10 (b) FINDINGS REQUIREMENTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—A contract described in sub-  
12 section (a) is deemed to meet the requirements of  
13 section 3501(a) of such title.

14 (2) REQUEST.—Section 3501(i)(2) of such title  
15 shall not apply for purposes of this section.

16 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the  
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
18 Defense shall submit to Congress a report with re-  
19 spect to contracts described in subsection (a) con-  
20 taining preliminary findings of the agency head de-  
21 scribed in paragraphs (1) through (6) of section  
22 3501(a) of such title, together with the basis for  
23 such findings.

24 (c) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Defense may  
25 not exercise the authority provided by subsection (a) until

1 the Secretary submits to Congress a certification that the  
2 contractor concerned has the ability to increase production  
3 to achieve the objective inventory goal of not less than 268  
4 F-15EX aircraft by 2035.

5 (d) ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
7 may enter into one or more contracts for advance  
8 procurement of key components of F-15EX aircraft  
9 in economic order quantities.

10 (2) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Defense  
11 shall include in any certification submitted under  
12 section 3501(i)(3) of such title a description of the  
13 specific components the Secretary intends to procure  
14 under the authority provided by paragraph (1).

15 **SEC. 134. MQ-9 AIRCRAFT.**

16 (a) LIMITATION ON DIVESTMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
18 graph (2), the Secretary of the Air Force may not  
19 divest, retire, or otherwise reduce the inventory of  
20 MQ-9 aircraft below the baseline inventory level  
21 until September 30, 2031.

22 (2) EXCEPTION.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Any reduction in the  
24 inventory of MQ-9 aircraft resulting from com-  
25 bat loss, attrition, or other unplanned damage

1 shall not be considered divestment or other re-  
2 duction for purposes of paragraph (1).

3 (B) RESTORATION.—The Secretary of the  
4 Air Force shall, to the maximum extent prac-  
5 ticable, take actions to restore the inventory of  
6 MQ–9 aircraft to the baseline inventory level  
7 following any reduction in inventory described  
8 in subparagraph (A).

9 (C) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30  
10 days after any reduction in inventory described  
11 in subparagraph (A), the Secretary of the Air  
12 Force shall submit to the congressional defense  
13 committees a notification that includes the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 (i) A description of the circumstances  
16 resulting in the combat loss, attrition, or  
17 other unplanned damage of the aircraft.

18 (ii) An assessment of the impact of  
19 such reduction in inventory on operational  
20 capability.

21 (iii) A plan, if any, to replace the air-  
22 craft or otherwise mitigate the reduction in  
23 inventory.

24 (3) BASELINE INVENTORY LEVEL DEFINED.—

25 In this subsection, the term “baseline inventory

1 level” means the total number of MQ–9 primary  
2 mission aircraft in the inventory of the Air Force as  
3 of the date of the enactment of this Act.

4 (b) MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIREMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air  
6 Force shall ensure that the total inventory of MQ–  
7 9 aircraft is not fewer than 180 aircraft on and  
8 after October 1, 2028.

9 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The total inventory described  
10 in paragraph (1) may include a mix of all variants  
11 of MQ–9 aircraft.

12 (c) ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air  
14 Force shall, in consultation with the Chief of the  
15 National Guard Bureau, conduct an analysis of al-  
16 ternatives for a medium-altitude intelligence, surveil-  
17 lance, and reconnaissance capability to replace the  
18 MQ–9 aircraft.

19 (2) EVALUATION.—The analysis required by  
20 paragraph (1) shall evaluate options that meet or ex-  
21 ceed the operational capabilities provided by the  
22 MQ–9 aircraft as of the date of the analysis, includ-  
23 ing endurance, survivability, sensor capability, and  
24 mission flexibility.

1 (d) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—Not later than Decem-  
2 ber 1, 2027, the Secretary of the Air Force shall—

3 (1) submit to the congressional defense commit-  
4 tees a report on the results of the analysis required  
5 by subsection (c); and

6 (2) provide a briefing to such committees on  
7 such results.

8 **SEC. 135. AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM AIR-**  
9 **CRAFT.**

10 Section 9062 of title 10, United States Code, is  
11 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 section:

13 “(o)(1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B),  
14 the Secretary of the Air Force may not retire, prepare to  
15 retire, or place in storage or in backup aircraft inventory  
16 any E–3 aircraft if such actions would reduce the total  
17 aircraft inventory for such aircraft below 16.

18 “(B) If the Secretary of the Air Force procures  
19 enough E–7 Wedgetail aircraft to accomplish the required  
20 mission load, the prohibition under subparagraph (A) shall  
21 not apply to actions taken to reduce the total aircraft in-  
22 ventory for E–3 aircraft to below 16 after the date on  
23 which such E–7 Wedgetail aircraft are delivered.

1       “(2) The Secretary of the Air Force may not pause,  
 2       cancel, or terminate the E-7 Wedgetail aircraft program  
 3       or prepare to pause, cancel, or terminate such program.”.

4       **SEC. 136. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**  
 5                               **ING SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON ACQUISI-**  
 6                               **TION STRATEGY FOR AIRBORNE COMMAND**  
 7                               **POST CAPABILITY.**

8       Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this  
 9       Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
 10      operation and maintenance, Air Force, and available to  
 11      the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for travel ex-  
 12      penses, not more than 60 percent may be obligated or ex-  
 13      pended until the Secretary of the Air Force submits to  
 14      the congressional defense committees the report required  
 15      by section 154 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
 16      for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 767).

17      **SEC. 137. MOBILITY CAPABILITIES STRATEGIC PLAN.**

18      (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2027,  
 19      the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the  
 20      Commander of the United States Transportation Com-  
 21      mand and in consultation with the commanders of the geo-  
 22      graphic combatant commands, shall submit to the Com-  
 23      mittee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Com-  
 24      mittee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives  
 25      a report that includes a comprehensive and detailed stra-



1 tegic plan for the development, acquisition, modernization,  
2 and integration of total force mobility capabilities of the  
3 Department of Defense through fiscal year 2047.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a)  
5 shall include each of the following:

6 (1) An assessment of—

7 (A) contested operations across all domains  
8 over great distances;

9 (B) contested lines of communication ex-  
10 tending from the United States to operational  
11 theaters;

12 (C) adversary capabilities designed to tar-  
13 get United States mobility forces, mobility in-  
14 frastructure, and logistics networks; and

15 (D) the requirement for mobility forces to  
16 operate in degraded, contested, and highly con-  
17 tested environments, including austere loca-  
18 tions, battle-damaged airfields, degraded run-  
19 ways, ramps, taxiways, and other runway-ag-  
20 nostic operating environments.

21 (2) An assessment of the current mobility force,  
22 including—

23 (A) the ability of Air Mobility Command to  
24 support the requirements of all of the Armed  
25 Forces in competition, crisis, and conflict;

1 (B) the ability of Air Mobility Command to  
2 support agility concepts for all of the Armed  
3 Forces simultaneously in conflict, including  
4 agile combat employment, multi-domain task  
5 force operations, expeditionary advanced base  
6 operations, and distributed maritime operations;

7 (C) the vulnerability of mobility forces, mo-  
8 bility infrastructure, and global logistics net-  
9 works in contested environments; and

10 (D) the degree to which existing mobility  
11 capability and capacity meet homeland defense  
12 priorities, nuclear mission obligations, and si-  
13 multaneous global operational demands.

14 (3) An identification of the attributes required  
15 of future mobility forces, including—

16 (A) secure beyond line-of-sight connectivity  
17 with—

18 (i) service and joint data links;

19 (ii) service and joint battle manage-  
20 ment networks; and

21 (iii) service and joint command and  
22 control networks;

23 (B) automation and autonomous aviation  
24 capabilities;

1 (C) the ability to operate across the full  
2 spectrum of threat environments;

3 (D) flexibility across the full scale of mo-  
4 bility missions, including—

5 (i) small and distributed missions;

6 (ii) tactical, operational, and strategic  
7 missions; and

8 (iii) oversized and large-volume move-  
9 ments;

10 (E) the ability to operate from runway-ag-  
11 nostic and degraded operating locations;

12 (F) fuel-resilient aviation concepts, includ-  
13 ing aircraft capable of operating on traditional  
14 fuels and emerging propulsion systems, such as  
15 electric, hybrid-electric, and hydrogen;

16 (G) consideration of aircraft designed with  
17 open architecture enabling rapid integration of  
18 mission systems, including palletized effects,  
19 electronic warfare, battle management, and in-  
20 telligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance ca-  
21 pabilities; and

22 (H) signature management capabilities  
23 that enable mobility aircraft to operate globally  
24 while maintaining operational security, includ-  
25 ing the ability to comply with international

1 aviation safety requirements while limiting ex-  
2 posure of aircraft identity, position, and mission  
3 information through publicly accessible tracking  
4 systems or other unclassified means.

5 (4) An evaluation of future tanker capabilities,  
6 including—

7 (A) collaborative tanker aircraft supporting  
8 collaborative, distant, and distributed refueling  
9 operations in contested environments;

10 (B) penetrating low-observable tanker air-  
11 craft capable of operating in highly contested  
12 environments;

13 (C) low-signature tanker concepts, includ-  
14 ing blended-wing body tanker aircraft;

15 (D) tactical tanker aircraft capable of sup-  
16 porting distributed tanker and airlift oper-  
17 ations;

18 (E) modernization of legacy tanker aircraft  
19 through connectivity and full automation;

20 (F) tanker aircraft designed with open ar-  
21 chitecture and multi-role capability enabling  
22 complementary missions, including electronic  
23 warfare, battle management, and intelligence,  
24 surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities;

1 (G) opportunities to expand tanker capac-  
2 ity through commercial tanker constructs, in-  
3 cluding Government-owned, contractor-operated  
4 models; and

5 (H) the establishment of a Civil Reserve  
6 Air Fleet tanker capability that would enable  
7 the commercial operation of tanker aircraft to  
8 provide immediate and dependable augmenta-  
9 tion of United States tanker capacity.

10 (5) An evaluation of future airlift capabilities  
11 across mission scales, including—

12 (A) autonomous airlift platforms sup-  
13 porting small and tactical missions;

14 (B) the establishment of a distributed ma-  
15 neuver pool composed of autonomous and high-  
16 ly automated mobility platforms capable of sup-  
17 porting maneuvering units and distributed oper-  
18 ations, with mobility capabilities owned or con-  
19 trolled by lower-echelon multi-service oper-  
20 ational units and integrated into the broader  
21 mobility enterprise;

22 (C) improved and automated tactical and  
23 operational airlift capabilities supporting ma-  
24 neuver and distributed operations;

1 (D) new and improved strategic airlift ca-  
2 pabilities supporting global force flow and the-  
3 ater reinforcement, including the development  
4 of a next-generation strategic airlifter to aug-  
5 ment or replace the C-17 aircraft and estab-  
6 lishing a new standard for military airlift  
7 through improved capability, capacity, surviv-  
8 ability, connectivity, automation, and oper-  
9 ational flexibility;

10 (E) oversized and large-volume airlift sys-  
11 tems, including plans to support current and  
12 future needs of the United States Space Force  
13 and other agencies;

14 (F) vertical takeoff and landing and short-  
15 field takeoff and landing airlift platforms sup-  
16 porting multi-service agility and distributed op-  
17 erations;

18 (G) delivery systems, including automated  
19 airdrop, glider, towable, and hybrid aircraft lo-  
20 gistics platforms; and

21 (H) opportunities to expand airlift capacity  
22 through commercial operation of strategic airlift  
23 aircraft, Civil Reserve Air Fleet participation,  
24 and service-based acquisition models, such as  
25 effects-as-a-service.

1           (6) An assessment of command and control ar-  
2           chitecture required to support mobility operations in  
3           contested environments, including—

4                 (A) the use of maneuver battle manage-  
5                 ment using technologies such as artificial intel-  
6                 ligence, algorithmic allocation systems, and ad-  
7                 vanced data architectures to integrate logistics,  
8                 maneuver, and mobility operations across the  
9                 Joint Force; and

10                (B) integration of distributed traditional  
11                air battle management capabilities within mobil-  
12                ity forces.

13           (7) An assessment of opportunities to expand  
14           mobility capability and capacity through commercial  
15           aviation capabilities, including—

16                 (A) the expansion of the Civil Reserve Air  
17                 Fleet;

18                 (B) the establishment of the Civil Reserve  
19                 Air Fleet tanker capability;

20                 (C) the commercial operation of excess,  
21                 transitioned, or Government-owned strategic  
22                 airlift and tanker aircraft;

23                 (D) the use of service-based acquisition  
24                 models such as mobility-as-a-service or effects-  
25                 as-a-service; and

1 (E) the role of nonprime aviation compa-  
2 nies in enabling the building of the future mo-  
3 bility enterprise.

4 (c) FORM.—The plan required by subsection (a) shall  
5 be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classi-  
6 fied annex.

7 **SEC. 138. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT AND PROHIBITION**  
8 **RELATED TO C-130 AIRCRAFT.**

9 (a) EXTENSION OF MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIRE-  
10 MENT.—Section 146(a)(3)(B) of the James M. Inhofe Na-  
11 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023  
12 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2455), as most recently  
13 amended by section 145(a) of the National Defense Au-  
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–  
15 60; 139 Stat. 760), is further amended by striking “2026”  
16 and inserting “2028”.

17 (b) EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION OF  
18 C-130 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO NATIONAL GUARD.—Sec-  
19 tion 146(b)(1) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense  
20 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–  
21 263; 136 Stat. 2455), as most recently amended by sec-  
22 tion 145(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
23 Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 760),  
24 is further amended by striking “2026” and inserting  
25 “2028”.



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

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

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

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

11 **Subtitle B—Program Require-**  
12 **ments, Restrictions, and Limita-**  
13 **tions**

14 **SEC. 211. IMPROVING THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN ALTER-**  
15 **NATIVE TEST AND EVALUATION PATHWAY**  
16 **FOR DESIGNATED DEFENSE ACQUISITION**  
17 **PROGRAMS.**

18 Section 218(f) of the National Defense Authorization  
19 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C.  
20 4171 note) is amended by striking “relating to software  
21 and covered hardware” and inserting “under the Software  
22 Acquisition Pathways pursuant to section 3603 of title 10,  
23 United States Code,”.

1 **SEC. 212. DEVELOPMENT, TEST, EVALUATION, DEMONSTRA-**  
2 **TION, AND TRANSITION TO PRODUCTION OF**  
3 **ALTERNATIVE LOW-COST WEAPON SYSTEMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall,  
5 acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-  
6 sition and Sustainment and in coordination with secre-  
7 taries of the military departments and the Director of the  
8 Missile Defense Agency, as the Secretary of Defense con-  
9 siders appropriate, develop, test, evaluate, demonstrate,  
10 and transition to production a portfolio of alternative, af-  
11 fordable, low-cost weapon systems in each of the following  
12 categories:

- 13 (1) Hypersonic strike systems.
- 14 (2) Cruise missiles.
- 15 (3) Shoulder-launched missiles.
- 16 (4) Extended range munitions.
- 17 (5) Mid-range integrated air and missile de-  
18 fense interceptors.
- 19 (6) Exo-atmospheric interceptors.
- 20 (7) Short-range integrated air and missile de-  
21 fense interceptors.
- 22 (8) Medium-range air-to-air missiles.

23 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Programs carried out under  
24 paragraph (1) shall—

- 25 (1) employ innovative acquisition strategies, in-  
26 cluding rapid prototyping, digital engineering, mod-

1        ular open-system architectures, commercial-off-the-  
 2        shelf components where feasible, and other cost-re-  
 3        duction initiatives to achieve significantly lower unit  
 4        costs than current baseline systems while maintain-  
 5        ing operationally relevant performance;

6            (2) prioritize expendable designs optimized for  
 7        attritable, high-volume employment, compatibility  
 8        with existing launch platforms, logistics infrastruc-  
 9        ture, and command-and-control networks, and the  
 10       ability to complement existing programs of record;

11           (3) be designed to enable production at scale in  
 12       significantly greater quantities than current program  
 13       of record systems through the prioritization of man-  
 14       ufacturing ease and speed;

15           (4) include technology maturation, risk reduc-  
 16       tion, flight testing, and transition planning to low-  
 17       rate initial production no later than fiscal year 2030  
 18       for each category specified in subsection (a); and

19           (5) establish specific cost and performance tar-  
 20       gets through competitive analysis, market research,  
 21       prototyping, and experimentation.

22       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23           (1) The term “alternative low-cost” systems  
 24       means weapon systems in the categories listed in  
 25       subsection (a) that are designed to achieve unit pro-

1       curement costs significantly lower than existing pro-  
2       gram of record systems while delivering the min-  
3       imum requirements set forth by the Secretary.

4           (2) The term “cruise missiles” means turbojet-  
5       powered missiles designed for standoff precision  
6       strike against land or sea targets at ranges generally  
7       exceeding 250 nautical miles, with simplified guid-  
8       ance, propulsion, and airframe designs.

9           (3) The term “exo-atmospheric interceptors”  
10      means kinetic hit-to-kill interceptors designed for  
11      ballistic missile defense in the exo-atmosphere, with  
12      engagement ranges generally exceeding 300 nautical  
13      miles (or equivalent altitudes above 50 nautical  
14      miles) and closing speeds of not less than Mach 8.

15          (4) The term “extended range munitions”  
16      means ground-launched precision munitions designed  
17      for extended standoff strike at ranges generally ex-  
18      ceeding 50 nautical miles.

19          (5) The term “hypersonic strike systems”  
20      means systems capable of Mach 5 or greater flight  
21      with maneuverability, designed for long-range preci-  
22      sion strike against time-sensitive, defended, or high-  
23      value targets at ranges generally exceeding 550 nau-  
24      tical miles.

1           (6) The term “medium-range air-to-air mis-  
2           siles” means guided missiles providing beyond-vis-  
3           ual-range air-to-air intercept capability with diverse  
4           target-set engagement potential, performing inter-  
5           cepts at not less than 60 nautical miles and with a  
6           maximum speed of not less than Mach 3.

7           (7) The term “mid-range integrated air and  
8           missile defense interceptors” means interceptors op-  
9           timized for integrated air and missile defense  
10          against cruise missiles, aircraft, and short- to me-  
11          dium-range ballistic missiles, with engagement  
12          ranges of not less than 30 nautical miles and speeds  
13          of not less than Mach 3.5.

14          (8) The term “short-range integrated air and  
15          missile defense interceptors” means interceptors for  
16          terminal defense against aircraft, cruise missiles,  
17          and unmanned aerial systems, with engagement  
18          ranges of not less than five nautical miles and max-  
19          imum speeds of not less than Mach 2.

20          (9) The term “shoulder-launched missiles”  
21          means man-portable or vehicle-launched missiles pro-  
22          viding fire-and-forget or command-guided anti-armor  
23          capability at ranges of not less than one nautical  
24          mile.

1 **SEC. 213. MODIFICATION TO THE ADVISORY ROLE OF THE**  
2 **JASON SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP.**

3 Section 222(b) of the National Defense Authorization  
4 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) is amend-  
5 ed—

6 (1) paragraph (1), by striking “Under Sec-  
7 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment”  
8 and inserting “Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
9 search and Engineering”;

10 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “Under Sec-  
11 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment”  
12 and inserting “Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
13 search and Engineering”;

14 (3) in paragraph (4)—

15 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “for  
16 all or a portion of the overhead costs incurred  
17 in support of the arrangement” and inserting  
18 “for the overhead and infrastructure costs  
19 needed to support delivery of JASON’s tech-  
20 nical assessments”; and

21 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “a  
22 Federal agency that engages JASON” and all  
23 that follows through the period at the end and  
24 inserting “the Department of Defense may en-  
25 gage with another Federal agency that routinely  
26 uses JASON services to arrange for that agen-

1           cy to pay a proportional percentage of the total  
2           overhead and infrastructure costs needed to  
3           support delivery of JASON’s technical assess-  
4           ments.”; and

5           (4) in paragraph (6), in the matter before sub-  
6           paragraph (A), by inserting “until December 31,  
7           2035” after “this Act”.

8   **SEC. 214. MODIFIED AND STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR DE-**  
9                   **VELOPING, NEGOTIATING, AND CONCLUDING**  
10                   **CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
12       date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
13       shall promulgate a modified and streamlined process for  
14       developing, negotiating and concluding international  
15       agreements relating to science and technology cooperation,  
16       including memoranda of understanding and project agree-  
17       ments.

18       (b) ELEMENTS.—The process promulgated under  
19       subsection (a) shall—

20           (1) comply with all other statutory require-  
21       ments;

22           (2) delegate authority to the maximum extent  
23       practicable;

24           (3) minimize administrative tasks;

25           (4) eliminate duplicative reviews; and

1           (5) impose reasonable timelines for intra-De-  
2       partment of Defense coordination.

3 **SEC. 215. REPEAL OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO TEM-**  
4 **PORARY HIRING OF STUDENTS AND UNIVER-**  
5 **SITY FACULTY.**

6       Section 249 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-  
7       tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
8       (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note) is repealed.

9 **SEC. 216. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
10 **TEST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CENTER**  
11 **CONTAINERIZED INSTRUMENTATION PRO-**  
12 **GRAMS PENDING REPORT ON A COMMON AR-**  
13 **CHITECTURE FOR UNMANNED MARITIME**  
14 **TEST INSTRUMENTATION.**

15       (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-  
16       propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-  
17       cal year 2027 for containerized instrumentation programs  
18       of the Test Resource Management Center, not more than  
19       75 percent may be obligated or expended until the Under  
20       Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, in  
21       consultation with the Director of the Test Resource Man-  
22       agement Center and the Secretaries of the military depart-  
23       ments, submits to the congressional defense committees  
24       the report described in subsection (b).



1 (b) REPORT ON COMMON ARCHITECTURE FOR UN-  
2 MANNED MARITIME TEST INSTRUMENTATION.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The report described in this  
4 subsection is a report that details the feasibility, ad-  
5 visability, and cost-benefit analysis of establishing a  
6 common architecture for integrating unmanned sys-  
7 tems to act as instrumentation platforms for telem-  
8 etry, flight safety systems, and multi-modal data col-  
9 lection.

10 (2) CONTENTS.—The report described in para-  
11 graph (1) shall include the following:

12 (A) A comparative evaluation of the total  
13 lifecycle costs, operational benefits, and limita-  
14 tions of alternative manned, containerized, and  
15 unmanned vessel instrumentation capabilities.

16 Such evaluation shall include the following:

17 (i) A direct comparison of the Blue  
18 Water Instrumentation (BWI) program at  
19 Point Mugu Sea Range with containerized  
20 approaches such as the Broad Ocean Area  
21 Data Collection System (BOADCS) and  
22 the Mobile Open-System Architecture In-  
23 strumentation Containers (MOSAIC) pro-  
24 gram.

1                   (ii) An analysis of scalability, adapt-  
2                   ability, and agility, contrasting the un-  
3                   manned systems model of Blue Water In-  
4                   strumentation with the logistics and crew-  
5                   ing demands of containerized systems.

6                   (iii) A cost-per-event and cost-per-  
7                   stream analysis for each approach, ac-  
8                   counting for platform, personnel, logistics,  
9                   and sustainment costs.

10                  (B) An evaluation of whether distributed,  
11                  unmanned platforms can meet or exceed the  
12                  data collection requirements for the most  
13                  stressing test scenarios, including hypersonic  
14                  vehicle tracking, exoatmospheric intercepts, and  
15                  terminal area data collection.

16                  (C) A time-phased investment and transi-  
17                  tion strategy for making an unmanned architec-  
18                  ture the primary approach for future maritime  
19                  test instrumentation investments. The strategy  
20                  shall identify specific legacy or containerized  
21                  programs to be divested or consolidated to fund  
22                  this transition.

23                  (3) FORM.—The report described in paragraph  
24                  (1) shall be in unclassified form, but may include a  
25                  classified annex.

1       (c) DEFINITION OF CONTAINERIZED INSTRUMENTA-  
2 TION PROGRAM.—In this section, the term “containerized  
3 instrumentation program” means any program of the Test  
4 Resource Management Center that primarily relies on  
5 packaging test and evaluation instrumentation in roll-on  
6 and roll-off shipping containers for deployment on manned  
7 vessels, including—

- 8           (1) the Broad Ocean Area Data Collection Sys-  
9 tem (BOADCS), which includes the Maritime  
10 Networked Telemetry Asset (MaNTA) system; and  
11           (2) the Mobile Open-System Architecture In-  
12 strumentation Containers (MOSAIC) program.

13 **SEC. 217. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
14 **UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RE-**  
15 **SEARCH AND ENGINEERING TRAVEL.**

16       Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this  
17 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
18 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, and available  
19 to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
20 search and Engineering for travel purposes, not more than  
21 90 percent may be obligated or expended until the Di-  
22 rected Energy Working Group provides to the congres-  
23 sional defense committees a briefing as required by section  
24 219(d)(6) of the National Defense Authorization Act for

1 Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 4205  
2 note).

3 **SEC. 218. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR IN-**  
4 **TEGRATED COMBAT SYSTEMS OF THE DE-**  
5 **PARTMENT OF THE NAVY.**

6 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-  
7 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-  
8 cal year 2027 for Integrated Combat Systems of the De-  
9 partment of the Navy, not more than 75 percent may be  
10 obligated or expended until the date on which the Sec-  
11 retary of the Navy submits to the congressional defense  
12 committees the certification required by subsection (c).

13 (b) INSTALLATION AND DEMONSTRATION.—The Sec-  
14 retary of the Navy shall install and demonstrate, aboard  
15 one or more destroyers, an operational prototype of the  
16 warfighting data ecosystem that includes—

17 (1) a shipboard artificial intelligence data en-  
18 gine and sensor-integration layer that provides  
19 standardized application programming interfaces to  
20 shipboard sensors and enables cross-modal data fu-  
21 sion and artificial intelligence-enabled detection and  
22 classification applications;

23 (2) a common shipboard graphics processing  
24 unit-centric compute and software platform that in-  
25 tegrates data workflows across combat systems,

1       command, control, communications, computers, and  
2       intelligence systems, and hull, mechanical, and elec-  
3       trical systems; and

4           (3) a commercially derived development and  
5       test pipeline, including software-in-the-loop and  
6       hardware-in-the-loop capabilities, that automate in-  
7       tegration, verification, certification, and deployment  
8       of shipboard software on representative hardware.

9       (c) CERTIFICATION.—After completion of the instal-  
10      lation and demonstration required by subsection (b), the  
11      Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional  
12      defense committees a certification that the Secretary has  
13      installed and demonstrated the operational prototype of  
14      the warfighting data ecosystem as required by subsection  
15      (b).

16      **SEC. 219. LIMITATION ON THE USE OF TRAVEL FUNDS FOR**  
17                                   **THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR**  
18                                   **RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING.**

19       Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this  
20      Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
21      operations and maintenance, Defense-wide, and available  
22      for travel expenses for the Office of the Under Secretary  
23      of Defense for Research and Engineering, not more than  
24      85 percent may be obligated or expended until the date

1 on which the Secretary of Defense provides each of the  
2 following to the congressional defense committees:

3 (1) The strategy and plan required by section  
4 236(e) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense  
5 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law  
6 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

7 (2) The report on “Gaming, exercising, mod-  
8 eling, and simulation to support great power com-  
9 petition” requested in Senate report 117–130 ac-  
10 companying the James M. Inhofe National Defense  
11 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law  
12 117–263).

13 **SEC. 220. CODIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RE-**  
14 **SEARCH SECURITY PROGRAM.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 305 of title 10, United  
16 States Code is amended by adding at the end the following  
17 new section:

18 **“§ 4146. Department of Defense Research Security**  
19 **Program**

20 “(a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Secretary of  
21 Defense shall, in consultation with such other government  
22 organizations as the Secretary considers appropriate, es-  
23 tablish a program to work with institutions of higher edu-  
24 cation that perform fundamental basic research activi-  
25 ties—

1           “(1) to support protection of intellectual prop-  
2           erty, controlled information, key personnel, and in-  
3           formation about critical technologies relevant to na-  
4           tional security;

5           “(2) to limit undue influence, including through  
6           foreign talent programs, by countries to exploit  
7           United States technology within the Department of  
8           Defense research, science and technology, and inno-  
9           vation enterprise;

10          “(3) to support efforts toward development of  
11          domestic talent in relevant scientific and engineering  
12          fields; and

13          “(4) to prepare United States students studying  
14          abroad through the National Security Education  
15          Program of the Department or other similar under-  
16          graduate or post-graduate programs to recognize  
17          and protect themselves against recruitment or ex-  
18          ploitation efforts by agents of a foreign power (as  
19          defined in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence  
20          Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801)).

21          “(b) INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS.—

22          “(1) IN GENERAL.—The program required by  
23          subsection (a) shall be developed and executed to the  
24          maximum extent practicable with institutions of  
25          higher education and other educational and research

1 organizations conducting fundamental basic research  
2 for the Department of Defense, and aligned to the  
3 maximum extent practicable with similar efforts  
4 across the Federal Government.

5 “(2) RECORD OF EXCELLENCE.—In selecting  
6 institutions of higher education under this sub-  
7 section, the Secretary shall prioritize selection of in-  
8 stitutions of higher education that the Secretary de-  
9 termines demonstrate a record of excellence in in-  
10 dustrial security in academia and in research and  
11 development.

12 “(c) REQUIREMENTS.—The program required by  
13 subsection (a) shall include development of the following:

14 “(1) Information exchange fora and information  
15 repositories to enable awareness of security threats  
16 and influence operations being executed against the  
17 United States research, technology, and innovation  
18 enterprise, including support coordinating relevant  
19 elements of the Department of Defense and the rest  
20 of the Federal Government.

21 “(2) Training and other support for institutions  
22 of higher education to promote security and limit  
23 undue influence on institutions and personnel, in-  
24 cluding financial support for execution for such ac-  
25 tivities.



1           “(3) The capacity of government and academic  
2           institutions and institutions of higher education to  
3           assess whether individuals affiliated with Depart-  
4           ment of Defense programs have participated in or  
5           are currently participating in foreign talent pro-  
6           grams or expert recruitment programs, or are other-  
7           wise being targeted for exploitation by an agent of  
8           a foreign power.

9           “(4) Opportunities to collaborate with defense  
10          researchers and research organizations in secure fa-  
11          cilities to promote protection of critical information  
12          and strengthen defense against agents of foreign  
13          powers.

14          “(5) Regulations and procedures—

15               “(A) for government and academic organi-  
16               zations and personnel to support the goals of  
17               the program; and

18               “(B) that are consistent with policies that  
19               protect open and scientific exchange in funda-  
20               mental research and coordinated to the max-  
21               imum extent practicable with similar efforts  
22               across the Federal Government.

23          “(6) Policies to limit or prohibit funding pro-  
24          vided by the Department of Defense for institutions  
25          of higher education or individual researchers who

1 knowingly violate regulations developed under the  
2 program, including regulations relating to foreign  
3 talent programs.

4 “(7) Policies to limit or prohibit funding pro-  
5 vided by the Department of Defense for institutions  
6 of higher education or individual researchers who  
7 knowingly conduct joint research activities or  
8 projects, co-author scholarly publications, technical  
9 reports, or research outputs, contract, or make other  
10 financial arrangements with entities or individuals  
11 employed by such entities in the list described in  
12 paragraph (9), which policies shall include—

13 “(A) use of such list as part of a risk as-  
14 sessment decision matrix during proposal eval-  
15 uations, including the development of a question  
16 for proposers or broad area announcements  
17 that require proposers to disclose any joint re-  
18 search activities or projects, co-authored schol-  
19 arly publications, technical reports, research  
20 outputs, or contractual or financial connections  
21 with such entities or individuals employed by  
22 such entities;

23 “(B) a requirement that the Department  
24 shall notify a proposer of suspected noncompli-  
25 ance with a policy issued under this paragraph

1 and provide not less than 30 days to take ac-  
2 tions to remedy such noncompliance;

3 “(C) the establishment of an appeals pro-  
4 cedure under which a proposer may appeal a  
5 negative decision on a proposal if the decision  
6 is based on a determination informed by such  
7 list;

8 “(D) a requirement that each awardee of  
9 funding provided by the Department shall dis-  
10 close to the Department any joint research ac-  
11 tivities or projects, co-authored scholarly publi-  
12 cations, technical reports, research outputs,  
13 contract, or financial arrangement made with  
14 such an entity or individual employed by such  
15 entity during the period of the award; and

16 “(E) a requirement that each awardee of  
17 funding provided by the Department shall pro-  
18 vide to the Department an annual certification  
19 of compliance with policies promulgated pursu-  
20 ant to this paragraph.

21 “(8) Initiatives to support the transition of the  
22 results of academic institution research programs  
23 into defense capabilities.

1           “(9)(A) A list of entities of the People’s Repub-  
2       lic of China, the Russian Federation, and other  
3       countries that—

4           “(i) have a history of improper technology  
5       transfer, intellectual property theft, or cyber or  
6       human espionage;

7           “(ii) operate under the direction of the  
8       armed forces or intelligence agency of the appli-  
9       cable country;

10          “(iii) are known—

11           “(I) to recruit foreign individuals for  
12       the purpose of transferring knowledge to  
13       advance military or intelligence efforts of a  
14       foreign government; or

15           “(II) to provide misleading informa-  
16       tion or otherwise attempt to conceal the  
17       connections of an individual or institution  
18       to a defense or an intelligence agency of  
19       the applicable country;

20          “(iv) pose a serious risk of improper tech-  
21       nology transfer of data, technology, or research  
22       that is not published or publicly available; or

23          “(v) are on any of the following lists:

1 “(I) Any of the following lists main-  
2 tained by the Bureau of Industry and Se-  
3 curity of th Department of Commerce:

4 “(aa) The Entity List set forth  
5 in Supplement No. 4 to part 744 of  
6 title 15, Code of Federal Regulations.

7 “(bb) The Universal List set  
8 forth in Supplement No. 6 of part  
9 744 of that title.

10 “(cc) The Military-End User List  
11 set forth in Supplement No. 7 to part  
12 744 of that title.

13 “(dd) The Denied Persons List  
14 maintained pursuant to section  
15 764.3(a)(2) of that title.

16 “(II) The list of specially designed na-  
17 tionals and blocked persons maintained by  
18 the Office of Foreign Asserts Control of  
19 the Department of the Treasury (com-  
20 monly referred to as the ‘SDN list’).

21 “(III) The list of Chinese military  
22 companies operating in the United States  
23 required by section 1260H of the William  
24 M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense  
25 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021

1 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113  
2 note).

3 “(IV) The lists of debarred parties  
4 maintained by the Directorate of Defense  
5 Trade Controls of the Department of State  
6 pursuant to section 38(g)(4) of the Arms  
7 Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.  
8 2778(g))(4).

9 “(V) The list of telecommunications  
10 companies of the People’s Republic of  
11 China described in section 889(f)(3) of the  
12 John S. McCain National Defense Author-  
13 izations Act of 2019 (Public Law 115–232;  
14 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.).

15 “(VI) The list of semiconductor com-  
16 panies of the People’s Republic of China  
17 described in section 5949(i)(3) of the  
18 James M. Inhofe National Defense Author-  
19 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public  
20 Law 117–263; 41 U.S.C. 4713 note).

21 “(VII) The list of biotechnology com-  
22 panies of concern maintained under section  
23 851(f) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
24 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law  
25 119–60; 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.).

1           “(VIII) The list of entities that  
2           produce or provide communications equip-  
3           ment or service on the list published by the  
4           Federal Communications Commission  
5           under section 2(a) of the Secure and  
6           Trusted Communications Networks Act of  
7           2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601(a)).

8           “(IX) A list maintained under clause  
9           (i), (ii), (iv), or (v) of section 2(d)(2)(B) of  
10          the Act entitled ‘An Act to ensure that the  
11          goods made with forced labor in Xinjiang  
12          Autonomous Region of the People’s Repub-  
13          lic of China do not enter the United States  
14          market, and for other purposes’(Public  
15          Law 117–18; 22 U.S.C. 6901 note), ap-  
16          proved December 23, 2021 (commonly re-  
17          ferred to as the ‘Uyghur Forced Labor  
18          Prevention Act’).

19          “(B) The list described in subparagraph (A)  
20          shall be developed and continuously updated in con-  
21          sultation with the Bureau of Industry and Security  
22          of the Department of Commerce, the Director of Na-  
23          tional Intelligence, United States institutions of  
24          higher education that conduct significant Depart-

1       ment of Defense research or engineering activities,  
2       and other appropriate individuals and organizations.

3           “(10)(A) A list, developed and continuously up-  
4       dated in consultation with the National Academies  
5       of Science, Engineering, and Medicine and such  
6       Government agencies as the Secretary considers ap-  
7       propriate, of foreign talent programs that the Sec-  
8       retary determines pose a threat to the national secu-  
9       rity interests of the United States.

10          “(B) In developing and updating such list, the  
11       Secretary shall consider—

12               “(i) the extent to which a foreign talent  
13       program or an agent of a foreign power—

14                       “(I) poses a threat to research funded  
15                       by the Department of Defense; and

16                       “(II) engages in, or facilitates, cyber  
17                       attacks, theft, espionage, attempts to gain  
18                       ownership of or influence over companies,  
19                       or otherwise interferes in the affairs of the  
20                       United States; and

21               “(ii) any other factor the Secretary con-  
22       siders appropriate.

23          “(11) Development of measures of effectiveness  
24       and performance to assess and track progress of the



1 Department of Defense across the program, which  
2 measures shall include—

3 “(A) the evaluation of currently available  
4 data to support the assessment of such meas-  
5 ures, including the identification of areas in  
6 which gaps exist that may require collection of  
7 completely new data, or modifications to exist-  
8 ing data sets;

9 “(B) current means and methods for the  
10 collection of data in an automated manner, in-  
11 cluding the identification of areas in which gaps  
12 exist that may require new means for data col-  
13 lection or visualization of such data; and

14 “(C) the development of an analysis and  
15 assessment methodology framework to make  
16 tradeoffs between the measures developed under  
17 this paragraph and other metrics related to as-  
18 sessing undue foreign influence on the Depart-  
19 ment of Defense research enterprise, such as  
20 commercial due diligence, beneficial ownership,  
21 and foreign ownership, control, and influence.

22 “(d) ANNUAL REVIEWS REQUIRED.—Not later than  
23 March 30, 2025, and each March 30 thereafter until De-  
24 cember 31, 2040—

1           “(1) each head of a Department of Defense  
2           component that awards grants for research shall  
3           carry out a review of a representative sample of the  
4           research grants awarded by the respective compo-  
5           nent in the previous fiscal year to ensure that the  
6           component is awarding grants in compliance with  
7           the applicable policies of the Department; and

8           “(2) the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
9           search and Engineering shall carry out a separate  
10          review of a representative sample of the research  
11          grants awarded by such components in the previous  
12          fiscal year.

13          “(e) PROCEDURES FOR ENHANCED INFORMATION  
14          SHARING.—

15               “(1) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—(A) Not  
16               later than October 1, 2020, for the purpose of main-  
17               taining appropriate security controls over research  
18               activities, technical information, and intellectual  
19               property, the Secretary shall, in conjunction with  
20               such public and private entities as the Secretary  
21               considers appropriate, establish streamlined proce-  
22               dures to collect appropriate information relating to  
23               individuals, including United States citizens and for-  
24               eign nationals, who participate in defense research  
25               and development activities.

1           “(B) With respect to fundamental research pro-  
2           grams, the academic liaison designated under sub-  
3           section (h) shall establish policies and procedures to  
4           collect, consistent with the best practices of Govern-  
5           ment agencies that fund academic research, appro-  
6           priate information relating to individuals who par-  
7           ticipate in fundamental research programs.

8           “(2) PROTECTION FROM RELEASE.—The proce-  
9           dures required by paragraph (1) shall include proce-  
10          dures to protect such information from release, con-  
11          sistent with applicable regulations.

12          “(3) REPORTING TO GOVERNMENT INFORMA-  
13          TION SYSTEMS AND REPOSITORIES.—The procedures  
14          required by paragraph (1) may include procedures  
15          developed, in coordination with such public and pri-  
16          vate entities as the Secretary considers appropriate,  
17          to report such information to existing Government  
18          information systems and repositories.

19          “(f) PERIODIC REPORTS.—

20          “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 30,  
21          2027, and not later than March 30 of each year  
22          thereafter until December 31, 2040, the Secretary  
23          shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
24          a report on the activities carried out under the pro-  
25          gram required by subsection (a), the periodic reviews

1 conducted pursuant to subsection (d), and the waiv-  
2 ers issued under section 4147 of this title.

3 “(2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted pur-  
4 suant to paragraph (1) shall include the following:

5 “(A) A description of the activities con-  
6 ducted and the progress made under the pro-  
7 gram.

8 “(B) With respect to the periodic reviews  
9 conducted pursuant to subsection (d), the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(i) The total number of research  
12 grants awarded by the Department in the  
13 fiscal year covered by the reviews.

14 “(ii) The number of reviews carried  
15 out pursuant to subsection (d)(1).

16 “(iii) The number of reviews carried  
17 out pursuant to subsection (d)(2).

18 “(iv) A description of the processes by  
19 which the heads of the components de-  
20 scribed in paragraph (1) of subsection (d)  
21 and the Under Secretary of Defense for  
22 Research and Engineering conducted the  
23 reviews under such subsection.

24 “(v) An assessment of issues identi-  
25 fied during the reviews carried out under

1 subsection (d), including a list of grants  
2 that were identified as having not been  
3 awarded in compliance with applicable poli-  
4 cies of the Department of Defense.

5 “(C) The findings of the Secretary with re-  
6 spect to the program.

7 “(D) Such recommendations as the Sec-  
8 retary may have for legislative or administrative  
9 action relating to the matters described in sub-  
10 section (a), including actions relating to foreign  
11 talent programs.

12 “(E) Identification and discussion of the  
13 gaps in legal authorities that need to be im-  
14 prove to enhance the security of research insti-  
15 tutions of higher education performing defense  
16 research.

17 “(F) A description of the actions taken by  
18 such institutions to comply with such best prac-  
19 tices and guidelines as may be established by  
20 under the program.

21 “(G) A description of the status of the  
22 measures of effectiveness and performance de-  
23 scribed in subsection (c)(11) for the period cov-  
24 ered by such report, including an analytical as-

1            sessment of the impact of such measures on the  
2            goals of the program.

3            “(H) With respect to waivers described in  
4            paragraph (1), the following:

5                    “(i) The terms and contents of any  
6                    waivers issued under section 4147 of this  
7                    title in the period covered by 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 section.

17            “(3) FORM.—The report submitted under para-  
18            graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,  
19            but may include a classified annex.

20            “(g) PUBLICATION OF UPDATED LISTS.—

21                    “(1) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
22                    than January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter until  
23                    December 31, 2032, the Secretary shall submit to  
24                    the congressional defense committees the most re-

1       cently updated lists described in paragraphs (9) and  
2       (10) of subsection (c).

3               “(2) FORM.—Each list submitted under para-  
4       graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,  
5       but may include a classified annex.

6               “(3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each list sub-  
7       mitted under paragraph (1) shall be published on a  
8       publicly accessible website of the Department of De-  
9       fense in a searchable format.

10              “(4) INTERVENING SUBMITTAL AND PUBLICA-  
11       TION.—The Secretary may submit and publish an  
12       updated list described in paragraph (1) more fre-  
13       quently than required by that paragraph, as the Sec-  
14       retary considers necessary.

15              “(h) DESIGNATION OF ACADEMIC LIAISON.—

16              “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, acting  
17       through the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
18       search and Engineering, designate an academic liai-  
19       son with principal responsibility for working with the  
20       academic and research communities to protect De-  
21       partment-sponsored academic research of concern  
22       from undue foreign influence and threats.

23              “(2) QUALIFICATION.—The Secretary shall des-  
24       ignate an individual under paragraph (1) who is an  
25       official of the Office of the Under Secretary of De-

1 fense for Research and Engineering with experi-  
2 ence—

3 “(A) working in security, counterintel-  
4 ligence, or academic research environments; and

5 “(B) with complex managerial tasks.

6 “(3) DUTIES.—The duties of the academic liai-  
7 son designated under paragraph (1) shall be as fol-  
8 lows:

9 “(A) To serve as the liaison of the Depart-  
10 ment with the academic and research commu-  
11 nities.

12 “(B) To execute initiatives of the Depart-  
13 ment relating to the protection of Department-  
14 sponsored academic research of concern from  
15 undue foreign influence and threats, including  
16 the program required by subsection (a).

17 “(C) To conduct outreach and education  
18 activities for the academic and research commu-  
19 nities on undue foreign influence and threats to  
20 Department-sponsored academic research of  
21 concern.

22 “(D) To coordinate and align academic se-  
23 curity policies with Department component  
24 agencies, the Office of Science and Technology  
25 Policy, the intelligence community, and such



1 Federal agencies as the Secretary considers ap-  
2 propriate.

3 “(E) To the extent practicable, to coordi-  
4 nate with the intelligence community to share,  
5 not less frequently than annually, with the aca-  
6 demic and research communities unclassified in-  
7 formation, including counterintelligence infor-  
8 mation, on threats from undue foreign influ-  
9 ence.

10 “(F) Any other related responsibility, as  
11 determined by the Secretary in consultation  
12 with the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
13 search and Engineering.

14 “(i) DESIGNATION OF CHIEF RESEARCH SECURITY  
15 OFFICERS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each institution of higher  
17 education that receives Department of Defense fund-  
18 ing and more than \$50,000,000 in total Federal re-  
19 search funding annually shall designate at least one  
20 senior official to serve as the institution’s Chief Re-  
21 search Security Officer.

22 “(2) QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES.—Each  
23 Chief Research Security Officer designated under  
24 (h) shall—

1           “(A) be a Vice President for Research,  
2           Chief Research Officer, or another designated  
3           senior official at the institution with responsi-  
4           bility for research administration, compliance,  
5           or institutional security, as determined appro-  
6           priate by the institution; and

7           “(B) serve as the principal institutional of-  
8           ficer and primary point of contact with the De-  
9           partment of Defense, and other appropriate  
10          Federal authorities on matters relating to re-  
11          search security associated with Department of  
12          Defense-funded research, including undue for-  
13          eign influence, cybersecurity pertaining to such  
14          research, insider risk, and related threats.

15          “(3) ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPARTMENT OF DE-  
16          FENSE SECURITY CLEARANCES AND TRAINING.—(A)  
17          The Chief Research Security Officer shall be eligible  
18          for sponsorship for an appropriate personnel security  
19          clearance for purposes of Department of Defense-  
20          funded research security, as determined by the Sec-  
21          retary of Defense.

22          “(B) The Secretary of Defense, acting through  
23          the appropriate Department of Defense security and  
24          counterintelligence authorities, and in coordination

1 with other appropriate Federal intelligence agencies,  
2 shall establish processes—

3 “(i) to facilitate the sponsorship, adjudica-  
4 tion, and issuance of appropriate personnel se-  
5 curity clearances for Chief Research Security  
6 Officers, including through Department of De-  
7 fense security clearance processes;

8 “(ii) to provide threat-related training,  
9 briefings, and information, including classified  
10 briefings as appropriate, related to risks to De-  
11 partment of Defense-funded research; and

12 “(iii) to ensure that information shared is  
13 relevant, timely, and provided solely for defen-  
14 sive, awareness, and protective purposes.

15 “(4) SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS.—(A) Informa-  
16 tion shared pursuant to this section shall be limited  
17 to information necessary to protect Department of  
18 Defense-funded research and associated research ac-  
19 tivities.

20 “(B) Nothing in this section shall be con-  
21 strued—

22 “(i) to require institutions of higher edu-  
23 cation to conduct classified research;

24 “(ii) to reclassify or otherwise restrict fun-  
25 damental research;

1           “(iii) to impose new export control, classi-  
 2           fication, or security requirements on research  
 3           that is otherwise unrestricted under applicable  
 4           law or policy; or

5           “(iv) to infringe upon academic freedom,  
 6           freedom of expression, or other lawful academic  
 7           activities.

8           “(5) ALIGNMENT WITH EXISTING DEPARTMENT  
 9           OF DEFENSE RESEARCH SECURITY REQUIRE-  
 10          MENTS.—The requirements of this section shall be  
 11          implemented consistent with Department of Defense  
 12          research security policies and programs, including  
 13          National Security Presidential Memorandum–33 (re-  
 14          lating to supported research and development na-  
 15          tional policy), issued January 2021, applicable De-  
 16          partment of Defense directives and instructions, and  
 17          guidance issued by the Office of Science and Tech-  
 18          nology Policy, as relevant to Department of Defense-  
 19          funded research.

20          “(j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21           “(1) The term ‘agent of a foreign power’ has  
 22           the meaning given such term in section 101 of the  
 23           Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50  
 24           U.S.C. 1801).

1 “(2) The term ‘institution of higher education’  
 2 has the meaning given such term in section 101 of  
 3 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
 4 1001).

5 “(3) The term ‘intelligence community’ has the  
 6 meaning given such term in section 3 of the Na-  
 7 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

8 **“§ 4147. Prohibition on contracts between certain for-**  
 9 ****foreign entities and institutions of higher****  
 10 ****education conducting Department of De-****  
 11 ****fense-funded research****

12 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Beginning on January 1, 2028,  
 13 a covered institution may not enter into a contract with  
 14 a covered nation or a foreign entity of concern.

15 “(b) WAIVERS.—

16 “(1) AUTHORITY.—Subject to the provisions of  
 17 this subsection and subsection (c), the Secretary of  
 18 Defense may, pursuant to a request submitted under  
 19 paragraph (2) of this subsection, issue a waiver of  
 20 the prohibition set forth in subsection (a).

21 “(2) SUBMISSION.—(A)(i) A covered institution  
 22 that desires to enter into a contract with a foreign  
 23 entity of concern or a covered nation may submit to  
 24 the Secretary of Defense, not later than 120 days  
 25 before the institution enters into such a contract, a

1 request to waive the prohibition set forth in sub-  
2 section (a) with respect to such contract.

3 “(ii) A waiver request submitted by a covered  
4 institution under clause (i) shall include—

5 “(I) the complete and unredacted text of  
6 the proposed contract for which the waiver is  
7 being requested, and if such original contract is  
8 not in English, a translated copy of the text  
9 into English (in a manner that complies with  
10 subsection (e)); and

11 “(II) a statement that—

12 “(aa) is signed by the President or  
13 compliance officer of the institution des-  
14 ignated in accordance with subsection (f);  
15 and

16 “(bb) includes information that dem-  
17 onstrates that such contract is for the ben-  
18 efit of the institution’s mission and stu-  
19 dents and will promote the security, sta-  
20 bility, and economic vitality of the United  
21 States.

22 “(B)(i) A covered institution that has entered  
23 into a contract pursuant to a waiver issued under  
24 this section, the term of which is longer than the 1-  
25 year waiver period and the terms and conditions of

1       which remain the same as the proposed contract  
2       submitted as part of the request for such waiver,  
3       may submit, not later than 120 days before the expi-  
4       ration of such waiver period, a request for a renewal  
5       of such waiver for the remainder of the contract  
6       term, but not to exceed a 4-year period (which shall  
7       include any information requested by the Secretary).

8               “(ii) If a covered institution fails to submit a  
9       request under clause (i) or is not granted a renewal  
10      under such clause, such institution shall terminate  
11      such contract on the last day of the original 1-year  
12      waiver period.

13              “(3) WAIVER ISSUANCE.—The Secretary of De-  
14      fense—

15              “(A) not later than 60 days before a cov-  
16      ered institution enters into a contract pursuant  
17      to a waiver request under paragraph (2)(A), or  
18      before a contract described in paragraph  
19      (2)(B)(i) is renewed pursuant to a renewal re-  
20      quest under such paragraph, shall notify the  
21      covered institution—

22              “(i) if the waiver or renewal will be  
23      issued by the Secretary; and

1                   “(ii) in a case in which the waiver or  
2                   renewal will be issued, the date on which  
3                   the 1-year waiver period starts;

4                   “(B) may only issue a waiver under this  
5                   subsection to a covered institution if the Sec-  
6                   retary of Defense determines that the contract  
7                   for which the waiver is being requested will  
8                   both—

9                   “(i) benefit the institution’s mission  
10                  and students; and

11                  “(ii) promote the security, stability,  
12                  and economic vitality of the United States;  
13                  and

14                  “(C) shall, when making the determination  
15                  described in subparagraph (B)(ii), base such  
16                  determination on the following factors:

17                  “(i) The reasons for which the foreign  
18                  entity of concern or covered nation has  
19                  been so designated, and why those reasons  
20                  do not apply to the contract for which  
21                  waiver is being sought.

22                  “(ii) The foreign entity of concern or  
23                  covered nation’s history of involvement  
24                  with covered institutions.



1                   “(iii) The degree to which such a con-  
2                   tract could provide access to information  
3                   or technology which could materially ben-  
4                   efit the national security of a covered na-  
5                   tion or harm the national security of the  
6                   United States.

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

15                  “(5) APPLICATION OF WAIVERS.—A waiver  
16                  issued under this subsection to a covered institution  
17                  with respect to a contract shall only—

18                         “(A) waive the prohibition under sub-  
19                         section (a) for a 1-year period, or for the re-  
20                         mainder of the term of the contract, but not to  
21                         exceed 4 years; and

22                         “(B) apply to the terms and conditions of  
23                         the proposed contract submitted as part of the  
24                         request for such waiver.

25                  “(c) CONTRACTS PRIOR TO DATE OF ENACTMENT.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a covered in-  
2           stitution that entered into contract with a covered  
3           nation or foreign entity of concern prior to January  
4           1, 2028, and which contract remains in effect on  
5           such date, the Secretary shall notify the congres-  
6           sional defense committees within 90 days of enact-  
7           ment of this section.

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

18          “(d) DESIGNATION DURING CONTRACT TERM.—In  
19          the case of a covered institution that enters into a contract  
20          with a foreign source that is not a covered nation or a  
21          foreign entity of concern but which, during the term of  
22          such contract, is redesignated as a covered nation or for-  
23          eign entity of concern, such institution shall terminate  
24          such contract not later than 120 days after the Secretary

1 notifies the covered institution of such designation or im-  
 2 mediately requests a waiver.

3 “(e) TRANSLATION REQUIREMENT.—Any informa-  
 4 tion required to be disclosed under this section with re-  
 5 spect to a contract that is not in English shall be trans-  
 6 lated, for purposes of such disclosure, by a person that  
 7 is not an affiliated entity or agent of the covered nation  
 8 or foreign entity of concern involved with such contract.

9 “(f) COMPLIANCE OFFICER.—Each covered institu-  
 10 tion applying for a waiver under subsection (c), shall iden-  
 11 tify a compliance officer, who shall—

12 “(1) be a current employee or legally authorized  
 13 agent of such institution; and

14 “(2) be responsible, on behalf of such institu-  
 15 tion, for personally certifying—

16 “(A) compliance with the prohibition under  
 17 this section; and

18 “(B) the truth and accuracy of any infor-  
 19 mation contained in such a waiver request.

20 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(1)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph  
 22 (B), the term ‘contract’ means—

23 “(i) any agreement or memorandum of un-  
 24 derstanding for the acquisition, by purchase,  
 25 lease, or barter, of property or services by or

1 from a covered nation or foreign entity of con-  
2 cern; or

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

8 “(B) The term ‘contract’ does not include—

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

14 “(ii) short-term, ancillary agreements such  
15 as employment contracts for visiting professor-  
16 ships or sponsored travel or visas of foreign na-  
17 tionals employed by institutions of higher edu-  
18 cation, excluding those affiliated with foreign  
19 entities of concern;

20 “(iii) an arms-length agreement for the ac-  
21 quisition by purchase, lease, or barter of prop-  
22 erty or services for the covered institution from  
23 a foreign entity of concern; or

24 “(iv) an agreement pertaining to a pre-ex-  
25 isting campus or other satellite facility of a cov-

1           ered institution located in a covered nation or  
2           a joint facility of a covered institution and an-  
3           other entity located in a covered nation, includ-  
4           ing assignment or license of a trademark or  
5           copyright related to the name, likeness, mascot  
6           or similar image, unless that facility could pro-  
7           vide access to information or technology which  
8           could materially benefit the national security of  
9           a covered nation or harm the national security  
10          of the United States.

11          “(2) The term ‘covered institution’ means an  
12          institution of higher education that conducts re-  
13          search funded by the Department of Defense.

14          “(3) The term ‘covered nation’ has the meaning  
15          given that term in section 4872(d) of this title.

16          “(4) The term ‘foreign entity of concern’ means  
17          any person or entity on any of the following lists:

18                  “(A) Any of the following lists maintained  
19                  by the Bureau of Industry and Security of the  
20                  Department of Commerce:

21                          “(i) The Entity List set forth in Sup-  
22                          plement No. 4 to part 744 of title 15, Code  
23                          of Federal Regulations.

24                          “(ii) The Unverified List set forth in  
25                          Supplement No. 6 part 744 of that title.

1                   “(iii) The Military End-User List set  
2                   forth in Supplement No. 7 to part 744 of  
3                   that title.

4                   “(iv) The Denied Persons List main-  
5                   tained pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of  
6                   that title.

7                   “(B) The list of specifically designated na-  
8                   tionals and blocked persons maintained by the  
9                   Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Depart-  
10                  ment of Treasury (commonly referred to as the  
11                  ‘SDN list’).

12                  “(C) The list of Chinese military compa-  
13                  nies operating in the United States required by  
14                  section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thorn-  
15                  berry National Defense Authorization Act for  
16                  Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10  
17                  U.S.C. 113 note).

18                  “(D) The lists of debarred parties main-  
19                  tained by the Directorate of Defense Trade  
20                  Controls of the Department of State pursuant  
21                  to section 38(g)(4) of the Arms Export Control  
22                  Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(g)(4)).

23                  “(E) The list of telecommunications com-  
24                  panies of the People’s Republic of China de-  
25                  scribed in section 889(f)(3) of the John S.

1 McCain National Defense Authorizations Act of  
2 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 41 U.S.C. 3901  
3 note prec.).

4 “(F) The list of semiconductor companies  
5 of the People’s Republic of China described in  
6 section 5949(i)(3) of the James M. Inhofe Na-  
7 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
8 Year2023 (Public Law 117–263; 41 U.S.C.  
9 4713 note).

10 “(G) The list of biotechnology companies  
11 of concern maintained under section 851(f) of  
12 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
13 cal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 41 U.S.C.  
14 3901 note prec.).

15 “(H) The list of entities that produce or  
16 provide communications equipment or service  
17 on the list published by the Federal Commu-  
18 nications Commission under section 2(a) of the  
19 Secure and Trusted Communications Networks  
20 Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601(a)).

21 “(I) A list maintained under clause (i),  
22 (ii), (iv), or (v) of section 2(d)(2)(B) of the Act  
23 entitled ‘An Act to ensure that the goods made  
24 with forced labor in Xinjiang Autonomous Re-  
25 gion of the People’s Republic of China d o not

1           enter the United States market, and for other  
 2           purposes’, approved December 23, 2021 (Public  
 3           Law 117–18; 22 U.S.C. 6901 note) (commonly  
 4           referred to as the ‘Uyghur Forced Labor Pre-  
 5           vention Act’).

6           “(5) The term ‘institution of higher education’  
 7           has the meaning given that term in section 102 of  
 8           the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
 9           1002).”.

10          (b) CONFORMING REPEALS.—The following sections  
 11       are hereby repealed:

12           (1) Section 1277 of the National Defense Au-  
 13           thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law  
 14           115–91; 50 U.S.C. 1914).

15           (2) Section 1286 of the John S. McCain Na-  
 16           tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
 17           2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note).

18          (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1062(b)(2)  
 19       of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Au-  
 20       thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–  
 21       283; 10 U.S.C. 2241 note) is amended by striking “sub-  
 22       section (g) of section 1286 of the John S. McCain Na-  
 23       tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (10  
 24       U.S.C. 2358 note), as amended by section 1299C of this



1 Act,” and inserting “section 4146(h) of title 10, United  
2 States Code,”.

3 **SEC. 221. CODIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
4 **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION**  
5 **BOARD.**

6 Subchapter I of chapter 303 of title 10, United States  
7 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
8 section:

9 **“§ 4068. Department of Defense Science, Technology,**  
10 **and Innovation Board**

11 “(a) ADVISORY BOARD ESTABLISHED.—The Sec-  
12 retary of Defense shall, acting through the Under Sec-  
13 retary of Defense for Research and Engineering, establish  
14 and maintain a Science, Technology, and Innovation  
15 Board (in this section referred to as the ‘Board’) for the  
16 purposes set forth in subsection (b).

17 “(b) PURPOSE.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The purpose of the Board  
19 is to advise, in response to taskings, the Secretary  
20 of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the  
21 Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engi-  
22 neering, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,  
23 and the other Under Secretaries of the Department  
24 of Defense on matters relating to science, tech-  
25 nology, research, engineering, manufacturing, acqui-

1       sition process, and other matters that are of special  
2       interest to the Department of Defense.

3               “(2) MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE BOARD;  
4       IDENTIFICATION OF TECHNOLOGIES.—The Board  
5       shall—

6               “(A) be concerned with the pressing and  
7       complex technology problems facing the Depart-  
8       ment of Defense in such areas as research, en-  
9       gineering, and manufacturing; and

10              “(B) ensure the identification of new tech-  
11       nologies and new applications of technology in  
12       those areas to strengthen national security.

13       “(c) CHARTER.—The Board shall maintain a public  
14       charter describing its functions, which shall be updated  
15       periodically as the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
16       search and Engineering considers necessary.

17       “(d) AGENCY PROVIDING SUPPORT; STAFF.—

18              “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall report to  
19       the Secretary of Defense through the Under Sec-  
20       retary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

21              “(2) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SUPPORT  
22       STAFF.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
23       search and Engineering shall provide the Board with  
24       an Executive Director and the necessary support

1 staff to manage the day-to-day operations of the  
2 Board and its ad hoc task forces.

3 “(3) COMPLIANCE OFFICER.—The Board shall  
4 have a designated Federal officer to ensure compli-  
5 ance of the Board with all Department of Defense  
6 policies and procedures and relevant Federal regula-  
7 tions.

8 “(4) DETAILEES AND LIAISONS.—The Board  
9 may accept detailees from the military departments  
10 or components of the Department of Defense to  
11 serve as Armed Forces liaisons to the Board and  
12 support Board activities.

13 “(e) MEMBERSHIP.—

14 “(1) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be com-  
15 posed of not more than 50 members as full board  
16 members, who shall be eminent authorities in the  
17 fields of science, technology, innovation, and other  
18 matters germane to scientific, technological, and in-  
19 novation topics of special interest to the Department  
20 of Defense.

21 “(2) TERMS.—(A) The appointment of Board  
22 members shall be approved by the Department of  
23 Defense Appointing Authority for a term of service  
24 of one to four years, with annual renewals, in ac-

1 cordance with Department of Defense policy and  
2 procedures.

3 “(B) No member, unless approved by the De-  
4 partment of Defense Appointing Authority, may  
5 serve more than two consecutive terms of service on  
6 the Board, including its subcommittees, unless a  
7 waiver is approved by the Under Secretary.

8 “(3) LEADERSHIP.—The Department of De-  
9 fense Appointing Authority shall appoint the leader-  
10 ship of the Board from among the members of the  
11 Board, in accordance with Department of Defense  
12 policy and procedures, for a term of service of one  
13 to two years, with annual renewal, which shall not  
14 exceed the term of a member’s appointment to the  
15 Board.

16 “(4) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Except for  
17 reimbursement for official Board-related travel and  
18 per diem, members of the Board members shall  
19 serve without compensation.

20 “(f) SUBCOMMITTEES, TASK FORCES, PANELS, OR  
21 WORKING GROUPS.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—(A) When necessary and  
23 consistent with the Board’s mission, the Board may  
24 establish subcommittees, task forces, panels, or

1 working groups (hereafter referred to as ‘sub-  
2 committees’) to support Board activities.

3 “(B) The establishment of subcommittees shall  
4 be based upon a written determination, which shall  
5 include terms of reference, by the Department of  
6 Defense Appointing Authority or the Under Sec-  
7 retary of Defense for Research and Engineering, as  
8 the Board’s sponsor.

9 “(2) FACA AND COMPLIANCE.—All subcommit-  
10 tees operate in accordance with chapter 10 of title  
11 5 (commonly known as the ‘Federal Advisory Com-  
12 mittee Act’), governing Federal statutes and regula-  
13 tions, and Department of Defense policy and proce-  
14 dures.

15 “(3) OPERATIONS.—(A) A subcommittee shall  
16 not work independently of the Board and shall re-  
17 port all of its recommendations and advice solely to  
18 the Board for its thorough deliberation and discus-  
19 sion at a properly noticed and open Board meeting,  
20 unless the meeting must be closed in accordance  
21 with one or more of the exemptions found in section  
22 552b of title 5.

23 “(B) A subcommittee has no authority to make  
24 decisions and recommendations, orally or in writing,  
25 on behalf of the Board.

1           “(4) APPOINTMENT TO SUBCOMMITTEES.—In-  
2       dividual appointments to serve on subcommittees,  
3       which are separate and distinct from appointments  
4       to the Board itself, shall be approved by the Depart-  
5       ment of Defense Appointing Authority for a term of  
6       service of one to four years, with annual renewals,  
7       in accordance with Department of Defense policy  
8       and procedures.

9           “(g) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS.—The Board shall  
10      meet not less frequently than four times each year on a  
11      quarterly basis to update the Secretary and senior leader-  
12      ship on the activities of the Board.”.

13   **SEC. 222. ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS TO EXPAND INVEN-**  
14                   **TORY OF AIR DEFENSE INTERCEPTORS.**

15           (a) ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS REQUIRED.—The  
16      Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and  
17      Sustainment, in coordination with the Secretaries of the  
18      military departments, shall explore, establish, and carry  
19      out efforts to increase the inventory of air defense inter-  
20      ceptors by pursuing each of the following pathways:

21           (1) Cost-reduction initiatives for existing missile  
22      systems, including value engineering, design-for-  
23      manufacturability improvements, and supply-chain  
24      efficiencies.

1           (2) Delivery of technical data packages on a  
2           contract-manufacturing basis to additional manufac-  
3           turers, including manufacturers in the commercial  
4           sector, consistent with applicable technical data  
5           rights or agreements with the technical data owners.

6           (3) Sourcing of interceptors from allies and  
7           partners and the exploration of opportunities to es-  
8           tablish or expand domestic production lines for such  
9           interceptors, including through co-production, li-  
10          censed manufacturing, or foreign military sales ar-  
11          rangements.

12          (4) Performance of market research across in-  
13          dustry and the Department of Defense science and  
14          technology reinvention laboratories to identify crit-  
15          ical components for air defense interceptors and to  
16          support the rapid integration, testing, and qualifica-  
17          tion of a new or modified interceptor design.

18          (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year  
19          after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under  
20          Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
21          mittees a report describing—

22                (1) the specific activities conducted under each  
23                of the pathways required by subsection (a);

24                (2) for each pathway, the potential improve-  
25                ments in unit cost, schedule, and production volume

1       that could be achieved, as compared to any identified  
2       impacts on the performance, reliability, or other ca-  
3       pabilities of the affected missile systems; and

4               (3) the Secretary's recommended path or paths  
5       forward, including any legislative or budgetary pro-  
6       posals necessary to implement or expand successful  
7       efforts.

8   **SEC. 223. IMPROVEMENTS TO PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

9                   **AUTHORITY TO ATTRACT EXPERTS IN**  
10                  **SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND CERTAIN**  
11                  **OTHER DISCIPLINES AT DEFENSE ADVANCED**  
12                  **RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY.**

13       Section 4092(b)(1)(B) of title 10, United States  
14   Code, is amended by striking the semicolon and inserting  
15   “, of which not more than 40 of the 140 positions may  
16   be occupied concurrently by 2 individuals, for a period not  
17   to exceed 90 days, for the purposes of accommodating re-  
18   cruitment cycles and managing personnel rotations, and  
19   any such concurrent occupancy shall be counted as a sin-  
20   gle position against the total number of positions set forth  
21   in this subparagraph;”.



1 **SEC. 224. EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF**  
2 **FUNDS FOR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH COL-**  
3 **LABORATION WITH CERTAIN ACADEMIC IN-**  
4 **STITUTIONS.**

5 Section 238(a) of the Servicemember Quality of Life  
6 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for  
7 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), as amended by  
8 section 215 of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
9 Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60), is amended by  
10 striking “or fiscal year 2026” and inserting “, fiscal year  
11 2026, or fiscal year 2027”.

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

14 **SEC. 231. ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE QUAN-**  
15 **TUM COMPUTING PROGRAMS.**

16 (a) **FRAMEWORK REQUIRED.**—Not later than June  
17 15, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall, in coordination  
18 with the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and En-  
19 gineering and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisi-  
20 tion and Sustainment, develop a framework for assessing  
21 the development or acquisition of future quantum com-  
22 puting systems, algorithms, or hybrid-quantum computing  
23 services informed by the practices developed under the  
24 Quantum Benchmarking Initiative.

25 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—In developing the framework  
26 required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall leverage

1 the work products, insights, and lessons learned from the  
 2 Quantum Benchmarking Initiative to help programs, tech-  
 3 nical developers, or source selection evaluators assess the  
 4 following:

5           (1) The ability of a system, algorithm, or serv-  
 6 ice to achieve mission-relevant capability for the De-  
 7 partment of Defense.

8           (2) Risks and the sufficiency of risk mitigation  
 9 steps in developing or acquiring a relevant system,  
 10 algorithm, or service.

11           (3) Timelines, technical enabling infrastructure,  
 12 user requirements, doctrinal or employment concep-  
 13 tual needs, and training needs associated with the  
 14 development or acquisition of a system, algorithm, or  
 15 service.

16       (c) ISSUANCE OF POLICY GUIDANCE.—Not later than  
 17 December 1, 2027, the Secretary shall issue policy guid-  
 18 ance to the Department regarding the use of the assess-  
 19 ment framework required under subsection (a).

20       **SEC. 232. EXECUTION OF THE ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING**  
 21                               **FOR ROCKET PROPELLANT SYSTEMS.**

22       (a) PROGRAM OF RECORD DETERMINATION.—Not  
 23 later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this  
 24 Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the Com-  
 25 mittee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Com-

1 mittee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives  
2 a determination confirming whether the Additive Manu-  
3 facturing for Rocket Propellant systems should be for-  
4 mally established as a program of record.

5 (b) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than April  
6 15, 2027, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional  
7 defense committees a briefing on Army efforts relating to  
8 Additive Manufacturing for Rocket Propellant systems, in-  
9 cluding its procurement funding, and integration strate-  
10 gies.

11 **SEC. 233. REPORT ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND COG-**  
12 **NITIVE WARFARE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
15 shall, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense  
16 for Research and Engineering and the Director of the De-  
17 fense Advanced Research Projects Agency, submit to the  
18 congressional defense committees a report on the implica-  
19 tions of emerging technologies to support Department of  
20 Defense cognitive warfare.

21 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursuant to  
22 subsection (a) shall include the following:

23 (1) An identification and assessment of emerg-  
24 ing technologies that have current or near-term ap-  
25 plication to cognitive warfare and operations in the

1 information environment of the Department of De-  
2 fense, including artificial intelligence and machine  
3 learning tools, synthetic media generation, analytical  
4 tools, including narrative intelligence, and neuro-  
5 science-based influence technologies.

6 (2) An assessment of how adversaries of the  
7 United States, including China and Russia, are re-  
8 searching, developing, or employing such tech-  
9 nologies in support of cognitive warfare objectives.

10 (3) An assessment of how allies and partners of  
11 the United States, including the North Atlantic  
12 Treaty Organization, are researching, developing, or  
13 employing such technologies in support of cognitive  
14 warfare objectives.

15 (4) An assessment of opportunities for the De-  
16 partment of Defense to leverage the defense indus-  
17 trial base, academic research institutions, and allied  
18 and partner countries in accelerating the develop-  
19 ment and fielding of relevant cognitive warfare tech-  
20 nologies, including recommendations for public-pri-  
21 vate partnership mechanisms and international co-  
22 operation agreements.

23 (5) Such other matters as the Secretary con-  
24 siders appropriate.

1 **SEC. 234. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ELECTRONICS RE-**  
2 **QUIREMENTS STUDY.**

3 (a) AGREEMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
5 shall seek to enter into an agreement with an orga-  
6 nization the Secretary considers qualified, to per-  
7 form the services covered by this section.

8 (2) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to enter  
9 into the agreement described in paragraph (1) such  
10 that the services covered by this section are com-  
11 pleted before the date that is 180 days after the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (b) STUDY.—Under an agreement between the Sec-  
14 retary and an organization under subsection (a), the orga-  
15 nization shall carry out a comprehensive study analyzing  
16 current and future electronics requirements for defense  
17 systems, with particular emphasis on electronic warfare  
18 capabilities and semiconductor packaging solutions.

19 (c) ELEMENTS.—The study carried out under sub-  
20 section (b) shall include the following:

21 (1) CURRENT STATE ASSESSMENT.—An assess-  
22 ment that includes—

23 (A) a system-level analysis of electronics  
24 needs and core functions across existing defense  
25 platforms;

1 (B) documentation of current operational  
2 requirements, including—

3 (i) electronic warfare systems' parallel  
4 target acquisition capabilities;

5 (ii) threat differentiation and classi-  
6 fication requirements; and

7 (iii) counter-electronic warfare re-  
8 sponse timeframes and performance speci-  
9 fications;

10 (C) a catalog and categorization of existing  
11 technology implementations by type and appli-  
12 cation; and

13 (D) an assessment of current semicon-  
14 ductor packaging functions and their relation-  
15 ship to system performance.

16 (2) TECHNOLOGY LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS.—An  
17 analysis that includes engagement with semicon-  
18 ductor industry experts, including Intel Corporation  
19 and other leading manufacturers—

20 (A) to map system-level requirements to  
21 semiconductor-level specifications;

22 (B) to identify current technology gaps  
23 and limitations; and

24 (C) to analyze existing supply chain de-  
25 pendencies and vulnerabilities.

1           (3) FUTURE REQUIREMENTS DEFINITION.—De-  
2       velopment of a definition of future requirements that  
3       includes—

4           (A) a survey of stakeholders to identify de-  
5       sired future capabilities and performance tar-  
6       gets;

7           (B) next-generation electronics require-  
8       ments across multiple domains;

9           (C) scalability requirements and capability  
10      roadmaps; and

11          (D) documentation of emerging technology  
12      scenarios.

13          (4) MODULAR ARCHITECTURE FRAMEWORK.—  
14      Development of a framework that includes—

15          (A) recommendations for standardized,  
16      modular electronics building blocks;

17          (B) interface specifications to enable inter-  
18      operable capabilities;

19          (C) a framework for aggregate demand  
20      forecasting;

21          (D) strategies for mitigating diminishing  
22      manufacturing sources and material shortages;  
23      and

24          (E) upgrade pathways that minimize sys-  
25      tem-wide impacts.

1 (d) REPORT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
4 retary shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
5 mittees a report on the findings of the organization  
6 with whom the Secretary entered into a contract  
7 under subsection (a) with regards to the study car-  
8 ried out under subsection (b).

9 (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under  
10 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

11 (A) The findings described in paragraph  
12 (1).

13 (B) An implementation roadmap with  
14 timeline and resource requirements.

15 (C) Risk assessment and mitigation strate-  
16 gies.

17 (3) FORM.—The report submitted under para-  
18 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,  
19 but may include a classified annex.



**TITLE III—OPERATION AND  
MAINTENANCE**

**Subtitle A—Authorization of  
Appropriations**

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

Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the use of the Armed Forces and other activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for expenses, not otherwise provided for, for operation and maintenance, as specified in the funding table in section 4301.

**Subtitle B—Energy and  
Environment**

**SEC. 311. MODIFICATIONS TO ADVANCED NUCLEAR TRANSITION WORKING GROUP.**

Section 319 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment” and inserting “The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical, and Biological Defense Policy and Programs”; and

1           (2) in subsection (c), by striking “The Assistant  
2       Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chem-  
3       ical, and Biological Defense Policy and Programs”  
4       and inserting “The Assistant Secretary of Defense  
5       for Energy, Installations, and Environment”.

6 **SEC. 312. PRIORITIZATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF EXPEDI-**  
7 **TIONARY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.**

8       The Secretary of Defense shall prioritize deployment  
9       of expeditionary solid waste disposal systems to contin-  
10      gency locations where open air burn pits remain in use,  
11      including Ar Riyah (Owen), Yemen, and other locations  
12      where members of the Armed Forces face elevated expo-  
13      sure risk due to the absence of feasible waste disposal al-  
14      ternatives.

15 **SEC. 313. AUTHORIZATION OF SUSTAINABLE AVIATION**  
16 **FUEL PROCUREMENT.**

17      Section 2911 of title 10, United States Code, is  
18      amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
19      section:

20      “(k) SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL PROCURE-  
21      MENT.—The Secretary of Defense may procure sustain-  
22      able aviation fuel for operational or training purposes at  
23      a cost that exceeds the cost of conventional petroleum-  
24      based aviation fuel.”.

1 **SEC. 314. GRID RESILIENCY AND ENERGY REDUNDANCY.**

2 Section 2911(e) of title 10, United States Code, is  
3 amended—

4 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (9) through  
5 (13) as paragraphs (10) through (14), respectively;  
6 and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-  
8 lowing new paragraph (9):

9 “(9) The value of establishing operational re-  
10 dundancy in both the primary procurement sourcing  
11 of energy and the specific physical categories of en-  
12 ergy utilized to support critical mission infrastruc-  
13 ture, ensuring the continuous availability of inde-  
14 pendent baseload generation capacities in the event  
15 of commercial or regional utility disruption.”.

16 **SEC. 315. MANDATORY GRID IMPACT AND INFRASTRUC-**  
17 **TURE POWER REQUIREMENTS FOR EN-**  
18 **HANCED USE LEASES.**

19 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
20 ensure that any enhanced use lease executed, extended,  
21 or renewed under section 2667 and 2662 of title 10,  
22 United States Code, for purposes of infrastructure, facility  
23 modernization, or energy production of the Department of  
24 Defense shall include a comprehensive, formalized assess-  
25 ment of localized grid impacts and infrastructure power  
26 demands.

1 (b) ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT.—The assessment  
2 required under subsection (a) shall explicitly document  
3 and discuss the following:

4 (1) The projected net effects of the proposed  
5 enhanced use lease on the stability, capacity, and re-  
6 liability of the surrounding local commercial electric  
7 grid, including potential impacts on voltage regula-  
8 tion, transmission congestion, and utility-scale base-  
9 line capacity.

10 (2) The total peak and baseline electrical power  
11 required to fully sustain and operate all new infra-  
12 structure, facilities, or capabilities constructed on  
13 the leased property under the enhanced use lease.

14 **SEC. 316. STORAGE CAPACITY ENHANCEMENTS.**

15 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
18 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Com-  
19 mander of the United States Transportation Com-  
20 mand, the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency,  
21 and the Secretary of each military department, shall  
22 submit to the congressional defense committees a  
23 comprehensive master plan to expand, harden, and  
24 optimize bulk storage capacity at strategic locations  
25 worldwide.

1           (2) ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN.—The plan re-  
2       quired under paragraph (1) shall include the fol-  
3       lowing elements:

4           (A) The establishment of theater-specific  
5       minimum operational storage capacity floors for  
6       all types of fuel used by the Department of De-  
7       fense, including any high-priority strategic  
8       nodes capable of sustaining critical mission es-  
9       sential tasks for a minimum period of time de-  
10      termined by the Department without external  
11      replenishment.

12          (B) A program and engineering assessment  
13      to construct hardened, semi-buried, under-  
14      ground, distributed, or geologic storage infra-  
15      structure and modular fueling nodes designed  
16      to withstand kinetic, cyber, and environmental  
17      threats.

18          (C) A strategy to transition from single,  
19      large-scale vulnerable bulk fuel hubs to decen-  
20      tralized and redundant storage networks within  
21      individual installation footprints to mitigate sin-  
22      gle points of failure.

23      (b) CONGRESSIONAL SUBMISSION.—

24          (1) SUBMISSION OF MASTER PLAN.—Upon com-  
25      pletion of the plan required under subsection (a),

1 and not later than 180 days after the date of the en-  
2 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall  
3 submit the master plan to the congressional defense  
4 committees.

5 (2) FORM OF REPORT.—The plan submitted  
6 under paragraph (1) and any accompanying project  
7 list shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may  
8 include a classified annex to protect specific oper-  
9 ational readiness thresholds and vulnerability pro-  
10 files of designated strategic locations.

11 **SEC. 317. REVISION OF POLICY ON USE OF OPEN-AIR BURN**  
12 **PITS NOT CONTROLLED BY DEPARTMENT OF**  
13 **DEFENSE.**

14 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall revise the  
16 policy of the Department of Defense governing the use of  
17 open-air burn pits consistent with the findings and rec-  
18 ommendations contained in the report by the Inspector  
19 General of the Department of Defense dated July 11,  
20 2024, and entitled “Management Advisory: Non-DoD  
21 Solid Waste Burning At or Near DoD-Occupied Sites”  
22 (DODIG–2024–107).

1 **SEC. 318. ASSESSMENT OF ENERGY SUPPLIED TO INSTAL-**  
2 **LATIONS AND OPERATIONAL FORCES OF THE**  
3 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
6 fense, in coordination with the Commander of the United  
7 States Transportation Command and the Director of the  
8 Defense Logistics Agency, shall submit to the congres-  
9 sional defense committees a comprehensive assessment of  
10 the current status, sourcing, and security of all forms of  
11 energy supplied to installations and operational forces of  
12 the Department of Defense.

13 (b) ELEMENTS OF ASSESSMENT.—The assessment  
14 required under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum,  
15 the following:

16 (1) A complete accounting of the geographic or-  
17 igin and supply chain pathways of all forms of en-  
18 ergy, including hydrocarbons, purchased by the De-  
19 partment of Defense, explicitly identifying any direct  
20 or indirect reliance on foreign energy sources.

21 (2) An evaluation of the systemic vulnerabilities  
22 within current energy supply lines of the Depart-  
23 ment, including single points of failure and military  
24 installations reliant on single-source commercial  
25 transmission or entities backed by a foreign country.

1           (3) An inventory of current on-site energy stor-  
 2           age capacities, including an assessment of whether  
 3           existing capacities meet baseline operational require-  
 4           ments.

5           (4) An assessment of potential disruptions to  
 6           energy supplies of the Department under various ki-  
 7           netic and cyber conflict scenarios.

8   **SEC. 319. REQUIREMENT OF NOTICE ON UPDATES TO PUB-**  
 9                   **LIC DASHBOARD ON REMEDIATION OF**  
 10                   **PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL**  
 11                   **SUBSTANCES.**

12       Section 322 of the National Defense Authorization  
 13   Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C.  
 14   2701 note) is amended—

15           (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “removal”  
 16           and inserting “remedial”;

17           (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
 18           section (d);

19           (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
 20           lowing new subsection (c):

21       “(c) NOTICE OF UPDATES TO DASHBOARD.—Not  
 22   less frequently than semiannually, the Secretary shall pro-  
 23   vide prompt notice to regional offices of the Environ-  
 24   mental Protection Agency, appropriate State and local au-  
 25   thorities, restoration advisory boards established under



1 section 2705(d) of title 10, United States Code, and the  
 2 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
 3 House of Representatives of updates to the dashboard  
 4 under subsection (b).”; and

5 (4) in subsection (d)(1), as redesignated by  
 6 paragraph (2), by striking “ ‘removal’,”.

7 **SEC. 320. REVISIONS TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUB-**  
 8 **LIC PARTICIPATION IN DEFENSE ENVIRON-**  
 9 **MENTAL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.**

10 The Secretary of Defense shall modify section 203.4  
 11 of title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, or successor regu-  
 12 lations, to increase the limitation on the combined sum  
 13 of purchase orders for technical assistance for public par-  
 14 ticipation in defense environmental restoration activities  
 15 under that section for an installation of the Department  
 16 of Defense to a combined sum of purchase orders not to  
 17 exceed \$1,000,000 or, during any one year, the lesser of  
 18 \$100,000 or 1 percent of the total projected environmental  
 19 restoration cost-to-complete of the installation.

20 **SEC. 320A. STUDY ON CONTRACTING PROCESS OF DEPART-**  
 21 **MENT OF DEFENSE FOR REMEDIATION OF**  
 22 **PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL**  
 23 **SUBSTANCES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
 25 United States shall conduct a study evaluating the cleanup

1 and acquisition processes used by the Department of De-  
2 fense as of the date of the enactment of this Act relating  
3 to remediation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl sub-  
4 stances resulting from activities of the Department of De-  
5 fense.

6 (b) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
7 section (a), the Comptroller General shall assess—

8 (1) the extent to which the Department has  
9 identified and developed requirements for remedi-  
10 ation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl sub-  
11 stances across military installations where cleanup  
12 may be needed by the Department, including any  
13 fragmentation of requirements across military instal-  
14 lations;

15 (2) the extent to which the Department has  
16 analyzed the effectiveness of acquisition strategies  
17 and contracting approaches used to procure tech-  
18 nologies and services for the remediation of such  
19 substances;

20 (3) whether the cleanup and acquisition strate-  
21 gies of the Department account for the current state  
22 of remediation technologies for such substances;

23 (4) whether the Department reviews the effec-  
24 tiveness of technologies previously employed at in-  
25 stallations of the Department and considers the find-

1        ings from such reviews when approaching future re-  
2        mediation efforts; and

3            (5) any risks, gaps, or inefficiencies in the ap-  
4        proach taken by the Department to remediate such  
5        substances, and any opportunities to improve speed,  
6        affordability, and outcomes.

7        (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the  
8        date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
9        shall brief the congressional defense committees on the  
10      study conducted under subsection (a), with a report to fol-  
11      low at a mutually agreed upon time.

12      **SEC. 320B. INITIATION OF REMEDIAL ACTIONS WITH RE-**  
13                      **SPECT        TO        PERFLUOROALKYL        AND**  
14                      **POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.**

15      (a) INITIATION OF REMEDIAL ACTIONS.—

16            (1) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that it is con-  
17      sistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Re-  
18      sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42  
19      U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) and any other applicable law,  
20      and except as provided in paragraph (2), not later  
21      than two years after the date of the enactment of  
22      this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall initiate in-  
23      terim remedial actions with respect to perfluoroalkyl  
24      and polyfluoroalkyl substances at not fewer than 50  
25      covered sites.

1 (2) EXCEPTION.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may ini-  
3 tiate interim remedial actions with respect to  
4 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances at  
5 fewer than 50 covered sites only if the Sec-  
6 retary cannot find enough covered sites meeting  
7 the factor specified under section  
8 300.415(b)(2)(i) of title 40, Code of Federal  
9 Regulations, or successor regulations.

10 (B) REPORT.—If the Secretary utilizes the  
11 exception under subparagraph (A), the Sec-  
12 retary shall submit to Congress a report  
13 verifying that the Secretary assessed each cov-  
14 ered site and was unable to find a sufficient  
15 number of covered sites meeting the factor  
16 specified in such subparagraph.

17 (b) TIMELY COMPLETION OF ONGOING ACTIONS.—  
18 The Secretary shall ensure the timely completion of in-  
19 terim remedial actions at installations of the Department  
20 of Defense that are ongoing as of the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act.

22 (c) COVERED SITE DEFINED.—In this section, the  
23 term “covered site”—

24 (1) means, of the 723 installations of the De-  
25 partment assessed for use or potential use of

1 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances set  
 2 forth in the publication of the Department dated  
 3 March 31, 2025, the installations at which the esti-  
 4 mated remedial investigation or feasibility study end  
 5 date is delayed as compared to the date specified for  
 6 such site in the similar publication of the Depart-  
 7 ment dated December 2024; and

8 (2) shall be interpreted consistent with the  
 9 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensa-  
 10 tion, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et  
 11 seq.) and any other applicable law.

## 12 **Subtitle C—Logistics and** 13 **Sustainment**

### 14 **SEC. 321. IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL** 15 **RECOMMENDATIONS ON EXERCISES AND** 16 **WARGAMES IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION.**

17 (a) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
 19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each  
 20 Secretary concerned shall submit to the congres-  
 21 sional defense committees and the Comptroller Gen-  
 22 eral of the United States a plan to address the fol-  
 23 lowing recommendations made by the Comptroller  
 24 General:

1 (A) Recommendations 16 through 20 in  
2 the report entitled “Weapon Systems Maintenance: DOD Needs Enhanced Assessments and  
3 Exercises to Prepare for an Indo-Pacific Conflict”(GAO–26–107710C).

6 (B) Recommendations 7 through 11 in the  
7 report entitled “Fuel Supply: DOD Is Not Prepared for a Contested Environment in the Indo-  
8 Pacific”(GAO–25–107216C).

10 (C) Recommendations 7 and 8 in the re-  
11 port entitled “Force Structure: Army and Marine Corps Face Challenges Developing New  
12 Multi-Domain Units”(GAO–24–106266C).

14 (D) Recommendations 1 and 2 in the re-  
15 port entitled “Military Readiness: Actions  
16 Needed to Ensure the Reserve Component Will  
17 Be Ready to Rapidly Respond to a Potential  
18 Conflict”(GAO–26–107579C).

19 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
20 BE IMPLEMENTED.—Each plan under paragraph (1)  
21 shall include, with respect to each recommendation  
22 described in such paragraph that the Secretary con-  
23 cerned has implemented or intends to implement—

1 (A) a summary of actions that have been  
2 taken or will be taken to implement the rec-  
3 ommendation; and

4 (B) a schedule, with specific milestones,  
5 for completing implementation of the rec-  
6 ommendation.

7 (3) IDENTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
8 NOT TO BE IMPLEMENTED.—Each plan under para-  
9 graph (1) shall include the following:

10 (A) An identification of any recommenda-  
11 tion described in such paragraph that the Sec-  
12 retary concerned does not intend to implement.

13 (B) A discussion of the reasons not to im-  
14 plement each such recommendation.

15 (C) A description of alternative actions  
16 taken or intended to be taken to address the  
17 matters identified by the Comptroller General.

18 (b) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than one  
19 year after submission by the Secretary concerned of the  
20 plan under subsection (a), the Secretary concerned shall  
21 carry out activities to implement the plan and provide a  
22 report to the congressional defense committees and the  
23 Comptroller General of the United States on the following:

1           (1) The specific maintenance and repair objec-  
2           tives developed for exercises and wargames in the  
3           Indo-Pacific region.

4           (2) Guidance on incorporating fuel storage and  
5           delivery missions into live exercises.

6           (3) With respect to the Army and the Marine  
7           Corps, the specific sustainment and transportation  
8           objectives in exercises for multi-domain units of the  
9           Army and the Marine Corps in the Indo-Pacific re-  
10          gion.

11          (4) With respect to the Army and the Air  
12          Force, the specific realistic and accurate assess-  
13          ments conducted to evaluate the ability of relevant  
14          reserve component units of the Army and the Air  
15          Force to build the required readiness to meet contin-  
16          gency response missions.

17          (c) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-  
18          tion, the term “Secretary concerned” means—

19               (1) the Secretary of Defense, with respect to  
20               actions taken by the United States Indo-Pacific  
21               Command;

22               (2) the Secretary of the Army, with respect to  
23               actions taken by the Army;

24               (3) the Secretary of the Air Force, with respect  
25               to actions taken by the Air Force; and



1 (4) the Secretary of the Navy, with respect to  
2 actions taken by the Navy and the Marine Corps.

3 **SEC. 322. INTEGRATION OF UNMANNED SYSTEMS INTO THE**  
4 **INSTALLATION PHYSICAL SECURITY PRO-**  
5 **GRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army, in co-  
7 ordination with the heads of relevant organizations of the  
8 Department of Defense, shall develop a plan for inte-  
9 grating unmanned aerial systems into the Installation  
10 Physical Security Program to expand physical security  
11 monitoring capabilities for installations and facilities of  
12 the Department of the Army within the United States.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a)  
14 shall include the following:

15 (1) A proposal for the development and imple-  
16 mentation of a cost-effective, scalable solution to  
17 physical security of installations of the Department  
18 of the Army that employs unmanned aerial systems  
19 to identify and monitor potential threats to such in-  
20 stallations.

21 (2) An identification of one installation to po-  
22 tentially host the initial development of the integra-  
23 tion required under such subsection and two loca-  
24 tions for additional activities related to such integra-

1       tion, including the criteria used to determine pro-  
2       posed locations, which shall—

3               (A) serve as potential demonstration loca-  
4               tions for installation defense architecture that  
5               utilizes autonomous threat detection and small  
6               unmanned aerial system deployment for pur-  
7               poses of persistent surveillance; and

8               (B) be chosen based on geographical diver-  
9               sity and the strategic importance of such instal-  
10              lation and locations to the overall security infra-  
11              structure of the Army.

12       (3) A comprehensive breakdown of the full costs  
13       of the integration required under such subsection,  
14       including—

15              (A) initial capital expenditure for system  
16              implementation;

17              (B) the cost of deploying unmanned aerial  
18              systems, sensors, and other related infrastruc-  
19              ture at all organic industrial base sites operated  
20              by the Department of the Army in the United  
21              States;

22              (C) estimated operation and maintenance  
23              costs;

24              (D) a detailed funding schedule with ex-  
25              penditures projected across the period covered

1 by the most recent future-years defense pro-  
2 gram submitted to Congress under section 221  
3 of title 10, United States Code (as of the date  
4 of the plan); and

5 (E) identification of potential cost-saving  
6 opportunities from the proliferation of small un-  
7 manned aerial systems and other sensors for in-  
8 stallation security purposes across the installa-  
9 tion footprint of the Army.

10 (4) An assessment of the viability of funding  
11 and sustaining the integration required under such  
12 subsection across the period covered by the most re-  
13 cent future-years defense program submitted to Con-  
14 gress under section 221 of title 10, United States  
15 Code (as of the date of the plan), considering—

16 (A) the financial impact relative to existing  
17 security infrastructure budgets of the Army, in-  
18 cluding potential impact on force structure or  
19 equipment procurement costs;

20 (B) the cost-benefit analysis of upgrading  
21 existing systems versus implementing new tech-  
22 nologies at each selected location; and

23 (C) identification of technological or policy  
24 challenges or barriers to implementing small  
25 unmanned aerial system-based persistent moni-

1           toring solutions across the footprint of the  
2           Army in the United States.

3           (5) A list of any additional authorities, appro-  
4           priations, or other resources necessary to ensure the  
5           success of the integration required under such sub-  
6           section.

7           (c) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Sep-  
8           tember 1, 2027, the Secretary of the Army shall submit  
9           to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
10          the House of Representatives a completed version of the  
11          plan developed under subsection (a).

12   **SEC. 323. GUIDANCE REGARDING GOVERNANCE STRUC-**  
13                   **TURE OF ORGANIC INDUSTRIAL BASE OF THE**  
14                   **ARMY.**

15          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
16          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
17          Army shall establish and publish guidance regarding up-  
18          dated governance of the organic industrial base of the  
19          Army.

20          (b) ELEMENTS OF GUIDANCE.—The guidance re-  
21          quired under subsection (a) shall do the following:

22                (1) Clearly delineate how decisions regarding  
23                resourcing and site operations that are currently  
24                overseen by the United States Army Materiel Com-  
25                mand and workload and acquisition requirements

1 that are currently overseen by the Assistant Sec-  
2 retary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and  
3 Technology will be reconciled to ensure the efficient  
4 functioning of the organic industrial base of the  
5 Army.

6 (2) Clearly delineate the relationship of the or-  
7 ganic industrial base of the Army with the Army  
8 Sustainment Command and the Joint Energetics  
9 Transition Office.

10 (3) Establish, maintain, and disseminate, not  
11 less frequently than annually, to all leadership re-  
12 sponsible for sites of the organic industrial base of  
13 the Army a comprehensive plan for the type and  
14 quantity of production and repair activities that will  
15 occur at each site, which shall—

16 (A) account for the current and projected  
17 needs of the Army, other military departments,  
18 and foreign partners;

19 (B) be coordinated with other production  
20 and repair activities across the Department of  
21 Defense;

22 (C) fulfill the requirements of section 351  
23 of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
24 Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60); and

1 (D) cover not less than the next three  
2 years of production or repair activities.

3 (4) Establish an updated resourcing model for  
4 the organic industrial base of the Army that—

5 (A) is focused on reducing the production  
6 costs at each site of the organic industrial base  
7 of the Army to ensure such costs are competi-  
8 tive with other similar facilities;

9 (B) describes any modifications to the  
10 Army Working Capital Fund resulting from  
11 such model; and

12 (C) describes any use of direct appropria-  
13 tions to fund overhead or other costs resulting  
14 from such model.

15 (5) Oversee and implement ongoing moderniza-  
16 tion efforts of the Army, including by establishing,  
17 maintaining, and disseminating a comprehensive  
18 plan that—

19 (A) accounts for modernization needs  
20 across all sites of the organic industrial base of  
21 the Army;

22 (B) includes the criteria used to allocate  
23 modernization funds across those sites; and

1 (C) shall be submitted to the congressional  
2 defense committees not less frequently than an-  
3 nually.

4 (6) Not later than 30 days after any decision  
5 that will decrease the workload of a site of the or-  
6 ganic industrial base of the Army by 10 percent or  
7 more, notify the congressional defense committees of  
8 such decision, which shall include an explanation for  
9 the decrease and a plan to shift other work required  
10 by the Army to the site in order to maintain work-  
11 force capability.

12 (c) ORGANIC INDUSTRIAL BASE OF THE ARMY DE-  
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “organic industrial base  
14 of the Army” means the arsenals, ammunition plants, ac-  
15 tivities, and depots of the Army.

16 **SEC. 324. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR DESIGNATION OF**  
17 **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO**  
18 **SUSTAINMENT AND READINESS OF CERTAIN**  
19 **NAVAL SURFACE VESSELS.**

20 Section 8698(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code,  
21 is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
22 by striking “the date that is one year after the date of  
23 the enactment of this section” and inserting “January 31,  
24 2028”.

1 **SEC. 325. ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT STRATEGY FOR**  
2 **SPARE PARTS FOR LOW MISSION CAPABLE**  
3 **AIRCRAFT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-  
5 tablish an acquisition and sustainment strategy for air-  
6 craft spare parts, applicable to any covered aircraft plat-  
7 form, to maximize competition and expand the defense in-  
8 dustrial base supply chain for sustainment.

9 (b) DIMINISHING MANUFACTURING SOURCES.—In  
10 carrying out the strategy established under subsection (a),  
11 the Secretary of Defense shall—

12 (1) identify spare parts of any covered aircraft  
13 platform that is subject to diminishing manufac-  
14 turing sources or material shortages;

15 (2) prioritize such parts for competitive  
16 resourcing; and

17 (3) incorporate lifecycle obsolescence planning  
18 into sustainment strategies for all covered aircraft  
19 platforms.

20 (c) PROCUREMENT.—In carrying out the strategy es-  
21 tablished under subsection (a), the Secretary shall com-  
22 petitively source spare parts identified under subsection  
23 (b) by enabling the use of—

24 (1) reverse engineering;

25 (2) advanced manufacturing;

26 (3) additive manufacturing; and



1           (4) digital engineering and technical data pack-  
2           age development.

3           (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
4 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for  
5 three years, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
6 congressional defense committees a report that includes—

7           (1) a list of covered aircraft platforms;

8           (2) mission capable rates for each such plat-  
9           form;

10          (3) actions taken to expand competition and  
11          qualify additional vendors;

12          (4) contract obligations awarded to small busi-  
13          ness concerns pursuant to this section; and

14          (5) measurable changes in aircraft availability  
15          attributable to actions under this section.

16          (e) COVERED AIRCRAFT PLATFORM DEFINED.—In  
17 this section, the term “covered aircraft platform” means  
18 any fixed-wing or rotary-wing aircraft operated by the De-  
19 partment of Defense with—

20          (1) a fleet-wide full mission capable rate of 50  
21          percent or less during the preceding fiscal year; or

22          (2) a critical mission capable rate of 40 percent  
23          or less for primary mission aircraft inventory, as de-  
24          termined by the Secretary concerned.

1 **SEC. 326. HELICOPTER SUPPORT FOR KWAJALEIN ATOLL**  
2 **AND RONALD REAGAN SPACE AND MISSILE**  
3 **TEST RANGE, MARSHALL ISLANDS.**

4 (a) PROVISION OF ROTARY WING ASSETS.—Not later  
5 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
6 the Secretary of the Army shall ensure that a sufficient  
7 quantity of rotary wing assets, including air and mainte-  
8 nance crews, spares and support equipment, and any other  
9 mission critical personnel or material, necessary to sup-  
10 port all planned test events, installation maintenance re-  
11 quirements, and personnel movement or evacuation con-  
12 tingencies are located on Kwajalein Atoll and available for  
13 mission support and tasking by the Army at Kwajalein  
14 Atoll and the Ronald Reagan Space and Missile Test  
15 Range, Marshall Islands.

16 (b) REQUIREMENT FULFILLMENT OPTIONS.—To im-  
17 plement the requirements under subsection (a), the Sec-  
18 retary of the Army may—

19 (1) consistent with section 2571 of title 10,  
20 United States Code, coordinate with the Secretary of  
21 the Air Force to obtain excess UH-1N Huey light-  
22 lift utility helicopters and any associated spares and  
23 equipment from Air Force Global Strike Command  
24 as the Air Force divests those aircraft in support of  
25 its transition to the MH-139 Grey Wolf;

1           (2) obtain new or excess UH-72 Lakota light  
2       utility helicopters and any associated spares and  
3       equipment from the Army Aviation Center of Excel-  
4       lence as the Army transitions those aircraft in from  
5       the training fleet; or

6           (3) obtain rotary wing assets for the purposes  
7       described in subsection (a) via other means, if—

8                (A) such assets fulfill the capability and  
9       timeline availability requirements described in  
10      such subsection; and

11              (B) the Secretary of the Army provides a  
12      written certification to the congressional de-  
13      fense committees not later than 30 days prior  
14      to the end of the 90-day period specified in  
15      such subsection of the intent of the Secretary to  
16      pursue such other means and that such means  
17      will fulfill the requirements of such subsection.

18      (c) LONG TERM CAPABILITY SUSTAINMENT PLAN.—

19              (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
20      after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
21      retary of the Army shall submit to the congressional  
22      defense committees a plan outlining the enduring  
23      approach of the Army to providing rotary wing as-  
24      sets for mission support and tasking by the Army at

1 Kwajalein Atoll and the Ronald Reagan Space and  
2 Missile Test Range, Marshall Islands.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required under  
4 paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 (A) An identification of the rotary wing as-  
7 sets to be made available over the next 5, 10,  
8 and 15 years.

9 (B) An initial acquisition strategy for any  
10 assets not already in the inventory of the Army,  
11 as applicable.

12 (C) A detailed lifecycle sustainment plan  
13 for any rotary wing assets provided for mission  
14 support and tasking by the Army at Kwajalein  
15 Atoll and the Ronald Reagan Space and Missile  
16 Test Range, Marshall Islands.

17 (D) A projection of anticipated costs over  
18 the upcoming future-years defense program  
19 submitted to Congress under section 221 of  
20 title 10, United States Code, for providing the  
21 capabilities described in subsection (a).

22 (E) Such other matters or recommenda-  
23 tions as the Secretary of the Army considers  
24 relevant.

1 **SEC. 327. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE WRITE-OFFS FOR DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPOTS AND ARSE-**  
3 **NALS.**

4 (a) WRITE-OFFS.—With respect to any depot or arse-  
5 nal of the Department of Defense, the Secretary of De-  
6 fense may write-off or eliminate any internal Department  
7 accounting charges, such as remaining depreciation or in-  
8 ternal debt from an account of a military department or  
9 the Department associated with capital assets that do not  
10 generate revenue due to mission realignments directed by  
11 the Federal Government.

12 (b) RECOVERY OF REVOLVING FUND CASH OUT-  
13 LAY.—Any write-off conducted under subsection (a) shall  
14 be done in a manner such that any previous revolving fund  
15 cash outlay is recovered.

16 (c) APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority  
17 under subsection (a) applies only to financial balances  
18 within the accounts of a military department or the De-  
19 partment of Defense, not to payments owed to commer-  
20 cial contractors.

21 (d) DELEGATION.—The Secretary of Defense may  
22 delegate the authority under subsection (a) to the Sec-  
23 retary of a military department.

1 **SEC. 328. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO**  
2 **PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES OR ARSENALS**  
3 **OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES.**

4 Section 7532 of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting  
7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”;

8 (2) in subsection (a), as designated by para-  
9 graph (1), by striking “, so far as those factories or  
10 arsenals can make those supplies on an economical  
11 basis” and inserting “when it is economical to do  
12 so”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(b) CERTIFICATION TO USE OTHER FACILITIES.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of the  
16 Army chooses to make munitions or weapons sys-  
17 tems outside the organic industrial base of the  
18 Army, the Secretary, acting through the Assistant  
19 Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics,  
20 and Technology, or any successor official, shall cer-  
21 tify that—

22 “(A) the choice will not undermine the ca-  
23 pacity of sites of the organic industrial base of  
24 the Army within the continental United States  
25 to produce munitions or weapons systems to  
26 meet requirements of the Department of De-

1           fense and foreign allies or partner nations of  
2           the United States;

3           “(B) due consideration was given to wheth-  
4           er it was in the interest of ensuring adequate  
5           workloads at sites of the organic industrial base  
6           of the Army to establish the capability to  
7           produce the munition or weapons system at  
8           such a site;

9           “(C) preference was given to a production  
10          facility within the continental United States;  
11          and

12          “(D) a site in the organic industrial base  
13          of the Army was not deemed ineligible for pro-  
14          duction solely because the munition or weapons  
15          systems is not currently being made at the site  
16          and consideration was given to the feasibility of  
17          increasing capability at such a site to allow it  
18          to meet the production need.

19          “(2) EXPLANATION.—If the Secretary of the  
20          Army cannot make the certification required under  
21          paragraph (1) with respect to a choice described in  
22          that paragraph, not later than 30 days before such  
23          choice is finalized, the Secretary of the Army shall  
24          submit to the Secretary of Defense and the congres-  
25          sional defense committees an explanation for why

1 such choice is in the interest of the national security  
 2 of the United States.

3 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) The term ‘economical’ means providing a  
 5 cost comparable to that of other viable production  
 6 options while also—

7 “(A) efficiently and quickly meeting the  
 8 needs of the Army and the Department of De-  
 9 fense; and

10 “(B) addressing the needs of the Army to  
 11 effectively and efficiently balance workload  
 12 across the organic industrial base of the Army  
 13 to maintain the health of the organic industrial  
 14 base.

15 “(2) The term ‘organic industrial base of the  
 16 Army’ means any operational arsenal, ammunition  
 17 plant, activity, or depot of the Army.”.

## 18 **Subtitle D—Reports**

### 19 **SEC. 341. REPORT ON STRATEGY TO MAINTAIN AND UP-** 20 **GRADE CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS STOR-** 21 **AGE FACILITIES.**

22 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
 23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
 24 of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
 25 mittees a report on the strategy of the Department of De-



1 fense to maintain and upgrade conventional munitions  
2 storage facilities (both in the continental United States  
3 and outside the continental United States) in order to en-  
4 sure the safe, effective, and long-term storage of current  
5 and future conventional munitions inventories.

6 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection  
7 (a) shall include the following:

8 (1) A comprehensive description of the current  
9 strategy and practices of the United States Army  
10 Materiel Command for maintaining, repairing, and  
11 upgrading conventional munitions storage facilities,  
12 including any ongoing or planned investments in in-  
13 frastructure modernization.

14 (2) A detailed assessment of the current condi-  
15 tion of all conventional munitions storage facilities,  
16 including—

17 (A) the percentage or proportion of facili-  
18 ties at each installation of the Department of  
19 Defense that meet applicable standards of the  
20 Department of Defense, the Department of the  
21 Army, and industry for conventional munitions  
22 storage;

23 (B) the percentage or proportion of storage  
24 capacity currently housing obsolete, outdated,  
25 or operationally irrelevant munitions; and

1 (C) an identification of the funds necessary  
2 to invest in sustained conventional munitions  
3 readiness.

4 (3) An evaluation of the sufficiency of climate-  
5 controlled storage facilities to support the full execu-  
6 tion of conventional munitions acquisition, storage,  
7 and prepositioning plans, including the ability to  
8 preposition stocks at installations outside the conti-  
9 nental United States in support of requirements of  
10 the commanders of the combatant commands, in-  
11 cluding by specifically addressing projected shortfalls  
12 (by location and capacity) and any associated risks  
13 to conventional munitions readiness.

14 (4) A strategy for coordinating conventional  
15 munitions storage requirements and facility mod-  
16 ernization priorities across the Department of De-  
17 fense, including mechanisms to align storage needs  
18 with service-specific and theater-specific operational  
19 plans.

20 (5) A detailed plan to ensure that adequate  
21 storage facilities are available under conventional  
22 munitions procurement planned under the Munitions  
23 Acceleration Council of the Department of Defense  
24 in conditions that preserve the effectiveness of such  
25 munitions.

1 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by sub-  
 2 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but  
 3 may include a classified annex if necessary to protect sen-  
 4 sitive operational or force-protection information.

5 **SEC. 342. RISK ASSESSMENT OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL**  
 6 **SYSTEMS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
 8 conduct a risk assessment to evaluate the air traffic con-  
 9 trol systems owned and operated by any entity of the De-  
 10 partment of Defense and operated within the airspace of  
 11 the United States and develop a modernization plan to up-  
 12 date those systems.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by sub-  
 14 section (a) shall be comprehensive across all branches of  
 15 the Armed Forces and shall—

16 (1) review the air traffic control systems as-  
 17 sessed by the Department in the report dated De-  
 18 cember 2018 and entitled, “Report to Congress on  
 19 Air Traffic Control Facilities” and assess any new  
 20 systems implemented after the date of such report;

21 (2) assess the status, as of the date of the as-  
 22 sessment under subsection (a), of the functionality  
 23 for the air traffic control systems specified in para-  
 24 graph (1), including—

25 (A) an assessment of facility condition;

1 (B) an assessment of technology and  
2 equipment condition;

3 (C) an identification of deficiencies in con-  
4 ditions assessed under subparagraphs (A) and  
5 (B);

6 (D) the cost of addressing such defi-  
7 ciencies; and

8 (E) a timeline for addressing such defi-  
9 ciencies;

10 (3) identify the ongoing investments by the De-  
11 partment to modernize air traffic control systems;

12 (4) assess the progress made in implementing  
13 modernization investments to such systems, includ-  
14 ing—

15 (A) barriers or challenges to such imple-  
16 mentation;

17 (B) existing mitigation strategies; and

18 (C) recommendations for authorities, re-  
19 sources, or policy changes; and

20 (5) assess system compatibility and moderniza-  
21 tion alignment with efforts by the Department of  
22 Transportation and the Federal Aviation Adminis-  
23 tration to modernize the air traffic control system of  
24 the United States through the “Brand New Air  
25 Traffic Control System”.

1       (c) SUBMITTAL OF ASSESSMENT AND PLAN.—Not  
 2 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of  
 3 this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional  
 4 defense committees the assessment and plan required  
 5 under subsection (a).

6       (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after  
 7 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-  
 8 after, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional de-  
 9 fense committees a report detailing the status of modern-  
 10 izing the air traffic control systems used by the Depart-  
 11 ment.

## 12                   **Subtitle E—Other Matters**

### 13   **SEC. 351. MODIFICATION OF DEPOTS FOR WHICH MINIMUM** 14                   **CAPITAL INVESTMENT IS REQUIRED.**

15       Section 2476(f)(1) of title 10, United States Code,  
 16 is amended by adding at the end the following:

17                   “(J) Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky.

18                   “(K) Sierra Army Depot, California.

19                   “(L) Hawthorne Army Depot, Nevada.”.

1 **SEC. 352. IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
2 **INSPECTOR GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS**  
3 **RELATING TO EVALUATION OF MANAGEMENT**  
4 **OF CANINE WELFARE UNDER MILITARY**  
5 **WORKING DOG PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, and except as provided  
8 in subsection (b), the Secretary of the Air Force shall im-  
9 plement each recommendation of the Inspector General of  
10 the Department of Defense contained in the report dated  
11 February 17, 2026, and entitled, “Evaluation of the DoD  
12 Military Working Dog Program’s Management of Canine  
13 Welfare” (DODIG–2026–057).

14 (b) NON-IMPLEMENTATION REPORTING REQUIRE-  
15 MENT.—If the Secretary of the Air Force elects to not  
16 implement a recommendation specified under subsection  
17 (a), the Secretary shall, not later than one year after the  
18 date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the Commit-  
19 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of  
20 Representatives a report that includes a justification for  
21 such election.

22 **SEC. 353. PROHIBITION ON OPERATION OF CONNECTED VE-**  
23 **HICLES OF CONCERN ON MILITARY INSTAL-**  
24 **LATIONS AND OTHER PROPERTY OF THE DE-**  
25 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

26 (a) PROHIBITION PHASE I.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—After July 1, 2027, no con-  
2           nected vehicle designated under paragraph (2) may  
3           be operated on a military installation or on any  
4           other property of the Department of Defense.

5           (2) DESIGNATED VEHICLES.—A connected vehi-  
6           cle is designated under this paragraph if it is prohib-  
7           ited under part 791 of title 15, Code of Federal  
8           Regulations (or successor regulations).

9           (b) PROHIBITION PHASE II.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—After January 1, 2029, no  
11           connected vehicle designated under paragraph (2)  
12           may be operated on a military installation or on any  
13           other property of the Department of Defense.

14           (2) DESIGNATED VEHICLES.—A connected vehi-  
15           cle is designated under this paragraph if it is—

16                   (A) designated under subsection (a)(2);  
17                   and

18                   (B) determined by the Secretary of De-  
19                   fense, pursuant to the process established in the  
20                   implementation plan under subsection (c)—

21                           (i) to be designed, developed, manu-  
22                           factured, or supplied by a person or per-  
23                           sons owned by, controlled by, or subject to  
24                           the jurisdiction or direction of a foreign  
25                           entity of concern; and

1 (ii) to pose—

2 (I) an undue risk of sabotage to  
3 or subversion of the information and  
4 communications technology and serv-  
5 ices of a military installation;

6 (II) an undue risk of catastrophic  
7 effects on the security or resiliency of  
8 defense critical infrastructure; or

9 (III) an unacceptable risk to the  
10 national security of the United States  
11 or the security and safety of United  
12 States persons.

13 (3) PUBLICATION OF LIST.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
15 publish and maintain on a publicly available  
16 website of the Department a list of connected  
17 vehicles designated under paragraph (2).

18 (B) ANNUAL REVIEW.—Not less frequently  
19 than annually, the Secretary shall review the  
20 list required under subparagraph (A) and shall  
21 make such additions, subtractions, supplements,  
22 or amendments to the list as the Secretary de-  
23 termines appropriate.

24 (C) EXPLANATION OF REMOVALS.—Any  
25 review under subparagraph (B) that removes a



1 vehicle from the list under subparagraph (A)  
2 shall include a written explanation of the basis  
3 for such removal.

4 (c) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1,  
6 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
7 congressional defense committees an implementation  
8 plan for carrying out the prohibitions under sub-  
9 sections (a) and (b).

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The implementation plan  
11 under paragraph (1) shall include—

12 (A) identification of the lead office within  
13 the Department of Defense responsible for im-  
14 plementing and overseeing this section, and an  
15 assessment of personnel and funding required  
16 to sustain that office to meet the requirements  
17 of annual reviews conducted under subsection  
18 (e);

19 (B) a verification mechanism through  
20 which military installations will identify con-  
21 nected vehicles designated under subsection  
22 (a)(2) or (b)(2) that are seeking access to the  
23 installation, including an evaluation of vehicle  
24 registration database and point-of-entry screen-

1 ing, as well as consultation with State motor ve-  
2 hicle authorities;

3 (C) the analytical process and criteria  
4 through which the lead office will designate con-  
5 nected vehicles under subsection (b)(2), includ-  
6 ing methodology for assessing ownership and  
7 supply chain relationships to foreign entities of  
8 concern and the risk factors under subpara-  
9 graph (B)(ii) of such subsection, incorporating  
10 existing Federal rules and interagency coordina-  
11 tion; and

12 (D) an assessment of the impact on indi-  
13 viduals with authorized access to military in-  
14 stallations, including military retirees, military  
15 families, and civilian employees, and measures  
16 to balance security requirements with mini-  
17 mizing the burden on such individuals and  
18 minimizing the impact to readiness of the  
19 Armed Forces.

20 (d) NOTICE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
22 shall provide not less than 180 days notice before a  
23 prohibition under subsection (a) or (b) takes effect  
24 with respect to any newly designated vehicle under  
25 such subsection, during which period individuals

1 with authorized access to a military installation who  
2 own or operate such a vehicle may continue to access  
3 the installation.

4 (2) FORM.—The Secretary shall provide notice  
5 under paragraph (1) by publication on a publicly  
6 available website of the Department of Defense and  
7 by such other means as the Secretary determines ap-  
8 propriate to reach affected individuals.

9 (e) CERTIFICATION.—The prohibitions under sub-  
10 sections (a) and (b) shall take effect only upon the submis-  
11 sion by the Secretary of Defense of a certification to the  
12 congressional defense committees that the Department of  
13 Defense has—

14 (1) the resources, personnel, and screening  
15 mechanisms in place to enforce the prohibition at  
16 military installations; and

17 (2) in the case of a prohibition under subsection  
18 (b), the resources, personnel, and analytical capacity  
19 in place to conduct the designation review process  
20 under paragraph (3)(B) of such subsection on an  
21 ongoing basis.

22 (f) NOTIFICATION IF UNABLE TO CERTIFY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of Defense  
24 is unable to make a certification under subsection  
25 (e) with respect to a prohibition under subsection (a)

1 or (b), the Secretary shall submit to the Committees  
2 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of  
3 Representatives a notification of that fact, includ-  
4 ing—

5 (A) an explanation of why the Secretary is  
6 not ready to implement the relevant prohibition;

7 (B) an identification of the steps the Sec-  
8 retary has taken to prepare for implementation  
9 of such prohibition;

10 (C) an identification of the additional steps  
11 that remain before the Secretary is ready to im-  
12 plement such prohibition; and

13 (D) a timeline for each step to be carried  
14 out under subparagraph (C).

15 (2) TIMING.—The Secretary shall submit the  
16 notifications required under paragraph (1)—

17 (A) with respect to the prohibition under  
18 subsection (a), not later than July 1, 2027, and  
19 not less frequently than every 180 days there-  
20 after; and

21 (B) with respect to the prohibition under  
22 subsection (b), not later than January 1, 2029,  
23 and not less frequently than every 180 days  
24 thereafter.

25 (g) WAIVER.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
2           may waive a prohibition under subsection (a) or (b)  
3           with respect to a military installation, category of in-  
4           stallations, or class of connected vehicles upon a de-  
5           termination that operational requirements or na-  
6           tional security considerations warrant such waiver,  
7           and may delegate such waiver authority to such offi-  
8           cials or commanders as the Secretary considers ap-  
9           propriate.

10          (2) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall notify  
11          the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate  
12          and the House of Representatives of any waiver  
13          issued under paragraph (1) not later than 30 days  
14          after issuance of the waiver, including a rationale for  
15          the waiver.

16          (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17               (1) CONNECTED VEHICLE.—The term “con-  
18               nected vehicle” has the meaning given that term in  
19               section 791.301 of title 15, Code of Federal Regula-  
20               tions, or successor regulations.

21               (2) DEFENSE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.—  
22               The term “defense critical infrastructure” has the  
23               meaning given the term “critical infrastructure of  
24               the Department of Defense” in section 1650(e) of  
25               the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

1 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C. 2224  
2 note).

3 (3) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term  
4 “foreign entity of concern” has the meaning given  
5 that term in section 9901 of the William M. (Mac)  
6 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for  
7 Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651).

8 (4) MILITARY INSTALLATION.—The term “mili-  
9 tary installation” has the meaning given that term  
10 in section 2801(c) of title 10, United States Code.

11 **SEC. 354. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
12 **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE**  
13 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-  
15 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-  
16 cal year 2027 for operation and maintenance, defense-  
17 wide, and available for the Office of the Secretary of De-  
18 fense for travel expenses, not more than 25 percent may  
19 be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense  
20 carries out the following:

21 (1) Complies with the requirements of section  
22 1067 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-  
23 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for  
24 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 138 Stat.  
25 2071).

1           (2) Submits to the congressional defense com-  
2           mittees the procedures for notifications relating to  
3           Department of Defense sensitive activities required  
4           by section 130g of title 10, United States Code.

5           (3) Submits to the congressional defense com-  
6           mittees, the Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
7           Senate, and the Permanent Select Committee on In-  
8           telligence of the House of Representatives a certifi-  
9           cation that the requirements of section 430e of title  
10          10, United States Code, have been implemented.

11          (4) Submits to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
12          ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
13          the unredacted investigation, including relevant sup-  
14          porting documents, directed by the Commander of  
15          the United States Special Operations Command on  
16          January 20, 2026.

17          (5) Submits to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
18          ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
19          unredacted civilian harm investigations, including all  
20          relevant supporting documents, for the strikes on  
21          the Ras Isa Port in Yemen on April 17, 2025, the  
22          Ayn Wadi Barracks Warehouses in Yemen on April  
23          28, 2025, a residence in Yemen on April 6, 2025,  
24          and the Minab girls school in Iran on February 28,  
25          2026.

1           (6) Submits to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
2       ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
3       the report relating to allied and partner support to  
4       Ukraine required by section 1243 of the National  
5       Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024  
6       (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 460), as amended by  
7       section 1245 of the National Defense Authorization  
8       Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139  
9       Stat. 1104).

10          (7) Provides to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
11       ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
12       unedited video of strikes conducted against des-  
13       ignated terrorist organizations in the area of respon-  
14       sibility of the United States Southern Command.

15       (b) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

16          (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after  
17       the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 30  
18       days thereafter until the Secretary submits the mat-  
19       ters specified in subsection (a), the Under Secretary  
20       of Defense (Comptroller) shall submit to the con-  
21       gressional defense committees a report detailing the  
22       status of funds authorized to be appropriated by this  
23       Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027  
24       for operation and maintenance, defense-wide, and



1 available for the Office of the Secretary of Defense  
2 for travel expenses.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—At a minimum, each report  
4 required by paragraph (1) shall specify the amounts  
5 available, obligated, and expended for travel ex-  
6 penses.

7 **SEC. 355. LIMITATION ON USE OF TRAVEL FUNDS FOR SEC-**  
8 **RETARY OF THE AIR FORCE UNTIL BRIEFING**  
9 **ON WEST LAB PROJECT AT LINCOLN LABORA-**  
10 **TORY.**

11 Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this  
12 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
13 operation and maintenance, Air Force, and available for  
14 travel expenses for the Office of the Secretary of the Air  
15 Force, not more than 85 percent may be obligated or ex-  
16 pended until the date on which the Secretary of the Air  
17 Force provides to the Committees on Armed Services of  
18 the Senate and the House of Representatives an unclassi-  
19 fied briefing on—

20 (1) the status of the West Lab Project at the  
21 Lincoln Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute  
22 of Technology, including planning and construction  
23 timelines and milestones as of the date of the brief-  
24 ing;

1           (2) the resources needed to complete the West  
 2       Lab Project, disaggregated by phase of construction  
 3       and fiscal year when funds are needed;

4           (3) with respect to delays of the West Lab  
 5       Project—

6           (A) the causes of any such delay;

7           (B) the impact of any additional delays on  
 8       the cost and schedule of construction of such  
 9       project; and

10          (C) the impact of delays on the activities  
 11       and projects funded by the Department of De-  
 12       fense at the Lincoln Laboratory; and

13          (4) the plan of the Secretary of the Air Force  
 14       to award a construction contract for the rest of the  
 15       West Lab Project by not later than June 2027, with  
 16       construction to be completed by June 2029.

17 **SEC. 356. NAMING OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF THE DEPART-**  
 18 **MENT OF DEFENSE IN THE COMMONWEALTH**  
 19 **OF VIRGINIA.**

20       (a) NAMING OF ASSETS IN VIRGINIA.—Not later  
 21 than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act  
 22 the Secretary of Defense shall implement the naming rec-  
 23 ommendations for assets of the Department of Defense  
 24 in the Commonwealth of Virginia that were adopted by  
 25 the Commission.

1 (b) PROHIBITION RELATING TO OVERRIDING REC-  
 2 OMMENDATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may not  
 3 change the name of an asset described in subsection (a)  
 4 to any name other than the name required under such  
 5 subsection.

6 (c) COMMISSION DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
 7 “Commission” means the commission established under  
 8 section 370(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-  
 9 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
 10 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

11 **SEC. 357. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY**  
 12 **AVIATION AND INSTALLATION ASSURANCE**  
 13 **CLEARINGHOUSE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 183a of title 10, United  
 15 States Code, is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-  
 17 section (i); and

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

20 “(h) TIMELINES.—(1) For any project for which the  
 21 Secretary of Defense determines, based on the preliminary  
 22 review conducted under subsection (c), that the proposed  
 23 action may have an adverse impact on operations and  
 24 readiness of the armed forces, the Secretary shall complete  
 25 the review under subsection (d), conduct any mitigation

1 discussions the Secretary determines appropriate, and  
2 issue a final determination consistent with subsections (c)  
3 and (e), including whether the proposed project would re-  
4 sult in an unacceptable risk to the national security of the  
5 United States, not later than 180 days after the date on  
6 which the Clearinghouse receives the relevant notice, fil-  
7 ing, or request for review, unless the applicant agrees in  
8 writing to an extension.

9       “(2) For any project for which the Secretary of De-  
10 fense determines, based on the preliminary review con-  
11 ducted under subsection (c), that the proposed action does  
12 not have an adverse impact on operations and readiness  
13 of the armed forces, the Secretary shall issue a final deter-  
14 mination consistent with subsections (c) and (e), including  
15 whether the proposed project would result in an unaccept-  
16 able risk to the national security of the United States, not  
17 later than five days after completion of the preliminary  
18 review.

19       “(3) The Secretary may not extend, restart, or other-  
20 wise delay a deadline established under this subsection  
21 based on requests for additional information, recharacter-  
22 ization of previously identified issues, ongoing mitigation  
23 discussions, or the absence of an executed mitigation  
24 agreement.

1       “(4) For purposes of this subsection, a notice, filing,  
2 or request for review shall be deemed received by the  
3 Clearinghouse on the earlier of—

4               “(A) the date on which the Clearinghouse actu-  
5 ally receives such notice, filing, or request; or

6               “(B) the date that is 60 days after the appli-  
7 cant provides notice to the Clearinghouse that it has  
8 submitted to a Federal agency information sufficient  
9 to initiate review under this section.

10       “(5) Failure to meet any deadline under this sub-  
11 section shall constitute an unreasonable delay.

12       “(6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to  
13 modify or alter the substantive standards or national secu-  
14 rity authorities applicable under this section, but only to  
15 establish procedural requirements governing the timing  
16 and completion of review by the Department of Defense.”.

17       (b) APPLICABILITY.—With respect to a project de-  
18 scribed in subsection (h)(1) of section 183a of title 10,  
19 United States Code, for which the relevant notice, filing,  
20 or request for review was submitted before the date of the  
21 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall comply with the  
22 requirements under such subsection by not later than the  
23 later of—

24               (1) 180 days after the date on which the Mili-  
25 tary Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting

1 Clearinghouse received and recorded the relevant no-  
2 tice, filing, or request for review; or

3 (2) 90 days after the date of the enactment of  
4 this Act.

5 **TITLE IV—MILITARY**  
6 **PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS**  
7 **Subtitle A—Active Forces**

8 **SEC. 401. END STRENGTHS FOR ACTIVE FORCES.**

9 The Armed Forces are authorized strengths for active  
10 duty personnel as of September 30, 2027, as follows:

11 (1) The Army, 469,000.

12 (2) The Navy, 356,600.

13 (3) The Marine Corps, 173,700.

14 (4) The Air Force, 330,400.

15 (5) The Space Force, 13,200.

16 **Subtitle B—Reserve Forces**

17 **SEC. 411. END STRENGTHS FOR SELECTED RESERVE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Armed Forces are authorized  
19 strengths for Selected Reserve personnel of the reserve  
20 components as of September 30, 2027, as follows:

21 (1) The Army National Guard of the United  
22 States, 331,300.

23 (2) The Army Reserve, 172,000.

24 (3) The Navy Reserve, 56,500.

25 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 34,700.

1           (5) The Air National Guard of the United  
2 States, 107,400.

3           (6) The Air Force Reserve, 67,400.

4           (7) The Coast Guard Reserve, 8,500.

5       (b) END STRENGTH REDUCTIONS.—The end  
6 strengths prescribed by subsection (a) for the Selected Re-  
7 serve of any reserve component shall be proportionately  
8 reduced by—

9           (1) the total authorized strength of units orga-  
10 nized to serve as units of the Selected Reserve of  
11 such component which are on active duty (other  
12 than for training) at the end of the fiscal year; and

13          (2) the total number of individual members not  
14 in units organized to serve as units of the Selected  
15 Reserve of such component who are on active duty  
16 (other than for training or for unsatisfactory partici-  
17 pation in training) without their consent at the end  
18 of the fiscal year.

19       (c) END STRENGTH INCREASES.—Whenever units or  
20 individual members of the Selected Reserve for any reserve  
21 component are released from active duty during any fiscal  
22 year, the end strength prescribed for such fiscal year for  
23 the Selected Reserve of such reserve component shall be  
24 increased proportionately by the total authorized strengths

1 of such units and by the total number of such individual  
2 members.

3 **SEC. 412. END STRENGTHS FOR RESERVES ON ACTIVE**  
4 **DUTY IN SUPPORT OF THE RESERVES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Within the end strengths pre-  
6 scribed in section 411(a), the reserve components of the  
7 Armed Forces are authorized, as of September 30, 2027,  
8 the following number of Reserves to be serving on full-  
9 time active duty or full-time duty, in the case of members  
10 of the National Guard, for the purpose of organizing, ad-  
11 ministering, recruiting, instructing, or training the reserve  
12 components:

13 (1) The Army National Guard of the United  
14 States, 31,154.

15 (2) The Army Reserve, 16,511.

16 (3) The Navy Reserve, 10,649.

17 (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 2,400.

18 (5) The Air National Guard of the United  
19 States, 25,533.

20 (6) The Air Force Reserve, 6,278.

21 (b) ADHERENCE TO AGREEMENTS WITH STATES.—  
22 In executing these authorizations for fiscal year 2027, the  
23 Department of Defense—



1           (1) shall adhere to any agreements made with  
2       states as a result of releveling efforts or manning  
3       studies; and

4           (2) may use authorized variance authority to  
5       meet these requirements.

6 **SEC. 413. END STRENGTHS FOR MILITARY TECHNICIANS**  
7           **(DUAL STATUS).**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—The minimum number of military  
9       technicians (dual status) as of the last day of fiscal year  
10      2027 for the reserve components of the Army and the Air  
11      Force (notwithstanding section 129 of title 10, United  
12      States Code) shall be the following:

13           (1) For the Army National Guard of the United  
14      States, 20,037.

15           (2) For the Army Reserve, 5,870.

16           (3) For the Air National Guard of the United  
17      States, 10,824.

18           (4) For the Air Force Reserve, 6,450.

19       (b) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF TEMPORARY MILI-  
20      TARY TECHNICIANS (DUAL STATUS).—The number of  
21      temporary military technicians (dual status) employed  
22      under the authority of subsection (a) may not exceed 25  
23      percent of the total authorized number specified in such  
24      subsection.

1       (c) LIMITATION.—Under no circumstances may a  
 2 military technician (dual status) employed under the au-  
 3 thority of this section be coerced by a State into accepting  
 4 an offer of realignment or conversion to any other military  
 5 status, including as a member of the Active, Guard, and  
 6 Reserve component. If a military technician (dual status)  
 7 declines to participate in such realignment or conversion,  
 8 no further action will be taken against the individual or  
 9 the individual's position.

10 **SEC. 414. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RESERVE PERSONNEL AU-**  
 11 **THORIZED TO BE ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR**  
 12 **OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.**

13       During fiscal year 2027, the maximum number of  
 14 members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces  
 15 who may be serving at any time on full-time operational  
 16 support duty under section 115(b) of title 10, United  
 17 States Code, is the following:

- 18           (1) The Army National Guard of the United  
 19 States, 17,000.
- 20           (2) The Army Reserve, 13,000.
- 21           (3) The Navy Reserve, 6,200.
- 22           (4) The Marine Corps Reserve, 3,000.
- 23           (5) The Air National Guard of the United  
 24 States, 16,000.
- 25           (6) The Air Force Reserve, 14,000.

1           **Subtitle C—Authorization of**  
2                           **Appropriations**

3   **SEC. 421. MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

4           (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds  
5 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year  
6 2027 for the use of the Armed Forces and other activities  
7 and agencies of the Department of Defense for expenses,  
8 not otherwise provided for, for military personnel, as spec-  
9 ified in the funding table in section 4401.

10          (b) CONSTRUCTION OF AUTHORIZATION.—The au-  
11 thorization of appropriations in the subsection (a) super-  
12 sedes any other authorization of appropriations (definite  
13 or indefinite) for such purpose for fiscal year 2027.

14   **TITLE V—MILITARY PERSONNEL**  
15                           **POLICY**

16           **Subtitle A—Officer Personnel**  
17                           **Policy**

18   **SEC. 501. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DELAYED**  
19                           **PROMOTIONS.**

20          Section 624(d) of title 10, United States Code, is  
21 amended—

22           (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the  
23 following: “In the case of an officer whose promotion  
24 is delayed pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary  
25 of Defense shall notify the congressional defense

1 committees of such delay not later than 30 days  
2 after the date on which the delay is imposed. Such  
3 notification shall include—

4 “(A) the reason for the delay, including a de-  
5 scription of any adverse information or basis for  
6 concern;

7 “(B) the anticipated duration of the delay;

8 “(C) the status of any review or investigation  
9 associated with the delay; and

10 “(D) such other information as the Secretary  
11 considers appropriate.”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “, unless  
13 it is impracticable to give such written notice before  
14 the effective date of the appointment, in which case  
15 such written notice shall be given as soon as prac-  
16 ticable”.

17 **SEC. 502. TEMPORARY WITHHOLDING OF OFFICER NOMI-**  
18 **NATIONS AND PROMOTION RECOMMENDA-**  
19 **TIONS.**

20 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Under regulations prescribed by  
21 the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary may temporarily  
22 withhold the forwarding or processing of an officer nomi-  
23 nation or promotion recommendation for not more than  
24 30 days.

1 (b) DISPOSITION.—Upon expiration of the period  
2 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall—

3 (1) forward the nomination or recommendation  
4 for further processing;

5 (2) take appropriate action to permanently re-  
6 move the officer from consideration due to a sub-  
7 stantiated finding of misconduct; or

8 (3) provide a written determination to the Sec-  
9 retary concerned, including the basis for continued  
10 withholding, to justify an extension under subsection  
11 (c).

12 (c) EXTENSION AND NOTIFICATION.—Any with-  
13 holding that exceeds 30 days shall be accompanied by writ-  
14 ten notification to the Committee on Armed Services of  
15 the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the  
16 House of Representatives, including a detailed explanation  
17 of the basis for such continued withholding.

18 (d) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be  
19 construed to limit the authority of the President to remove  
20 an officer from a promotion list under section 629 of title  
21 10, United States Code.

22 **SEC. 503. ENHANCED AUTHORITY FOR EARLY DISCHARGES.**

23 Section 580a(a) of title 10, United States Code, is  
24 amended by striking “October 1, 2015, and ending on Oc-

1 tober 1, 2019” and inserting “October 1, 2025, and end-  
 2 ing on October 1, 2030”.

3 **SEC. 504. OFFICER RETIREMENT DETERMINATIONS.**

4 (a) CONDITIONAL RETIREMENTS PENDING INVES-  
 5 TIGATIONS, ADVERSE ACTIONS, AND OTHER ADMINISTRA-  
 6 TIVE ACTIONS.—

7 (1) ELIMINATION OF LIMITATION ON REDUC-  
 8 TION OR WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT FOR OFFICERS  
 9 UNDER INVESTIGATION OR PENDING MIS-  
 10 CONDUCT.—Section 1370 of title 10, United States  
 11 Code, is amended—

12 (A) in subsection (b)—

13 (i) by striking paragraph (4); and

14 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (5)  
 15 through (7) as paragraphs (4) through (6),  
 16 respectively; and

17 (B) in subsection (c)(4), by striking “sub-  
 18 section (b)(6)” and inserting “subsection  
 19 (b)(5)”.

20 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.—Subsection (d)  
 21 of such section is amended—

22 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
 23 “PENDING INVESTIGATION OR ADVERSE AC-  
 24 TION” and inserting “PENDING INVESTIGA-

1 TION, ADVERSE ACTION, OR OTHER ADMINIS-  
 2 TRATIVE ACTION”;

3 (B) in paragraph (1)—

4 (i) by inserting “or other administra-  
 5 tive action” after “adverse personnel ac-  
 6 tion”; and

7 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
 8 “highest permanent grade of satisfactory  
 9 service” and inserting “highest grade of  
 10 satisfactory service”;

11 (C) in paragraph (2)—

12 (i) by inserting “or other administra-  
 13 tive action” after “adverse personnel ac-  
 14 tion”; and

15 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
 16 “highest permanent grade of satisfactory  
 17 service” and inserting “highest grade of  
 18 satisfactory service”;

19 (D) by striking paragraph (3); and

20 (E) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
 21 paragraph (3).

22 (b) LIMITATION ON DETERMINATIONS OF UNSATIS-  
 23 FACTORY SERVICE.—

1           (1) REGULAR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—Sec-  
2           tion 1370 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
3           ed—

4                   (A) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
5           section (h); and

6                   (B) by inserting after subsection (f) the  
7           following new subsection:

8           “(g) LIMITATION ON DETERMINATIONS OF UNSATIS-  
9           FACTORY SERVICE.—(1) The Secretary concerned, or the  
10          Secretary of Defense, as the case may be, may not make  
11          a determination that an officer has not performed satisfac-  
12          tory service for purposes of this section unless the officer  
13          is the subject of credible adverse information.

14          “(2) For the purposes of this subsection, adverse in-  
15          formation is any substantiated finding or conclusion from  
16          an officially documented investigation or inquiry. To be  
17          credible, the information must be resolved and supported  
18          by a preponderance of the evidence. To be adverse, the  
19          information must be derogatory, unfavorable, or of a na-  
20          ture that reflects clearly unacceptable conduct, integrity,  
21          or judgment on the part of the individual.”.

22           (2) OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RETIRED PAY FOR  
23          NON-REGULAR SERVICE.—Section 1370a of title 10,  
24          United States Code, is amended—



1 (A) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-  
2 section (i); and

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

5 “(h) LIMITATION ON DETERMINATIONS OF UNSATIS-  
6 FACTORY SERVICE.—(1) The Secretary concerned, or the  
7 Secretary of Defense, as the case may be, may not make  
8 a determination that an officer has not performed satisfac-  
9 tory service for purposes of this section unless the officer  
10 is the subject of credible adverse information.

11 “(2) For the purposes of this subsection, adverse in-  
12 formation is any substantiated finding or conclusion from  
13 an officially documented investigation or inquiry. To be  
14 credible, the information must be resolved and supported  
15 by a preponderance of the evidence. To be adverse, the  
16 information must be derogatory, unfavorable, or of a na-  
17 ture that reflects clearly unacceptable conduct, integrity,  
18 or judgment on the part of the individual.”.

19 (3) SELECTED RESERVE OF THE READY RE-  
20 SERVE.—Section 12741 of title 10, United States  
21 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following  
22 new subsection:

23 “(e) LIMITATION ON DETERMINATIONS OF UNSATIS-  
24 FACTORY SERVICE.—(1) The Secretary concerned may  
25 not make a determination that a person has not performed

1 satisfactory service for purposes of this section unless the  
 2 person is the subject of credible adverse information.

3 “(2) For the purposes of this subsection, adverse in-  
 4 formation is any substantiated finding or conclusion from  
 5 an officially documented investigation or inquiry. To be  
 6 credible, the information must be resolved and supported  
 7 by a preponderance of the evidence. To be adverse, the  
 8 information must be derogatory, unfavorable, or of a na-  
 9 ture that reflects clearly unacceptable conduct, integrity,  
 10 or judgment on the part of the individual.”.

11 **SEC. 505. RETIREMENT OF REGULAR NAVY WARRANT OFFI-**  
 12 **CERS AND MARINE CORPS MARINE GUNNER**  
 13 **WARRANT OFFICERS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE.**

14 Section 1305(a) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 15 amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “33 years”  
 17 and inserting “35 years”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
 19 paragraph:

20 “(4) In the case of a regular Navy warrant officer  
 21 in the grade of chief warrant officer, W-4, or a Marine  
 22 Corps Marine Gunner warrant officer in such grade, the  
 23 officer shall be retired 60 days after the date on which  
 24 the officer completes 32 years of total active service.”.

1 **SEC. 506. AUTHORITY TO IMPROVE RETENTION FOR PER-**  
2 **MANENT PROFESSORS OF THE UNITED**  
3 **STATES ARMY WAR COLLEGE.**

4 (a) APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSORS OF THE UNITED  
5 STATES ARMY WAR COLLEGE.—Section 7153(a) of title  
6 10, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “branches and as professors”  
8 and inserting “branches, as professors”; and

9 (2) by inserting “, and professors of the United  
10 States Army War College” before the period at the  
11 end.

12 (b) APPOINTMENTS, GRADES, AND LEAVES OF AB-  
13 SENCE FOR PERMANENT PROFESSORS OF THE UNITED  
14 STATES ARMY WAR COLLEGE.—Chapter 723 of title 10,  
15 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
16 following new section:

17 **“§ 7219. Permanent Military Professors of the United**  
18 **States Army War College: appointments,**  
19 **grades, and leaves of absence**

20 “(a) APPOINTMENTS.—The permanent military pro-  
21 fessors of the United States Army War College shall be  
22 appointed by the President, by and with the advice and  
23 consent of the Senate.

24 “(b) GRADES AND PROMOTIONS.—A permanent mili-  
25 tary professor of the United States Army War College,  
26 who has served as such a professor for more than six

1 years, has the grade of colonel. However, a permanent  
 2 military professor appointed from the Regular Army has  
 3 the grade of colonel after the date when the officer com-  
 4 pletes six years of service as a professor, or after the date  
 5 on which the officer would have been promoted had the  
 6 officer been selected for promotion from among officers  
 7 in the promotion zone, whichever is earlier. All other per-  
 8 manent military professors have the grade of lieutenant  
 9 colonel.

10 “(c) LEAVES OF ABSENCE.—The Commandant of the  
 11 United States Army War College may grant a leave of ab-  
 12 sence for the period of the suspension of the ordinary aca-  
 13 demic studies, without deduction of pay or allowances, to  
 14 a military professor, associate professor, assistant pro-  
 15 fessor, instructor, or other officer of the United States  
 16 Army War College.”.

17 (c) RATES OF PAY FOR PERMANENT PROFESSORS OF  
 18 THE UNITED STATES ARMY WAR COLLEGE.—Section 203  
 19 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
 20 “the United States Army War College,” after “the United  
 21 States Military Academy,” both places it appears.

22 (d) RETIREMENT OF PERMANENT PROFESSORS.—

23 (1) RETIREMENT OF PERMANENT PROFESSORS  
 24 OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY WAR COLLEGE.—Sec-  
 25 tion 7320(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is

1       amended by inserting “and the United States Army  
2       War College” before the period at the end.

3               (2) MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR PERMA-  
4       NENT PROFESSORS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
5       WAR COLLEGE.—Section 1252 of title 10, United  
6       States Code, is amended—

7               (A) in the section heading, by inserting  
8       **“and the United States Army War Col-  
9       lege”** after **“at academies”**; and

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

12              “(4) An officer who is a permanent professor of  
13       the United States Army War College.”.

14   **SEC. 507. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF RELIEF OR**  
15               **EARLY DEPARTURE OF CERTAIN GENERAL**  
16               **AND FLAG OFFICERS.**

17       Chapter 35 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
18       ed by adding at the end the following new section:

19   **“§ 606. Notification of relief or early departure of cer-**  
20               **tain general and flag officers**

21       “(a) COVERED OFFICER DEFINED.—In this section,  
22       the term ‘covered officer’ means an officer serving in the  
23       grade of general, admiral, lieutenant general, or vice admi-  
24       ral in—

1           “(1) a position of importance and responsibility  
2           under section 601 of this title; or

3           “(2) any other position designated by the Sec-  
4           retary of Defense for purposes of this section.

5           “(b) NOTICE REQUIRED.—Not later than 5 days  
6           after the relief, removal, reassignment, resignation, retire-  
7           ment, request for retirement, or other separation from po-  
8           sition of a covered officer before the expected completion  
9           of service in that position, the Secretary of Defense shall  
10          submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-  
11          ate and the House of Representatives written notice of  
12          such action.

13          “(c) EARLY DEPARTURE.—For purposes of this sec-  
14          tion, a covered officer shall be considered to separate from  
15          a position before the expected completion of service in that  
16          position if the officer departs before—

17                 “(1) the date of a publicly announced or offi-  
18                 cially scheduled change of command, retirement, re-  
19                 assignment, or end date for a tour of duty;

20                 “(2) the date on which a successor is scheduled  
21                 to assume the position; or

22                 “(3) if no such date has been established, 24  
23                 months after the officer assumed the position.

24          “(d) APPLICABILITY TO RESIGNATION OR RETIRE-  
25          MENT.—The notice requirement under subsection (b) ap-

1 plies regardless of whether the resignation, retirement, or  
2 request for retirement—

3 “(1) was initiated by the Department or by the  
4 officer;

5 “(2) occurred in lieu of relief, removal, or reas-  
6 signment; or

7 “(3) occurred without a formal written direction  
8 to depart the position.

9 “(e) CONTENTS OF NOTICE.—A notice under sub-  
10 section (b) shall include—

11 “(1) the name, grade, and position of the cov-  
12 ered officer;

13 “(2) the effective date of the action;

14 “(3) the nature of the action, including whether  
15 the action was a relief, removal, reassignment, res-  
16 ignation, retirement, request for retirement, or other  
17 departure;

18 “(4) whether the action was initiated by the  
19 Department or by the officer;

20 “(5) a statement of the stated basis for the ac-  
21 tion; and

22 “(6) whether any investigation, command in-  
23 quiry, Inspector General review, or other fact-finding  
24 has been initiated in connection with the action.

1       “(f) DETAILED REPORT.—Not later than 30 days  
2 after submitting a notice under subsection (b), the Sec-  
3 retary of Defense shall submit to the committees specified  
4 in subsection (b) a detailed report on the action, which  
5 may be submitted in whole or in part in classified form  
6 consistent with subsection (g), including—

7               “(1) a statement of the basis for the action  
8 signed by the Secretary of Defense, or by the Sec-  
9 retary of the military department concerned if des-  
10 ignated by the Secretary of Defense;

11              “(2) any findings of investigation, command in-  
12 quiry, Inspector General review, or other fact-finding  
13 completed as of the date of the report;

14              “(3) whether the covered officer was afforded  
15 an opportunity to provide a written statement for in-  
16 clusion in the report, and any such statement if pro-  
17 vided;

18              “(4) a certification by the Secretary of Defense  
19 whether the action was taken principally on the  
20 basis of misconduct, performance, loss of confidence,  
21 force management, reorganization, or other legiti-  
22 mate military or civilian leadership considerations,  
23 and not principally in retaliation for the good-faith  
24 provision, in the course of official duties, of military,



1 operational, intelligence, readiness, legal, or risk as-  
2 sessments to civilian or military superiors; and

3 “(5) whether the Joint Staff, the Secretary of  
4 the military department concerned, the Chief of  
5 Staff of the Army, the Chief of Naval Operations,  
6 the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Chief of  
7 Staff of the Air Force, the Chief of Space Oper-  
8 ations, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or  
9 the commander of the combatant command con-  
10 cerned recommended the action.

11 “(g) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—If the Secretary of De-  
12 fense determines that any information required under sub-  
13 section (e) or (f) cannot be provided in unclassified form  
14 without harm to national security, the Secretary may sub-  
15 mit such information in classified form, provided that—

16 “(1) the Secretary submits concurrently an un-  
17 classified notice or report containing the maximum  
18 amount of information that may be provided in un-  
19 classified form; and

20 “(2) the classified submission is provided as a  
21 classified annex to the notice or report otherwise re-  
22 quired under this section.

23 “(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
24 tion shall be construed to limit the constitutional authority  
25 of the President as Commander in Chief or the authority

1 of the Secretary of Defense to assign, reassign, or relieve  
 2 officers. The exercise of such authority shall remain sub-  
 3 ject to the notification and reporting requirements of this  
 4 section.”.

## 5     **Subtitle B—Reserve Component** 6                   **Management**

### 7     **SEC. 511. CLARIFICATION ON COMPUTATION OF TOTAL** 8                   **YEARS OF SERVICE.**

9         Section 14706 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 10 amended—

11             (1) in subsection (a)(3)—

12                     (A) by striking “while in a program” and  
 13             inserting “while participating in a service-ap-  
 14             proved program”; and

15                     (B) by striking “, but only” and all that  
 16             follows through “such a degree”;

17             (2) in subsection (b), by striking “other than a  
 18             student status” and all that follows through the pe-  
 19             riod at the end and inserting “a capacity other than  
 20             such officer’s participation in the service-approved  
 21             program of advanced education.”; and

22             (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 23             section:

24             “(d) SERVICE-APPROVED PROGRAM DEFINED.—In  
 25             this section, the term ‘service-approved program’ means

1 a service-approved educational delay of active duty, active  
 2 guard and reserve, or selected reserve service for a grad-  
 3 uate of a pre-commissioning program, including a Senior  
 4 Reserve Officer Training Corps program, in order attend  
 5 an advanced education program to obtain a professional  
 6 degree that would be required for appointment, designa-  
 7 tion, or assignment to a professional specialty in such mili-  
 8 tary service.”.

9 **SEC. 512. AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS FOR NAVY RESERVES**  
 10 **AND MARINE CORPS RESERVES ON FULL-**  
 11 **TIME RESERVE COMPONENT DUTY.**

12 (a) NAVY RESERVE OFFICERS.—Section 12011(a)(2)  
 13 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking  
 14 the table and inserting the following:

“Total number of members of Navy Reserve serving on full-time reserve component duty:	Number of officers who may be serving in the grade of:		
	Lieutenant Command	Command	Captain
10,000	917	467	151
11,000	988	489	164
12,000	1,056	509	175
13,000	1,123	529	186
14,000	1,189	549	197
15,000	1,253	568	208
16,000	1,142	555	203
17,000	1,195	565	213
18,000	1,246	575	223
19,000	1,291	585	233
20,000	1,334	595	242
21,000	1,364	603	250
22,000	1,384	610	258
23,000	1,400	615	265
24,000	1,410	620	270”.

(b) NAVY RESERVE SENIOR ENLISTED MEMBERS.—  
 Section 12012(a) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 amended by striking those parts of the table pertaining  
 to the Navy Reserve and inserting the following:

“Navy Reserve:

10,000	355	160
11,000	381	173
12,000	404	187
13,000	427	202
14,000	444	216
15,000	458	231
16,000	447	221
17,000	459	234
18,000	471	247
19,000	483	260
20,000	495	273
21,000	507	286
22,000	519	299
23,000	531	312
24,000	540	325”.

(c) MARINE CORPS RESERVE SENIOR ENLISTED  
 MEMBERS.—Section 12012(a) of title 10, United States  
 Code, is amended by striking those parts of the table per-  
 taining to the Marine Corps Reserve and inserting the fol-  
 lowing:

“Marine Corps Reserve:

1,100	68	18
1,200	75	20
1,300	81	21
1,400	87	23
1,500	93	24
1,600	99	26
1,700	106	28
1,800	112	29
1,900	118	31
2,000	124	33
2,100	130	34
2,200	137	36
2,300	143	37
2,400	149	39
2,500	155	41
2,600	161	42
2,700	168	44

2,800	174	46
2,900	180	47
3,000	186	49''.

1 **SEC. 513. NATIONAL GUARD MILITARY TECHNICIAN (DUAL**  
2 **STATUS) CONVERSIONS AND PHASE-OUT.**

3 (a) CONVERSION AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection  
4 (c), the Secretary of Defense may convert a National  
5 Guard military technician (dual status) position filled by  
6 an individual employed under section 709 of title 32,  
7 United States Code, to either of the following:

8 (1) A position filled by an individual employed  
9 under section 3101 of title 5, United States Code,  
10 or sections 1601, 1762, and 10508 of title 10,  
11 United States Code.

12 (2) A position filled by an individual who is per-  
13 forming Active Guard and Reserve duty under sec-  
14 tion 328 of title 32, United States Code, unless pro-  
15 hibited by section 101(d)(6)(B)(iv) of title 10,  
16 United States Code.

17 (b) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—In addition to the con-  
18 version authority under subsection (a), the Secretary of  
19 Defense may, with agreement by the applicable State Gov-  
20 ernor, for the purpose of reducing the number of National  
21 Guard military technician (dual status) positions, provide  
22 a State with funding for a non-Federal position for an  
23 individual employed in such position. Any such funding  
24 shall be provided through a cooperative agreement entered

1 into with the State Governor under section 6305 of title  
2 31, United States Code.

3 (c) CONSENT OF EMPLOYEE TO CONVERSION OR  
4 TRANSFER.—The Secretary of Defense may not convert  
5 a position under subsection (a) or transfer a position  
6 under subsection (b) that is not vacant without the written  
7 consent of the individual filling the position being con-  
8 verted or transferred.

9 (d) RE-EMPLOYMENT.—An individual filling a mili-  
10 tary technician (dual status) position that is converted to  
11 Active Guard and Reserve duty under subsection (a)(2),  
12 waives any re-employment entitlement under section 4314  
13 of title 38, United States Code, to another National Guard  
14 military technician (dual status) position but may assert  
15 re-employment rights to a civilian position employed under  
16 section 3101 of title 5, United States Code, or sections  
17 1601, 1762, and 10508 of title 10, United States Code  
18 if a similar position is reasonably available.

19 (e) ADJUSTMENT TO END STRENGTH REQUIRE-  
20 MENTS.—(1) Whenever a military technician (dual status)  
21 position is converted under the authority in subsection  
22 (a)(2), the applicable statutory annual end strength limi-  
23 tation for Active Guard and Reserve personnel within the  
24 Army and Air National Guards of the United States in

1 accordance with section 115 of title 10, United States  
2 Code, shall be increased accordingly.

3 (2) Whenever a military technician (dual status) posi-  
4 tion converted under subsection (a)(2), the applicable stat-  
5 utory annual minimum end strength required for National  
6 Guard military technician (dual status) within the Army  
7 and Air National Guard of the United States in accord-  
8 ance with section 115 of title 10, United States Code, shall  
9 be decreased accordingly.

10 (f) NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU PERSONNEL.—Sec-  
11 tion 10508(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is  
12 amended by inserting “sections 1601 and 1762 of title  
13 10,” before “or section 328 of title 32”.

14 (g) MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR DUTIES.—Section  
15 328(b) of title 32, United States Code, is amended by in-  
16 serting “maintaining and repairing supplies issued to the  
17 National Guard or the Armed Forces,” before “and train-  
18 ing the reserve components”.

19 (h) HIRING FREEZE.—Beginning on October 1,  
20 2028, no individual may be newly hired or employed, or  
21 rehired or reemployed, as a National Guard military tech-  
22 nician (dual status) under section 709 of title 32, United  
23 States Code.

1 (i) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 709 of  
2 title 32, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
3 end the following subsection:

4 “(k) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—(1) Subject to  
5 paragraph (2), this section shall cease to be in effect as  
6 of October 1, 2038.

7 “(2) The Secretary of Defense may, with agreement  
8 by the applicable State governor, authorize the continued  
9 employment of military technicians (dual status) to the ex-  
10 tent necessary to ensure adequate State disaster response  
11 capabilities within such States.

12 “(3) The termination of authority under this sub-  
13 section shall not affect the employment, rights, and bene-  
14 fits of individual employees who, as of such date, are with-  
15 in three years of earning an unreduced Federal civilian  
16 annuity.”.

17 (j) MILITARY TECHNICIAN (DUAL STATUS) END  
18 STRENGTHS.—(1) Section 115(d) of title 10, United  
19 States Code, is amended by striking “each reserve compo-  
20 nent of the Army and Air Force” and inserting “the Army  
21 Reserve and the Air Force Reserve”.

22 (2) The amendment made by subparagraph (A) shall  
23 take effect on October 1, 2038.

24 (k) DEFINITION OF MILITARY TECHNICIAN (DUAL  
25 STATUS).—Section 10216(a)(1)(A) of title 10, United



1 States Code, is amended by striking “or section 709(b)  
2 of title 32” before the semicolon.

3 (l) PROHIBITION ON USE OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-  
4 FENSE FUNDING FOR NATIONAL GUARD MILITARY TECH-  
5 NICIAN (DUAL STATUS) COMPENSATION.—Subject to the  
6 provisions of section 709(k) of title 32, United States  
7 Code, funds appropriated for the Department of Defense  
8 may not be used for compensation of any individual em-  
9 ployed as a National Guard military technician (dual sta-  
10 tus) after October 1, 2048.

11 (m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) The term “military technician (dual sta-  
13 tus)” has the meaning given such term in section  
14 709(a) of title 32, United States Code.

15 (2) The term “State” includes the District of  
16 Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,  
17 Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

18 **SEC. 514. STUDY AND ANALYSIS FOR ENHANCED MARITIME**  
19 **SURGE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND PRO-**  
20 **DUCTION CAPACITY.**

21 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Navy shall  
22 conduct a feasibility study and business case analysis to  
23 evaluate the requirements necessary to expand and opti-  
24 mize existing Navy Reserve maintenance programs, in-  
25 cluding the Navy Reserve Engineering Duty Officer (NR

1 EDO) Program 29 and the SurgeMain program, to pro-  
2 vide enhanced maritime surge maintenance, repair, and  
3 production capacity.

4 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary of the Navy shall sub-  
5 mit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
6 Senate and House of Representatives of the results of the  
7 feasibility study and business case analysis required by  
8 subsection (a) not later than one year after the date of  
9 the enactment of this Act, which addresses the following  
10 elements:

11 (1) An assessment of the expansion and optimi-  
12 zation of existing Navy Reserve maintenance capa-  
13 bilities, including the Navy Reserve Engineering  
14 Duty Officer Program 29 and the SurgeMain con-  
15 struct, and the associated end-strength requirements  
16 for supporting both public and private shipyards  
17 without degrading current fleet readiness support.

18 (2) An evaluation of the integration of advanced  
19 industrial skillsets into existing Reserve ratings and  
20 designators.

21 (3) An analysis of the utilization of existing  
22 funding mechanisms, including established Navy Re-  
23 serve training authorities.

24 (4) An evaluation of public-private vocational  
25 and technical training partnerships to support work-

1 force development and reduce the need for the Navy  
2 to independently develop new training pipelines.

3 (5) An assessment of a legal and operational  
4 framework to allow Navy Reserve personnel to sup-  
5 port production and maintenance backlogs at private  
6 shipyards holding Department of Defense contracts,  
7 including an assessment of labor relations, collective  
8 bargaining considerations, potential impacts on civil-  
9 ian overtime, recruitment, and retention, and re-  
10 quirements to ensure Reserve personnel supplement  
11 rather than displace skilled private-sector workers.

12 (6) Identification of statutory, regulatory, fund-  
13 ing, manpower, and other barriers associated with  
14 implementation and recommendations for necessary  
15 legislative or policy relief.

16 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term  
17 “SurgeMain program” means the Navy Reserve Surge  
18 Maintenance program.

## 19 **Subtitle C—General Service** 20 **Authorities and Military Records**

### 21 **SEC. 521. REMOTE PERSONNEL PROCESSING IN THE MILI-** 22 **TARY DEPARTMENTS.**

23 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR REMOTE PERSONNEL PROC-  
24 ESSING.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Each Secretary of a military  
2       department shall implement capabilities to enable  
3       the remote in-processing and out-processing of cov-  
4       ered personnel.

5           (2) ELEMENTS.—The capabilities required  
6       under paragraph (1) shall, at a minimum—

7           (A) permit covered personnel to complete  
8       in-processing and out-processing requirements  
9       remotely, including through the use of elec-  
10      tronic forms and digital signatures;

11          (B) reduce the number of hours required  
12      for in-processing and out-processing associated  
13      with a permanent change of station, separation,  
14      or retirement; and

15          (C) provide covered personnel and com-  
16      manders with timely electronic access to records  
17      related to such processing.

18      (b) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than September 30, 2027,  
19      and annually thereafter through September 30, 2030,  
20      each Secretary of a military department shall provide to  
21      the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
22      House of Representatives a briefing on the implementation  
23      of subsection (a), including—

24          (1) a description of capabilities implemented;

- 1           (2) metrics on time required for in-processing  
2           and out-processing before and after implementation;  
3           (3) any challenges or limitations in execution;  
4           and  
5           (4) plans, if any, to expand or improve such ca-  
6           pabilities.

7           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

8           (1) COVERED PERSONNEL.—The term “covered  
9           personnel” includes members of the Armed Forces  
10          and civilian employees of the military department.

11          (2) IN-PROCESSING.—The term “in-processing”  
12          means the administrative activities that covered per-  
13          sonnel undertake pursuant to a permanent change of  
14          station.

15          (3) OUT-PROCESSING.—The term “out-proc-  
16          essing” means the administrative activities that cov-  
17          ered personnel undertake pursuant to a permanent  
18          change of station, separation from the Armed  
19          Forces, or end of employment with the military de-  
20          partment.

21   **SEC. 522. REPEAL OF SUNSET OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO**  
22                           **NON-MEDICAL COUNSELING SERVICES FOR**  
23                           **MILITARY FAMILIES.**

24          Section 1781(d) of title 10, United States Code, is  
25   amended—

1 (1) by striking paragraph (4); and

2 (2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-  
3 graph (4).

4 **SEC. 523. GUIDANCE ON PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PERSON-**  
5 **ALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION FOR CER-**  
6 **TAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

7 (a) GUIDANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1,  
8 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall issue or update guid-  
9 ance regarding the public release of personally identifiable  
10 information of members of the Armed Forces in adminis-  
11 trative announcements made through official public affairs  
12 channels, including announcements related to command  
13 selections, promotion selections, and board results.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The guidance required under sub-  
15 section (a) shall—

16 (1) establish appropriate safeguards to mitigate  
17 security and counterintelligence risks associated with  
18 the public disclosure of personally identifiable infor-  
19 mation;

20 (2) account for the unique risks to members as-  
21 signed to sensitive, specialized, or high-risk units, in-  
22 cluding members of special operations forces;

23 (3) provide standards, as appropriate, for the  
24 review and approval of information prior to public  
25 release; and

1           (4) ensure consistency in the application of  
2           such safeguards across the military departments.

3           (c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this sec-  
4           tion shall be construed to limit the authority of the Sec-  
5           retary of Defense or the Secretaries of the military depart-  
6           ments to determine what information may be publicly re-  
7           leased in accordance with applicable law and policy.

8           **SEC. 524. PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF**  
9                               **PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO A SERVICE RE-**  
10                              **VIEW AGENCY.**

11          (a) **PERSONNEL LIMITATION.**—Section 1559 of title  
12          10, United States Code, is amended—

13               (1) in subsection (a), by striking “December  
14               31, 2025” and inserting “December 31, 2031”;

15               (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
16               lows:

17               “(b) **BASELINE NUMBER.**—The baseline number for  
18               a service review agency under this section is the number  
19               of military and civilian personnel assigned to that agency  
20               as of January 1, 2026.”; and

21               (3) in subsection (c)(2), by inserting “and the  
22               Secretary of the Navy Council of Review Boards  
23               (formerly known as the Navy Council of Personnel  
24               Boards)” after “Board of Correction for Naval  
25               Records”.

1 **SEC. 525. REAUTHORIZATION OF TEMPORARY AUTHORITY**  
 2 **TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RE-**  
 3 **CRUITMENT INCENTIVES.**

4 Section 522(h) of the National Defense Authorization  
 5 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C.  
 6 503 note) is amended by striking “December 31, 2025”  
 7 and inserting “December 31, 2028”.

8 **SEC. 526. RELIEF FOR FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS RE-**  
 9 **QUESTING REVIEW OF DISCHARGE OR DIS-**  
 10 **MISSAL ON THE BASIS OF POST-TRAUMATIC**  
 11 **STRESS DISORDER OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN IN-**  
 12 **JURY RELATED TO COMBAT OR MILITARY**  
 13 **SEXUAL TRAUMA.**

14 Section 1552(h) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 15 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
 16 graphs:

17 “(3) As a result of its review under paragraph (2),  
 18 a board established under subsection (a)(1) may—

19 “(A) grant a claimant’s request to upgrade the  
 20 characterization of a discharge or dismissal;

21 “(B) grant a claimant’s request to correct the  
 22 following for a discharge or dismissal: the narrative  
 23 reason for separation, the separation code, and the  
 24 re-enlistment code; and



1           “(C) deny any part of the claimant’s application  
 2           for relief after liberal consideration of the evidence  
 3           of record.

4           “(4) If a claimant described in paragraph (1) re-  
 5           quests retirement or separation for physical disability as  
 6           defined by chapter 61 of this title, the board established  
 7           under subsection (a)(1) shall review such request under  
 8           the evidentiary standards established by the Department  
 9           of Defense for current service members in the Disability  
 10          Evaluation System. If the claimant submits multiple bases  
 11          or requests for relief, the board shall review any eligible  
 12          requests for relief that do not involve retirement or separa-  
 13          tion for physical disability as defined by chapter 61 this  
 14          title, under the liberal consideration standard established  
 15          in paragraph (2).”.

16   **SEC. 527. MODIFICATION OF WHISTLEBLOWER PROTEC-**  
 17                           **TIONS.**

18          Section 1034 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 19          amended—

20               (1) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by adding at the  
 21          end the following new clauses:

22               “(vi) The conducting of, or a threat to order,  
 23          a retaliatory security clearance review.

24               “(vii) The conducting of, or a threat to order,  
 25          a retaliatory psychiatric examination, mental health

1 evaluation, psychological assessment, or other med-  
2 ical testing or examination.”;

3 (2) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-  
4 section (k); and

5 (3) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(j) INAPPLICABILITY OF NONDISCLOSURE AGREE-  
8 MENTS.—No nondisclosure policy, form, or agreement  
9 shall be construed as limiting or otherwise affecting the  
10 rights and protections provided under this section.”.

11 **SEC. 528. AUTHORITY FOR COLLECTION OF PERSONALLY**  
12 **IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING**  
13 **PROSPECTIVE RECRUITS.**

14 (a) COLLECTION OF PROSPECTIVE RECRUIT INFOR-  
15 MATION; DIGITAL COLLECTION.—The Secretary con-  
16 cerned may collect Prospective Recruit Information with  
17 respect to prospective recruits for the Armed Forces who  
18 are at least 17 years of age for the purpose of enhancing  
19 marketing, advertising, and outreach to possible prospec-  
20 tive recruits for recruitment for service in the Armed  
21 Forces. In the case of any such prospective recruit, such  
22 information may only be collected—

23 (1) with the express consent of the prospective  
24 recruit; or

1           (2) in the case of a prospective recruit who is  
2       17 years of age, with parental consent.

3       (b) RESPONSIBLE PERSON.—The process for obtain-  
4 ing consent under subsection (a) shall be carried out so  
5 that—

6           (1) the person whose consent is requested is  
7       provided information before such consent is obtained  
8       that outlines the purpose of the collection, the au-  
9       thority for the collection, routine uses to be made of  
10      the collection and the effects on the individual, if  
11      any, of not providing all or any part of the requested  
12      information, consistent with section 552a of title 5,  
13      United States Code; and

14          (2) the person has the opportunity to establish  
15      consent preferences.

16      (c) CONSENT.—Consent may be granted, and Pro-  
17 spective Recruit Information may be collected, under sub-  
18 section (a) through a military recruiting digital website or  
19 platform. The collection of Prospective Recruit Informa-  
20 tion may be accomplished by the use of cookies or similar  
21 technology.

22      (d) PROSPECTIVE RECRUIT INFORMATION.—

23          (1) MAINTENANCE OF INFORMATION.—Prospect-  
24 tive Recruit Information pertaining to any person  
25      may not be maintained for more than 3 years after

1 the date the information pertaining to such person  
2 is first collected under this section.

3 (2) PRIVACY.—The maintenance of information  
4 collected under this subsection is subject to sub-  
5 chapter II of chapter 35 of title 44 and section 552a  
6 of title 5.

7 (e) PROSPECTIVE RECRUIT INFORMATION DE-  
8 FINED.—In this section, the term “Prospective Recruit In-  
9 formation” means, with respect to a prospective recruit  
10 for the Armed Forces, the following:

11 (1) Name, mailing address, physical address,  
12 email address, mobile/cell phone number, and home  
13 phone number (if any).

14 (2) Age, sex, household composition, education  
15 level, birth date, marital status, and military/veteran  
16 status.

17 (3) Information about browser types, connected  
18 devices, cookie data, and usage metadata.

19 (4) Unique identifiers such as IP addresses and  
20 social media handles.

21 (5) Fitness activity data.

22 (6) Such other data elements as determined  
23 necessary for effective recruiting, as provided in reg-  
24 ulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense and

1 maintained in accordance with the applicable system  
 2 of records notice of the department concerned.

3 (f) SUNSET.—The authority established under sub-  
 4 section (a) shall terminate on December 31, 2031.

5 **SEC. 529. MODIFICATION OF SERVICE OBLIGATIONS FOR**  
 6 **CADETS OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT AS PRO-**  
 7 **FESSIONAL ATHLETES.**

8 (a) AUTHORITY.—

9 (1) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Sec-  
 10 tion 7448 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
 11 ed—

12 (A) in subsection (a), by amending para-  
 13 graph (5) to read as follows:

14 “(5)(A) That the cadet may not obtain employ-  
 15 ment as a professional athlete under this paragraph  
 16 until 2 years after graduating from the Academy,  
 17 except as otherwise authorized by the Secretary  
 18 under subparagraph (B).

19 “(B) The Secretary may authorize not more  
 20 than 10 cadets during any academic year to obtain  
 21 employment as a professional athlete before com-  
 22 pleting the active-duty service obligation otherwise  
 23 required under this subsection.

24 “(C) The Secretary may waive the numerical  
 25 limitation under subparagraph (B) and authorize

1 participation for more than 10 graduates in a fiscal  
2 year if the Secretary determines that—

3 “(i) such a waiver is in the national inter-  
4 est; and

5 “(ii) participation by additional graduates  
6 will provide significant recruiting, retention,  
7 public affairs, or strategic benefit to the Armed  
8 Forces.

9 “(D) A cadet authorized under subparagraph  
10 (B) shall—

11 “(i) accept an appointment as a commis-  
12 sioned officer in an appropriate reserve compo-  
13 nent, as determined by the Secretary;

14 “(ii) serve in the Selected Reserve in an  
15 appropriate status, grade, and assignment, as  
16 determined by the Secretary; and

17 “(iii) participate in recruiting, retention,  
18 public affairs or other activities that strategi-  
19 cally benefit the armed forces, as determined by  
20 the Secretary.

21 “(E) The Secretary shall prescribe the period of  
22 obligated service required under this paragraph, ex-  
23 cept that such obligated service shall be served in  
24 the Selected Reserve for a period of not more than  
25 10 years.

1           “(F) Upon completion of employment as a pro-  
 2           fessional athlete, or upon termination of authoriza-  
 3           tion under this paragraph, the Secretary may re-  
 4           quire the officer to serve on active duty for such pe-  
 5           riod as the Secretary determines appropriate, except  
 6           that the combined period of service required under  
 7           subparagraph (E) and this subparagraph may not  
 8           exceed 10 years.

9           “(G) If an officer authorized under this para-  
 10          graph is unable or unwilling to satisfy the service  
 11          obligations required under this paragraph, and is de-  
 12          termined by the Secretary concerned to be ineligible  
 13          for further military service, the Secretary may re-  
 14          quire the officer to reimburse the United States for  
 15          all or a portion of the cost of the education provided  
 16          by the Academy, under such terms and conditions as  
 17          the Secretary may prescribe.”;

18                 (B) in subsection (b)—

19                         (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 20                         “Subject to paragraph (4), the Secretary”  
 21                         and inserting “The Secretary”; and

22                         (ii) by striking paragraph (4); and

23                 (C) in subsection (c)—

24                         (i) by striking paragraph (2); and

1 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)  
2 and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-  
3 tively.

4 (2) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section  
5 8459 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (a), by amending para-  
7 graph (5) to read as follows:

8 “(5)(A) That the midshipman may not obtain  
9 employment as a professional athlete under this  
10 paragraph until 2 years after graduating from the  
11 Academy, except as otherwise authorized by the Sec-  
12 retary under subparagraph (B).

13 “(B) The Secretary may authorize not more  
14 than 10 midshipmen during any academic year to  
15 obtain employment as a professional athlete before  
16 completing the active-duty service obligation other-  
17 wise required under this subsection.

18 “(C) The Secretary may waive the numerical  
19 limitation under subparagraph (B) and authorize  
20 participation for more than 10 graduates in a fiscal  
21 year if the Secretary determines that—

22 “(i) such a waiver is in the national inter-  
23 est; and

24 “(ii) participation by additional graduates  
25 will provide significant recruiting, retention,



1 public affairs, or strategic benefit to the Armed  
2 Forces.

3 “(D) A midshipman authorized under subpara-  
4 graph (B) shall—

5 “(i) accept an appointment as a commis-  
6 sioned officer in an appropriate reserve compo-  
7 nent, as determined by the Secretary;

8 “(ii) serve in the Selected Reserve in an  
9 appropriate status, grade, and assignment, as  
10 determined by the Secretary; and

11 “(iii) participate in recruiting, retention,  
12 public affairs or other activities that strategi-  
13 cally benefit the armed forces, as determined by  
14 the Secretary.

15 “(E) The Secretary shall prescribe the period of  
16 obligated service required under this paragraph, ex-  
17 cept that such obligated service shall be served in  
18 the Selected Reserve for a period of not more than  
19 10 years.

20 “(F) Upon completion of employment as a pro-  
21 fessional athlete, or upon termination of authoriza-  
22 tion under this paragraph, the Secretary may re-  
23 quire the officer to serve on active duty for such pe-  
24 riod as the Secretary determines appropriate, except  
25 that the combined period of service required under

1        subparagraph (E) and this subparagraph may not  
 2        exceed 10 years.

3            “(G) If an officer authorized under this para-  
 4        graph is unable or unwilling to satisfy the service  
 5        obligations required under this paragraph, and is de-  
 6        termined by the Secretary concerned to be ineligible  
 7        for further military service, the Secretary may re-  
 8        quire the officer to reimburse the United States for  
 9        all or a portion of the cost of the education provided  
 10      by the Academy, under such terms and conditions as  
 11      the Secretary may prescribe.”;

12            (B) in subsection (b)—

13            (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 14            “Subject to paragraph (4), the Secretary”  
 15            and inserting “The Secretary”; and

16            (ii) by striking paragraph (4); and

17            (C) in subsection (c)—

18            (i) by striking paragraph (2); and

19            (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)  
 20            and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-  
 21            tively.

22            (3) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—  
 23            Section 9448 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 24            amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a), by amending para-  
2 graph (5) to read as follows:

3 “(5)(A) That the cadet may not obtain employ-  
4 ment as a professional athlete under this paragraph  
5 until 2 years after graduating from the Academy,  
6 except as otherwise authorized by the Secretary  
7 under subparagraph (B).

8 “(B) The Secretary may authorize not more  
9 than 10 cadets during any academic year to obtain  
10 employment as a professional athlete before com-  
11 pleting the active-duty service obligation otherwise  
12 required under this subsection.

13 “(C) The Secretary may waive the numerical  
14 limitation under subparagraph (B) and authorize  
15 participation for more than 10 graduates in a fiscal  
16 year if the Secretary determines that—

17 “(i) such a waiver is in the national inter-  
18 est; and

19 “(ii) participation by additional graduates  
20 will provide significant recruiting, retention,  
21 public affairs, or strategic benefit to the Armed  
22 Forces.

23 “(D) A cadet authorized under subparagraph  
24 (B) shall—

1           “(i) accept an appointment as a commis-  
2           sioned officer in an appropriate reserve compo-  
3           nent, as determined by the Secretary;

4           “(ii) serve in the Selected Reserve in an  
5           appropriate status, grade, and assignment, as  
6           determined by the Secretary; and

7           “(iii) participate in recruiting, retention,  
8           public affairs or other activities that strategi-  
9           cally benefit the armed forces, as determined by  
10          the Secretary.

11          “(E) The Secretary shall prescribe the period of  
12          obligated service required under this paragraph, ex-  
13          cept that such obligated service shall be served in  
14          the Selected Reserve for a period of not more than  
15          10 years.

16          “(F) Upon completion of employment as a pro-  
17          fessional athlete, or upon termination of authoriza-  
18          tion under this paragraph, the Secretary may re-  
19          quire the officer to serve on active duty for such pe-  
20          riod as the Secretary determines appropriate, except  
21          that the combined period of service required under  
22          subparagraph (E) and this subparagraph may not  
23          exceed 10 years.

24          “(G) If an officer authorized under this para-  
25          graph is unable or unwilling to satisfy the service

1 obligations required under this paragraph, and is de-  
 2 termined by the Secretary concerned to be ineligible  
 3 for further military service, the Secretary may re-  
 4 quire the officer to reimburse the United States for  
 5 all or a portion of the cost of the education provided  
 6 by the Academy, under such terms and conditions as  
 7 the Secretary may prescribe.”;

8 (B) in subsection (b)—

9 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 10 “Subject to paragraph (4), the Secretary”  
 11 and inserting “The Secretary”; and

12 (ii) by striking paragraph (4); and

13 (C) in subsection (c)—

14 (i) by striking paragraph (2); and

15 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3)  
 16 and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respec-  
 17 tively.

18 (b) REGULATIONS.—Each Secretary concerned shall  
 19 prescribe regulations to carry out this section and the  
 20 amendments made by this section, including eligibility cri-  
 21 teria, performance standards, and procedures for moni-  
 22 toring compliance.

1 **SEC. 529A. REQUIREMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, RA-**  
2 **CIAL NEUTRALITY, AND EXCLUSIVE USE OF**  
3 **MERIT IN MILITARY PERSONNEL ACTIONS.**

4 (a) MERIT REQUIREMENT.—Any Department of De-  
5 fense military personnel action related to promotions,  
6 nominative assignments, command selection, and military  
7 and civil schooling selection shall be based exclusively on  
8 individual merit, fitness, capability, and performance.

9 (b) CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN ATTRIBUTES PRO-  
10 HIBITED.—Consideration of an individual's sex, race, eth-  
11 nicity, or national origin in any military personnel action  
12 described in subsection (a) is prohibited throughout the  
13 Department of Defense.

14 (c) LIMITED EXCEPTION FOR TASKING OF SPECIFIC  
15 MISSIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall not be  
17 construed to prohibit tasking for specific, unconven-  
18 tional missions in foreign countries, where the an-  
19 ticipated ground operating environment of indige-  
20 nous populations may justify consideration of race,  
21 ethnicity, or national origin when tasking for the  
22 mission to optimize mission success.

23 (2) COMBATANT COMMANDER APPROVAL RE-  
24 QUIRED.—Any tasking pursuant to the exception de-  
25 scribed in paragraph (1) shall require the approval  
26 of the combatant commander concerned.

1           (3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than  
2       60 days after a tasking pursuant to the exception  
3       described in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense  
4       shall report the tasking to the Committees on Armed  
5       Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
6       tives. The report shall describe—

7           (A) the mission, including location and du-  
8       ration;

9           (B) the staffing of the mission;

10          (C) the demographic factors warranting  
11       the tasking;

12          (D) the number of personnel involved, in-  
13       cluding their rank, position, and race, ethnicity,  
14       and national origin; and

15          (E) the rationale for the tasking.

16 **SEC. 529B. PROHIBITION ON PARTICIPATION OF MALES IN**  
17 **ATHLETIC PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES, AND**  
18 **MALES ENTERING PRIVACY SPACES, AT THE**  
19 **MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES THAT ARE**  
20 **DESIGNATED FOR WOMEN OR GIRLS.**

21       (a) IN GENERAL.—

22           (1) PROHIBITION ON PARTICIPATION.—The  
23       Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the United  
24       States Military Academy, the United States Naval  
25       Academy, the United States Air Force Academy,

1       and all primary and secondary schools under the  
2       control of the Department of Defense, including the  
3       Department of Defense Education Activity Schools,  
4       do not permit a person enrolled at such an Academy  
5       or school whose sex is male to participate in an ath-  
6       letic program or activity that is designated for  
7       women or girls.

8               (2) PRIVACY IN WOMEN’S SPACES.—The Sec-  
9       retary of Defense shall ensure that the United  
10      States Military Academy, the United States Naval  
11      Academy, the United States Air Force Academy,  
12      and all primary and secondary schools under the  
13      control of the Department of Defense, including the  
14      Department of Defense Education Activity  
15      Schools—

16               (A) designate each multi-occupancy rest-  
17      room or changing room in a facility under its  
18      control for the exclusive use of males or females  
19      and take reasonable steps to prevent individuals  
20      from using a restroom or changing room des-  
21      ignated for the opposite sex;

22               (B) if only one restroom or changing room  
23      exists in a facility under its control, clearly des-  
24      ignate that restroom or changing room for the



1           sole use by the sex of the team or group using  
2           the facility at the time; and

3           (C) provide students the option to be  
4           housed in permanent sleeping quarters only  
5           with persons of the same sex at any student  
6           housing facilities under its control or during  
7           any academy or school-sponsored trips.

8       (b) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

9           (1) PARTICIPATION.—Nothing in this section  
10          shall be construed to prohibit the United States  
11          Military Academy, the United States Naval Acad-  
12          emy, the United States Air Force Academy, and all  
13          primary and secondary schools under the control of  
14          the Department of Defense, including the Depart-  
15          ment of Defense Education Activity Schools, from  
16          permitting males to train or practice with an athletic  
17          program or activity that is designated for women or  
18          girls so long as no female is deprived of a roster spot  
19          on a team or sport, opportunity to participate in a  
20          practice or competition, scholarship, admission to an  
21          educational institution, or any other benefit that ac-  
22          companies participating in the athletic program or  
23          activity.

24          (2) RESTROOMS AND CHANGING ROOMS.—

25          Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit

1 the United States Military Academy, the United  
2 States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force  
3 Academy, and all primary and secondary schools  
4 under the control of the Department of Defense, in-  
5 cluding the Department of Defense Education Activ-  
6 ity Schools, from—

7 (A) establishing single-occupancy rest-  
8 rooms, changing rooms, or permanent sleeping  
9 quarters;

10 (B) allowing individuals to enter a rest-  
11 room or changing room designated for the op-  
12 posite sex—

13 (i) to perform custodial services or  
14 maintenance;

15 (ii) to render medical assistance;

16 (iii) to provide childcare, disability  
17 support, or age-appropriate parental assist-  
18 ance in Department of Defense Education  
19 Activity School environments;

20 (iv) to provide services or render aid  
21 during a natural disaster, a declared emer-  
22 gency, or when necessary to prevent a seri-  
23 ous threat to good order or safety; or

24 (v) to provide coaching or athletic  
25 training during athletic events by coaching

1                   staff in changing rooms, provided that the  
 2                   individual ensures that no person of the  
 3                   opposite sex is in a state of undress prior  
 4                   to entering the room; or

5                   (C) utilizing temporary co-ed sleeping ar-  
 6                   rangements necessary for training exercises, de-  
 7                   ployments, or other operational environments.

8           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9                   (1) the term “athletic programs and activities”  
 10                  includes all programs or activities that are provided  
 11                  conditional upon participation with any athletic  
 12                  team;

13                  (2) the term “changing room” means a locker  
 14                  room, shower room, or other area designated for in-  
 15                  dividuals to change clothing;

16                  (3) the term “female” means an individual who  
 17                  naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for  
 18                  a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional  
 19                  disruption, the reproductive system that at some  
 20                  point produces, transports, and utilizes eggs for fer-  
 21                  tilization;

22                  (4) the term “male” means an individual who  
 23                  naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for  
 24                  a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional  
 25                  disruption, the reproductive system that at some

1 point produces, transports, and utilizes sperm for  
2 fertilization;

3 (5) the term “restroom” means a room that in-  
4 cludes one or more toilets or urinals;

5 (6) the term “sex” means an individual’s bio-  
6 logical sex, either male or female; and

7 (7) the term “sleeping quarters” means a room  
8 with a bed in which more than one individual is  
9 housed overnight.

10 **SEC. 529C. MODIFICATION OF PROVISIONS RELATED TO DI-**  
11 **VERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION.**

12 (a) DIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTION  
13 BOARDS.—Title 10, United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) in section 573(b), by striking the last sen-  
15 tence;

16 (2) in section 612(a)(1), by striking the last  
17 sentence; and

18 (3) in section 14102(b), by striking the last  
19 sentence.

20 (b) PRONOUN POLICY REPEAL.—Section 986 of title  
21 10, United States Code, is repealed.

22 (c) HUMAN RELATIONS TRAINING.—Section  
23 2001(a)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
24 by striking “include” and all that follows through the pe-

1 riod at the end and inserting “include honor, excellence,  
2 courage, and commitment.”.

3 **SEC. 529D. SEX-NEUTRAL OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE**  
4 **STANDARDS.**

5 Section 543 of the National Defense Authorization  
6 Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public Law 103–160; 10 U.S.C.  
7 113 note) is amended—

8 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**GEN-**  
9 **DER-NEUTRAL**” and inserting “**SEX-NEUTRAL**”;

10 (2) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
12 “GENDER NEUTRALITY” and inserting “SEX  
13 NEUTRALITY”;

14 (B) by striking “that is open to both male  
15 and female members of the Armed Forces” and  
16 inserting “in the Armed Forces”;

17 (C) in paragraph (1), by striking “on the  
18 basis of gender” and inserting “on the basis of  
19 sex”;

20 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and  
21 (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

22 (E) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
23 following new paragraph:

24 “(2) shall ensure that any member of the  
25 Armed Forces who meets the occupational standards

1 for such occupational career field shall be eligible for  
2 qualification, assignment, and continuance in that  
3 occupational career field without differential stand-  
4 ards or evaluation on the basis of sex;”;

5 (F) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by  
6 subparagraph (D), by striking “gender quota”  
7 and inserting “sex quota”; and

8 (G) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated,  
9 by inserting “men or” before “women”;

10 (3) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
12 “PHYSICAL” and inserting “OCCUPATIONAL”;  
13 and

14 (B) in paragraph (1)—

15 (i) by striking “physical requirements  
16 for” and inserting “requirements for tech-  
17 nical, tactical, cognitive, and physical abili-  
18 ties, including”;

19 (ii) by striking “strength and endur-  
20 ance” and inserting “strength, endur-  
21 ance,”;

22 (iii) by striking “physical require-  
23 ments as” and inserting “requirements  
24 as”;

1 (iv) by striking “gender-neutral occu-  
2 pational standard” and inserting “sex-neu-  
3 tral occupational standard”;

4 (v) by striking “(in the case of a ca-  
5 reer designator that is open to both male  
6 and female members of the Armed  
7 Forces)” and

8 (vi) by striking “gender-neutral basis”  
9 and inserting “sex-neutral basis”;

10 (4) in subsection (c), by striking “gender-neu-  
11 tral occupational standard” and inserting “sex-neu-  
12 tral occupational standard”;

13 (5) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
14 section (e);

15 (6) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
16 lowing new subsection:

17 “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
18 tion shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary from re-  
19 vising occupational performance standards, where such  
20 standards are based on validated operational requirements  
21 and applied on a sex-neutral basis.”; and

22 (7) in subsection (e)(1), as redesignated by  
23 paragraph (4)—

1 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
 2 “GENDER-NEUTRAL” and inserting “SEX-NEU-  
 3 TRAL”; and

4 (B) by striking “gender-neutral occupa-  
 5 tional standard” and inserting “sex-neutral oc-  
 6 cupational standard”.

## 7 **Subtitle D—Military Justice and** 8 **Other Legal Matters**

### 9 **SEC. 531. WRONGFUL BROADCAST OR DISTRIBUTION OF IN-** 10 **TIMATE VISUAL IMAGES.**

11 (a) ANALYSIS REGARDING POTENTIAL REMOVAL OF  
 12 MILITARY MISSION OR ENVIRONMENT AS REQUIRED  
 13 ELEMENT OF OFFENSE.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
 14 coordination with the Joint Service Committee on Military  
 15 Justice, shall analyze the feasibility and advisability of  
 16 amending section 917a(a) of title 10, United States Code,  
 17 (article 117a(a) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice)  
 18 to remove paragraph (4) (relating to requiring as an ele-  
 19 ment of the offense, “conduct [that has] a reasonably di-  
 20 rect and palpable connection to a military mission or mili-  
 21 tary environment”).

22 (b) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2027,  
 23 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees  
 24 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
 25 resentatives a report detailing the results of the analysis



1 conducted under subsection (a) and any associated rec-  
 2 ommendations.

3 **SEC. 532. EXPANSION OF VICTIM ACCESS TO COURT OF AP-**  
 4 **PEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 Section 806b of title 10, United States Code (article  
 6 6b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (e)(3), by striking subpara-  
 8 graph (C); and

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

11 “(g) REVIEW BY THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE  
 12 ARMED FORCES.—(1) The Court of Appeals for the  
 13 Armed Forces may review all decisions or dispositions  
 14 taken by a Court of Criminal Appeals pursuant to a peti-  
 15 tion filed by the victim of an offense under this chapter  
 16 under subsection (e) and on good cause shown.

17 “(2) The Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces  
 18 shall take action only with respect to matters of law.

19 “(3) The victim of an offense under this chapter may  
 20 petition the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for  
 21 review pursuant to paragraph (1) not later than 21 days  
 22 after the earlier of—

23 “(A) the date on which the victim is notified of  
 24 the decision or disposition of the Court of Criminal

1 Appeals on a petition pursuant to subsection (e);  
 2 and

3 “(B) the date on which a copy of the decision  
 4 or disposition of the Court of Criminal Appeals,  
 5 after being served on counsel for the victim (if the  
 6 victim has counsel), is deposited into the United  
 7 States mails for delivery by first-class certified mail  
 8 to the victim at an address provided by the victim  
 9 or at the latest address listed for the victim in the  
 10 record of any proceedings held pursuant to section  
 11 830(a) or 832 of this title (article 30(a) or 32) or  
 12 during trial.

13 “(4) Review of any decision or disposition of the  
 14 Court of Criminal Appeals on a petition for writ of man-  
 15 damus described in this subsection shall have priority in  
 16 the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, as determined  
 17 under the rules of the Court of Appeals for the Armed  
 18 Forces.”.

19 **SEC. 533. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO COMPLETION OF AP-**  
 20 **PELLATE REVIEW UNDER ARTICLE 57 OF THE**  
 21 **UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

22 Section 857(c) of title 10, United States Code (article  
 23 57(c) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amend-  
 24 ed—

1           (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-  
2       graph (3);

3           (2) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “Appeals  
4       and—” and all that follows through the period at  
5       the end and inserting “Appeals and the review and  
6       time requirements described in paragraph (2) are  
7       satisfied.”; and

8           (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
9       lowing new paragraph (2):

10           “(2) REVIEW AND TIME REQUIREMENTS.—The  
11       review and time requirements referred to in para-  
12       graph (1)(B) are satisfied if any of the following ap-  
13       plies:

14           “(A) The time for the accused to file a pe-  
15       tition for review by the Court of Appeals for the  
16       Armed Forces has expired and the accused has  
17       not filed a petition for such review in a timely  
18       manner and the case is not otherwise under re-  
19       view by that Court.

20           “(B) The petition for review is withdrawn  
21       by the accused.

22           “(C) The petition for review having been  
23       filed—

24           “(i) either—

1 “(I) the petition is denied or oth-  
 2 erwise rejected by the Court of Ap-  
 3 peals for the Armed Forces; or

4 “(II) the review requested by the  
 5 petition is completed in accordance  
 6 with the judgment of the Court of Ap-  
 7 peals for the Armed Forces; and

8 “(ii) with respect to subsequent review  
 9 by the Supreme Court—

10 “(I) a petition for a writ of cer-  
 11 tiorari as provided in section 1259 of  
 12 title 28 is not filed within the time  
 13 limits prescribed by the Supreme  
 14 Court;

15 “(II) such a petition is rejected  
 16 by the Supreme Court;

17 “(III) such a petition is with-  
 18 drawn by the petitioner; or

19 “(IV) review is otherwise com-  
 20 pleted in accordance with the judg-  
 21 ment of the Supreme Court.”.

22 **SEC. 534. REVIEW OF COURTS-MARTIAL RECORDS.**

23 (a) REVIEW WHEN DIRECT APPEAL IS WAIVED,  
 24 WITHDRAWN, OR NOT FILED.—Section 865(d) of title 10,

1 United States Code (article 65(d) of the Uniform Code  
2 of Military Justice), is amended—

3 (1) by striking paragraph (2);

4 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
5 graph (2); and

6 (3) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking  
8 “subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)” and inserting  
9 “subparagraph (A) or (B)”; and

10 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “con-  
11 clusions” and all that follows through the pe-  
12 riod at the end and inserting “a conclusion on  
13 each of the following matters:

14 “(i) Whether the court had jurisdic-  
15 tion over the accused and the offense.

16 “(ii) Whether the charge and speci-  
17 fication stated an offense.

18 “(iii) Whether the sentence was within  
19 the limits prescribed as a matter of law.”.

20 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 869(c)(2) of  
21 title 10, United States Code (article 69(c)(2) of the Uni-  
22 form Code of Military Justice), is amended by striking  
23 “section 865(b) of this title (article 65(b))” and inserting  
24 “section 865(d) of this title (article 65(d))”.

1 **SEC. 535. AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL TRIAL COUNSEL TO**  
 2 **ENTER INTO PRETRIAL AGREEMENTS WITH**  
 3 **RESPECT TO CERTAIN OFFENSES OCCUR-**  
 4 **RING BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE OF MILITARY**  
 5 **JUSTICE REFORMS.**

6 Section 824a(c) of title 10, United States Code (arti-  
 7 cle 24a(c) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is  
 8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (3)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
 11 (A), by striking “paragraph (5)” and inserting  
 12 “paragraphs (4) and (6)”; and

13 (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or  
 14 pretrial agreement” after “plea agreement”;

15 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as  
 16 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

17 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
 18 lowing new paragraph:

19 “(4) PRETRIAL AGREEMENTS.—If a special  
 20 trial counsel exercises authority pursuant to sub-  
 21 section (d) over an offense committed before Janu-  
 22 ary 1, 2019, the special trial counsel may enter into  
 23 a pretrial agreement with the accused in accordance  
 24 with regulations prescribed by the President. Upon  
 25 acceptance of such an agreement by the military  
 26 judge of a general or special court-martial, the

1       agreement shall bind the parties and the convening  
2       authority.”.

3   **SEC. 536. CLARIFICATION OF COURT OF CRIMINAL AP-**  
4                   **PEALS REVIEW OF SENTENCING.**

5       Section 866(e)(1) of title 10, United States Code (ar-  
6   ticle 66(e)(1) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),  
7   is amended—

8               (1) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as  
9       follows:

10               “(B) whether the portion of the sentence  
11       extending to confinement is inappropriately se-  
12       vere, except that in the case of an offense for  
13       which the President has established a sen-  
14       tencing parameter for such portion pursuant to  
15       section 539E(e) of the National Defense Au-  
16       thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (10 U.S.C.  
17       856 note), the Court may not consider such  
18       portion inappropriately severe if such portion is  
19       at or below the upper range of such sentencing  
20       parameter;”; and

21               (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “the sen-  
22       tence” and inserting “the portion of the sentence ex-  
23       tending to confinement”.

1 **SEC. 537. UPDATING SUBPOENA AUTHORITY FOR MILITARY**  
2 **INVESTIGATIONS.**

3 (a) PRE-REFERRAL SUBPOENAS FOR ELECTRONIC  
4 COMMUNICATIONS.—Section 830a(a)(1)(B) of title 10,  
5 United States Code (article 30a(a)(1)(B) of the Uniform  
6 Code of Military Justice), is amended by striking “war-  
7 rants or orders” and inserting “warrants, orders, or sub-  
8 poenas”.

9 (b) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE INVESTIGATIVE SUB-  
10 POENAS RELATED TO WIRE AND ELECTRONIC COMMU-  
11 NICATIONS.—Section 846(d)(3) of title 10, United States  
12 Code (article 46(d)(3) of the Uniform Code of Military  
13 Justice), is amended—

14 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking  
15 “WARRANT OR ORDER” and inserting “WARRANT,  
16 ORDER, OR SUBPOENA”;

17 (2) by striking “may issue warrants or court  
18 orders” and inserting “may issue warrants, court or-  
19 ders, or investigative subpoenas”; and

20 (3) by striking “as such warrants and orders”  
21 and inserting “as such warrants, orders, or sub-  
22 poenas”.

23 **SEC. 538. EXTENSION OF SPECIAL VICTIMS’ COUNSEL SERV-**  
24 **ICES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS.**

25 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 1044e of title 10, United  
26 States Code, is amended—



1 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**do-**  
 2 **mestic violence and**” before “**sex-related of-**  
 3 **fenses**”;

4 (2) by inserting “domestic violence or” before  
 5 “sex-related offense” each place it appears;

6 (3) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “domestic  
 7 abuse advocate” and inserting “domestic abuse vic-  
 8 tim advocate”;

9 (4) in subsection (f)(1), by inserting “domestic  
 10 abuse victim advocate,” after “healthcare provider,”;  
 11 and

12 (5) in subsection (h)—

13 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
 14 “DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR” before “SEX-RE-  
 15 LATED OFFENSE”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “or 930  
 17 of this title (article 120, 120b, 120c,” and in-  
 18 serting “928b, or 930 of this title (article 120,  
 19 120b, 120c, 128b,”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 21 subsection (a) shall take effect two years after the date  
 22 of the enactment of this Act.

23 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the  
 24 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
 25 shall provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Serv-

1 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives on  
2 the implementation of policies and procedures to carry out  
3 the changes required pursuant to subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 539. TREATMENT OF HAZING UNDER UNIFORM CODE**  
5 **OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

6 (a) ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
8 coordination with the Joint Service Committee on  
9 Military Justice, shall analyze the feasibility and ad-  
10 visability of, and develop recommendations with re-  
11 spect to, modifying chapter 47 of title 10, United  
12 States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Justice)  
13 to provide for one or more of the following changes:

14 (A) To establish hazing as a sentence  
15 modifier for offenses where hazing was present.

16 (B) To establish hazing as a lesser in-  
17 cluded offense under section 893 of title 10,  
18 United States Code (article 93 of the Uniform  
19 Code of Military justice; relating to cruelty and  
20 maltreatment).

21 (C) To establish another method of codi-  
22 fying hazing as a standalone punitive article of  
23 the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

24 (2) HAZING DEFINITION.—As part of the anal-  
25 ysis conducted under paragraph (1), the Secretary

1 shall develop a proposed definition of the term “haz-  
 2 ing” for purposes of such modifier, article, or alter-  
 3 native.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date  
 5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
 6 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
 7 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the  
 8 results of the analysis under subsection (a), including a  
 9 justification for any decision not to codify hazing as a pu-  
 10 nitive article under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

11 **SEC. 539A. NOTIFICATION OF THE ISSUANCE OR TERMI-**  
 12 **NATION OF MILITARY PROTECTIVE ORDERS**  
 13 **TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEX-**  
 14 **UAL ASSAULT.**

15 Section 1567a of title 10, United States Code, is  
 16 amended—

17 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**and**  
 18 **victims of domestic abuse or sexual as-**  
 19 **sault**” after “**civilian law enforcement**”;

20 (2) in subsection (a), by inserting “and, in a  
 21 case involving domestic abuse or sexual assault, the  
 22 victim or requesting individual,” after “appropriate  
 23 civilian authorities”; and

24 (3) in subsection (c), by inserting “and, in a  
 25 case involving domestic abuse or sexual assault, the

1 victim or requesting individual,” after “appropriate  
2 civilian authorities”.

3 **SEC. 539B. MILITARY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENT**  
4 **HOUSING POLICY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall es-  
6 tablish and implement Department of Defense policy to  
7 require commanders, in response to domestic violence re-  
8 ports or complaints, to make an initial determination as  
9 to the credibility of the report or complaint. If the report  
10 is deemed credible, in consultation with the victim, the  
11 commander should—

- 12 (1) impose military protective orders; and  
13 (2) whenever practicable, separate the victim  
14 and the alleged offender into separate housing;

15 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Department of Defense  
17 shall provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
18 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives con-  
19 cerning any additional authorities necessary to properly  
20 implement the policy referenced in subsection (a), as well  
21 as the establishment of a process to maintain emergent  
22 housing entitlements to basic allowance for housing or  
23 military housing units in support of domestic violence vic-  
24 tims for up to 180 days.

1 **SEC. 539C. ANNUAL REPORT ON FINDINGS OF THE DEPART-**  
2 **MENT-WIDE REVIEW OF THE MILITARY**  
3 **LEGAL SYSTEM.**

4 (a) REPORT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 1,  
6 2027, and annually thereafter by December 1  
7 through 2031, the Secretary of Defense, acting  
8 through the General Counsel of the Department of  
9 Defense, shall submit to the congressional defense  
10 committees a comprehensive report on the findings,  
11 recommendations, and implementation status of the  
12 Department-wide review of the military legal system  
13 initiated pursuant to the Secretary of Defense  
14 memorandum dated May 8, 2026.

15 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under  
16 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

17 (A) A detailed summary of the reviews  
18 conducted by the special review panel estab-  
19 lished by the General Counsel, including a list  
20 of all final recommendations submitted to the  
21 Secretary during the preceding fiscal year.

22 (B) Details on the specific timeline, imple-  
23 mentation status, and systemic changes exe-  
24 cuted or planned by the Department based on  
25 the panel's recommendations.

1           (C) An assessment of how any administra-  
2           tive, structural, or policy changes resulting from  
3           the review impact the statutory independence  
4           and authorities of the special trial counsel es-  
5           tablished under part I of subtitle D of title V  
6           of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
7           Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 135  
8           Stat. 1692).

9           (D) The specific metrics, criteria, and legal  
10          justifications used to differentiate “operational”  
11          military legal workloads from “civilian” work-  
12          loads, alongside a quantification of any legal  
13          personnel or billets shifted from military to ci-  
14          vilian oversight.

15          (E) A summary of the comparative data  
16          and criteria used by the Department to bench-  
17          mark the military legal system against the De-  
18          partment of Justice and State criminal justice  
19          systems, including any findings on system effi-  
20          ciencies or deficiencies.

21          (F) An evaluation of how proposed changes  
22          affect the professional responsibility, rating  
23          chains, and statutory duty of the Judge Advo-  
24          cates General of the Armed Forces to provide  
25          independent legal advice.

1           (3) FORM.—The report required under para-  
 2           graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,  
 3           but may include a classified annex if necessary.

4           (b) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of De-  
 5           fense shall brief the congressional defense committees not  
 6           later than 30 days after implementing any changes based  
 7           on the recommendations of the panel and review described  
 8           in subsection (a)(1).

9   **SEC. 539D. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO ORDER TO**  
 10                   **ACTIVE-DUTY CERTAIN PERSONS SUBJECT**  
 11                   **TO THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUS-**  
 12                   **TICE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO OFFENSES**  
 13                   **DURING SPECIFIED PERIODS INCIDENT TO**  
 14                   **INACTIVE-DUTY TRAINING.**

15           (a) PERSONS SUBJECT TO UCMJ.—Section  
 16           802(d)(2)(B) of title 10, United States Code (article  
 17           2(d)(2)(B) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is  
 18           amended by inserting “or during a period specified in sub-  
 19           section (a)(3)(B)” after “on inactive-duty training”.

20           (b) JURISDICTION TO TRY CERTAIN PERSONNEL.—  
 21           Section 803(d) of such title (article 3(d) of the Uniform  
 22           Code of Military Justice) is amended—

23                   (1) by inserting “or a period specified in section  
 24                   802(a)(3)(B) of this title (article 2(a)(3)(B))” after

1 “a period of active duty or inactive-duty training”;  
 2 and

3 (2) by striking “of active-duty or inactive-duty  
 4 training” before the period at the end.

5 **SEC. 539E. INAPPLICABILITY TO RETIRED MEMBERS OF PU-**  
 6 **NITIVE ARTICLES AFFECTING POLITICAL**  
 7 **SPEECH.**

8 Section 802 of title 10, United States Code (article  
 9 2 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “The following  
 11 persons” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-  
 12 section (e), the following persons”;

13 (2) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
 14 section (f); and

15 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
 16 lowing new subsection:

17 “(e)(1) With respect to members to whom the provi-  
 18 sions of this chapter are made applicable by paragraphs  
 19 (4), (5), (6), and (14) of subsection (a), except as provided  
 20 in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the provisions of sub-  
 21 chapter X shall not be applicable to any—

22 “(A) conduct of such members which con-  
 23 stitutes or pertains to political speech;



1           “(B) expressions pertaining to the actions,  
2           character, motivations, qualifications, or other at-  
3           tributes of government officials; or

4           “(C) statements of the law.

5           “(2) The exception under paragraph (1) shall not  
6           apply to a member—

7           “(A) to whom this chapter is applicable under  
8           a paragraph of subsection (a) other than one of the  
9           paragraphs referenced in paragraph (1) of this sub-  
10          section; or

11          “(B) who is wearing a military uniform.”.

12           **Subtitle E—Member Education,**  
13           **Training, and Transition**

14   **SEC. 541. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO REORGANIZE THE**  
15           **SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING**  
16           **CORPS.**

17          (a) LIMITATIONS.—

18           (1) BRIEFING PRIOR TO REORGANIZATION.—

19          The Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the  
20          Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force may not  
21          reorganize a unit of the program of their respective  
22          military service until the date that is 90 days after  
23          the date on which the Secretary provides to the  
24          Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
25          House of Representatives a briefing with respect to

1 the reorganization of such unit that includes the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 (A) Each position of such unit to be elimi-  
4 nated.

5 (B) A risk analysis regarding the impact of  
6 the reorganization on officer accessions that  
7 justifies such reorganization.

8 (C) Anticipated cost savings or expenses to  
9 the United States.

10 (D) The number of members of the pro-  
11 gram affected by the reorganization, including  
12 the number of members who will have to travel  
13 to another educational institution to participate  
14 in the program after the reorganization.

15 (E) Any change to a scholarship awarded  
16 under section 2107 or 2107a of title 10, United  
17 States Code, due to the reorganization.

18 (2) COMPLETION OF COMMISSIONING REQUIRE-  
19 MENTS BY CURRENT STUDENTS.—The Secretary of  
20 the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Sec-  
21 retary of the Air Force shall ensure that any reorga-  
22 nization of a unit of the program of their respective  
23 military service allows a member of the program re-  
24 ceiving financial assistance under section 2107 or  
25 2107a of title 10, United States Code, who is af-

1        fected by such reorganization to complete any re-  
 2        quirements for receiving a commission as an officer  
 3        in the military service without the member being re-  
 4        quired to transfer to another educational institution.

5        (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6            (1) The terms “program” and “member of the  
 7        program” have the meanings given such terms in  
 8        section 2101 of title 10, United States Code.

9            (2) The term “reorganize”, with respect to a  
 10       unit of the program, includes closing, restructuring,  
 11       reclassifying, merging, or realigning.

12    **SEC. 542. DISCHARGE OF MIDSHIPMEN FOR UNSATISFAC-**  
 13                            **TORY CONDUCT OR INAPTITUDE.**

14        Section 8462 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 15        amended—

16            (1) in subsection (a)—

17                    (A) by striking “Superintendent of the  
 18        Naval Academy” and all that follows through  
 19        “report of the facts—” and inserting “Sec-  
 20        retary of the Navy may discharge a mid-  
 21        shipman from the Naval Academy and from the  
 22        naval service—”;

23                    (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “Super-  
 24        intendent” and inserting “Secretary”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “Aca-  
2 demic Board unanimously determines” and in-  
3 serting “Secretary determines”; and  
4 (2) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
5 lows:

6 “(b) The authority of the Secretary under subsection  
7 (a) may be delegated to the Superintendent of the Naval  
8 Academy.”.

9 **SEC. 543. MODIFICATION TO PROGRAM ON ENCOURAGE-**  
10 **MENT OF POSTSEPARATION PUBLIC AND**  
11 **COMMUNITY SERVICE.**

12 (a) MODIFICATION OF APPLICABILITY OF REPEALED  
13 SECTION.—Section 553(c)(2) of the John S. McCain Na-  
14 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019  
15 (Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat. 1773) is amended by  
16 striking “The repeal made under paragraph (1)” and in-  
17 serting “The amendments made by this section”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
19 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
20 ment of the John S. McCain National Defense Authoriza-  
21 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232).

1 **SEC. 544. LIMITED AUTHORITY TO WAIVE TIME-IN-GRADE**  
2 **REQUIREMENT FOR SERVICE ACADEMY**  
3 **GRADUATES DETAILED AS STUDENTS AT LAW**  
4 **SCHOOLS.**

5 Section 2004 of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “Not more  
8 than 25 officers and enlisted members from each  
9 military department” and inserting “Not more than  
10 35 members from each military service”; and

11 (2) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “Officers and  
13 enlisted members”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
15 paragraph:

16 “(2) The Secretaries of the military departments are  
17 authorized to waive the time in service minimum of two  
18 years in subsection (b)(1)(A)(i) for up to five officers who  
19 are graduates of the United States Military Academy es-  
20 tablished under section 7431 of title 10, United States  
21 Code, up to five officers who are graduates of the Air  
22 Force Academy established under section 9431 of title 10,  
23 United States Code, and up to five officers who are grad-  
24 uates of the Naval Academy established under section  
25 8451 of title 10, United States Code, respectively.”.

1 **SEC. 545. ELIMINATION OF THE RIGHT OF CADETS TO**  
2 **AUTOMATIC REEXAMINATION.**

3 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section  
4 7451 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) by striking subsection (b);

6 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
7 section (b); and

8 (3) in subsection (b), as so redesignated, by  
9 striking “the course” and inserting “a course”.

10 (b) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section  
11 9451 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) by striking subsection (b);

13 (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
14 section (b); and

15 (3) in subsection (b), as so redesignated, by  
16 striking “the course” and inserting “a course”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall apply to the first academic year begin-  
19 ning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 546. REVISION TO DECISION TIMEFRAME FOR EXPE-**  
21 **DITED TRANSFERS AT THE MILITARY SERV-**  
22 **ICE ACADEMIES.**

23 (a) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Sub-  
24 section (e)(2)(C)(i) of section 7461 of title 10, United  
25 States Code, is amended by striking “72 hours” each place  
26 it appears and inserting “five calendar days”.

1 (b) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Subsection  
 2 (e)(2)(C)(i) of section 8480 of title 10, United States  
 3 Code, is amended by striking “72 hours” each place it ap-  
 4 pears and inserting “five calendar days”.

5 (c) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Sub-  
 6 section (e)(2)(C)(i) of section 9461 of title 10, United  
 7 States Code, is amended by striking “72 hours” each place  
 8 it appears and inserting “five calendar days”.

9 **SEC. 547. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM TO PROMOTE**  
 10 **PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN**  
 11 **THE SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING**  
 12 **CORPS.**

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,  
 15 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pro-  
 16 gram using the authority provided under section  
 17 2103(b) of title 10, United States Code, to promote  
 18 the participation of foreign students in the Senior  
 19 Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (in this section re-  
 20 ferred to as the “Program”).

21 (2) ORGANIZATION.—The Secretary of Defense,  
 22 in consultation with the Director of the Defense Se-  
 23 curity Cooperation Agency, the Secretaries of the  
 24 military departments, the commanders of the com-  
 25 batant commands, the participant institutions in the

1 Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program,  
2 and any other individual the Secretary of Defense  
3 considers appropriate, shall be responsible for, and  
4 shall oversee, the Program.

5 (b) OBJECTIVE.—The objective of the Program is to  
6 promote the readiness and interoperability of the United  
7 States Armed Forces and the military forces of partner  
8 countries by providing a high-quality, cost effective mili-  
9 tary-based educational experience for foreign students in  
10 furtherance of the military-to-military program objectives  
11 of the Department of Defense and to enhance the edu-  
12 cational experience and preparation of future United  
13 States military leaders through increased, extended inter-  
14 action with highly qualified potential foreign military lead-  
15 ers.

16 (c) ACTIVITIES.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under the Program, the  
18 Secretary of Defense shall—

19 (A) identify to the military services' Senior  
20 Reserve Officers' Training Corps program the  
21 foreign students who, based on criteria estab-  
22 lished by the Secretary, the Secretary rec-  
23 ommends be considered for admission under the  
24 Program;



1 (B) coordinate with partner countries to  
2 evaluate interest in and promote awareness of  
3 the Program;

4 (C) establish a mechanism for tracking an  
5 alumni network of foreign students who partici-  
6 pate in the Program; and

7 (D) to the extent practicable, work with  
8 the participant institutions in the Senior Re-  
9 serve Officers' Training Corps program and  
10 partner countries to identify academic institu-  
11 tions and programs that—

12 (i) have specialized academic pro-  
13 grams in areas of study of interest to par-  
14 ticipating countries; or

15 (ii) have high participation from or  
16 significant diaspora populations from par-  
17 ticipating countries.

18 (d) STRATEGY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September  
20 30, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to  
21 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and  
22 the Committee on Armed Services of the House of  
23 Representatives a strategy for the implementation of  
24 the Program.

1           (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by  
2 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

3           (A) A governance structure for the Pro-  
4 gram, including—

5               (i) the officials tasked to oversee the  
6 Program;

7               (ii) the format of the governing body  
8 of the Program;

9               (iii) the functions and duties of such  
10 governing body with respect to establishing  
11 and maintaining the Program; and

12              (iv) mechanisms for coordinating with  
13 partner countries whose students are se-  
14 lected to participate in the Program.

15           (B) A list of additional authorities, appro-  
16 priations, or other congressional support nec-  
17 essary to ensure the success of the Program.

18           (C) A description of targeted partner coun-  
19 tries and participant institutions in the Senior  
20 Reserve Officers' Training Corps for the first  
21 three fiscal years of the Program, including a  
22 rationale for selecting such initial partners.

23           (D) A description of opportunities and po-  
24 tential timelines for future Program expansion,  
25 as appropriate.

1           (E) A description of the mechanism for  
2 tracking the alumni network of participants of  
3 the Program.

4           (F) Any other information the Secretary of  
5 Defense considers appropriate.

6 (e) REPORT.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September  
8 20, 2028, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of  
9 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense  
10 committees (as that term is defined in section 101  
11 of title 10, United States Code) a report on the Pro-  
12 gram.

13           (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-  
14 graph (1) shall include the following elements:

15           (A) A narrative summary of activities con-  
16 ducted as part of the Program during the pre-  
17 ceding fiscal year.

18           (B) An overview of participant Senior Re-  
19 serve Officers' Training Corps programs, indi-  
20 viduals, and countries, to include a description  
21 of the areas of study entered into by the stu-  
22 dents participating in the Program.

23           (C) A description of opportunities and po-  
24 tential timelines for future Program expansion,  
25 as appropriate.

1 (D) Any other information the Secretary of  
2 Defense considers appropriate.

3 (f) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of  
4 Defense may not use the authority provided under this  
5 section to pay for tuition or room and board for foreign  
6 students who participate in the Program.

7 (g) TERMINATION.—The Program shall terminate on  
8 December 31, 2032.

9 **SEC. 548. DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL FOR MILI-**  
10 **TARY-TO-CIVILIAN TRANSITION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 58 of title 10, United  
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
13 lowing new section:

14 **“§ 1156. Senior official for military-to-civilian transi-**  
15 **tion**

16 **“(a) DESIGNATION.**—The Under Secretary of De-  
17 fense for Personnel and Readiness shall designate a senior  
18 official of the Department of Defense to oversee policy and  
19 programs related to the transition of members of the  
20 armed forces from active duty to civilian life or reserve  
21 components.

22 **“(b) QUALIFICATIONS.**—The official designated  
23 under paragraph (1) shall be designated from among indi-  
24 viduals with appropriate experience in military personnel

1 policy, transition assistance, veterans' affairs, or related  
2 matters.

3       “(c) ROLE, RESPONSIBILITY, AND AUTHORITY.—(1)  
4 Subject to paragraph (2), the Under Secretary of Defense  
5 for Personnel and Readiness shall prescribe the roles, re-  
6 sponsibilities, and authorities of the official designated  
7 under subsection (a).

8       “(2) The roles, responsibilities, and authorities pre-  
9 scribed under paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to  
10 the transition of members of the armed forces from active  
11 duty to civilian life and reserve components and the fami-  
12 lies of such members experiencing such transition—

13           “(A) serving as the principal advisor to the  
14 Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Read-  
15 iness on policies, operations, and programs and ac-  
16 tivities relating to the transition of members;

17           “(B) assisting the Under Secretary of Defense  
18 for Personnel and Readiness with policies, oper-  
19 ations, and programs and activities relating to the  
20 transition of members;

21           “(C) working, in consultation with the Sec-  
22 retary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Labor,  
23 and the Secretary of Education, to improve the effi-  
24 ciency and effectiveness of all activities relating to  
25 the transition of members;

1           “(D) serving as the principal coordinator for  
2       military-to-civilian transition policy within the De-  
3       partment of Defense, with the mission of coordi-  
4       nating and overseeing the effectiveness of transition  
5       programs of the Department of Defense and ensur-  
6       ing all members of the armed forces are well  
7       equipped for civilian life or the reserve components,  
8       as the case may be;

9           “(E) overseeing the implementation of transi-  
10      tion programs in the Department of Defense;

11          “(F) conducting a review and assessment of all  
12      transition programs and services offered by the De-  
13      partment of Defense, including the programs under  
14      this chapter, and proposing legislative or administra-  
15      tive action—

16           “(i) to improve the efficacy and efficiency  
17      of the programs; and

18           “(ii) to ensure compliance with all legal re-  
19      quirements related to transition assistance; and

20          “(G) working with Federal agencies, State and  
21      local governments, and nongovernmental organiza-  
22      tions to improve the delivery of transition support  
23      services to members and families of members.”.

24      (b) IMPLEMENTATION AND BRIEFING.—

1           (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Under Secretary  
 2 of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall des-  
 3 ignate a senior official under section 1156(a) of title  
 4 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a)  
 5 of this section, not later than 90 days after the date  
 6 of the enactment of this Act.

7           (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after  
 8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
 9 of Defense shall provide a briefing to the congres-  
 10 sional defense committees on—

11                   (A) the status of the designation of the of-  
 12 ficial described under subsection (1); and

13                   (B) the implementation of the roles, re-  
 14 sponsibilities, and authorities of such official.

15 **SEC. 549. PAYMENT OF TUITION FOR OFF-DUTY TRAINING**  
 16 **OR EDUCATION.**

17           (a) AUTHORITY.—Section 2007 of title 10, United  
 18 States Code, is amended—

19                   (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**and**  
 20 **institution fees**” after “**Payment of tui-**  
 21 **tion**”;

22                   (2) in subsection (a), by striking “or expenses”  
 23 and inserting “, expenses, or institution fees”; and

1           (3) in subsection (c), by striking “or expenses”  
2       each place it appears and inserting “, expenses, or  
3       institution fees”.

4       (b) INCREASE IN PER-SEMESTER-HOUR CAP.—The  
5       Secretary of Defense may prescribe regulations increasing  
6       the per-semester-hour cap for tuition assistance offered by  
7       the military services to not more than \$350 per semester-  
8       hour.

9       (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
11       after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
12       nually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-  
13       mit to the congressional defense committees a report  
14       on Off-Duty and Voluntary Education and Training  
15       Account (“Accounts”) outcomes.

16           (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under  
17       paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

18               (A) Fiscal, volume, compliance, and dis-  
19       tribution metrics.

20               (B) Metrics linking investment in the Ac-  
21       counts to outcomes including educational at-  
22       tainment, recruitment/retention, mission readi-  
23       ness, and transition readiness.



1 (C) An analysis of compliance with sec-  
2 tions 2005, 2006a, and 2007 of title 10, United  
3 States Code.

4 (D) An analysis of the severability of an-  
5 nual ceiling requirements from per-semester-  
6 hour caps under part 68 of title 32, Code of  
7 Federal Regulations.

8 **SEC. 549A. IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSITION OF MEDICS IN**  
9 **THE ARMED FORCES TO THE CIVILIAN WORK-**  
10 **FORCE IN HEALTH CARE OCCUPATIONS.**

11 (a) RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRED.—The Secretary  
12 of Defense, in consultation with each of the States  
13 (through the Defense-State Liaison Office of the Depart-  
14 ment of Defense), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the  
15 Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary  
16 of Labor, and the Secretary of Homeland Security (with  
17 respect to matters concerning the Coast Guard when it  
18 is not operating as a service in the Department of the  
19 Navy), shall develop recommendations to improve the  
20 transition of medics serving in the Armed Forces into the  
21 civilian workforce in health care occupations, including as  
22 certified nurse aides, licensed practical nurses, or medical  
23 assistants.

24 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In carrying out subsection  
25 (a), the Secretary of Defense shall—

1 (1) identify any barriers—

2 (A) to improving the ability of the Sec-  
3 retary to determine and communicate how the  
4 military credentials and experience of a medic  
5 separating from the Armed Forces translate to  
6 credentialed civilian employment in health care  
7 occupations;

8 (B) that exist to the standardization  
9 among the Armed Forces of military medic cre-  
10 dentials and experience and the alignment of  
11 such credentials and experience to credentialed  
12 civilian employment in health care occupations;

13 (C) that exist to ensuring members of the  
14 Armed Forces with military medic credentials  
15 and experience have earned the equivalent civil-  
16 ian credential prior to separation from the  
17 Armed Forces in addition to receiving their  
18 military credentials;

19 (D) to the increased establishment and up-  
20 take of accelerated or bridge programs to assist  
21 separating members of the Armed Forces in  
22 translating military credentials and experience  
23 into civilian health care credentials and employ-  
24 ment;

1 (E) to increasing the availability and ac-  
2 cessibility of preparatory activities under the  
3 SkillBridge program established under section  
4 1143(e) of title 10, United States Code, in the  
5 health care sector for members of the Armed  
6 Forces preparing for separation, to include—

7 (i) the approval timeline for sepa-  
8 rating members to participate in  
9 SkillBridge programs in the health care  
10 sector; and

11 (ii) requirements to return to their  
12 duty station for out-processing; and

13 (F) to providing information on civilian  
14 health care credentials and employment under  
15 the Transition Assistance Program to medics  
16 separating from the Armed Forces, including  
17 information on State-by-State licensing and  
18 credentialing; and

19 (2) consider the potential impact of—

20 (A) clarification by States through legisla-  
21 tion, actions of State licensing boards, or ac-  
22 tions of State credentialing boards of the civil-  
23 ian equivalents of certain military credentials  
24 and experience in health care;

1           (B) implementation, including through  
2           State-provided incentives, of accelerated pro-  
3           grams to bridge military medic credentials and  
4           experience with civilian health care credentials  
5           and licenses;

6           (C) financial support or incentives by  
7           States to increase the availability and accessi-  
8           bility of such programs;

9           (D) requiring the military departments to  
10          align military health care credentials with civil-  
11          ian equivalents; and

12          (E) tracking and reporting, in consultation  
13          with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Sec-  
14          retary of Labor, and the Secretary of Homeland  
15          Security (with respect to matters concerning  
16          the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a  
17          service in the Department of the Navy), the  
18          number of separated members of the Armed  
19          Forces with health care-related military creden-  
20          tials and experience who continue in the civilian  
21          health care sector, including the type of employ-  
22          ment they pursue.

23          (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
24          of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
25          shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the

1 Senate and the House of Representatives a report con-  
2 taining—

3           (1) the recommendations developed under sub-  
4 section (a); and

5           (2) a plan to implement those recommenda-  
6 tions.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8           (1) MEDIC.—The term “medic” means a mem-  
9 ber of the Armed Forces acting in a clinical health  
10 care-related occupation while serving in the Armed  
11 Forces.

12           (2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of  
13 the several States, the District of Columbia, the  
14 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States  
15 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or the  
16 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
17 that have a Defense-State Liaison Office.

18           (3) TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—The  
19 term “Transition Assistance Program” means the  
20 program of the Department of Defense for pre-sepa-  
21 ration counseling, employment assistance, and other  
22 transitional services provided under sections 1142  
23 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 549B. STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTITU-**  
2 **TIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SEEKING TO**  
3 **PARTICIPATE IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
4 **EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION ON CATEGORICAL RESTRIC-  
6 TIONS.—Except as provided in subsection (c), the Sec-  
7 retary of Defense may not, by any policy or other action—

8 (1) prohibit or otherwise restrict the Depart-  
9 ment of Defense or the military departments from  
10 permitting servicemembers to participate in an eligi-  
11 ble program at an eligible institution of higher edu-  
12 cation, as a means to complete an eligible program,  
13 including any constituent subsidiary or subelement  
14 of such institution, regardless of the source of funds  
15 used by the member to pay tuition, fees, or related  
16 expenses; or

17 (2) deny covered funds to members of the  
18 Armed Forces who are otherwise eligible for such as-  
19 sistance, or deny covered support to any such mem-  
20 ber, on the basis that the member has applied to,  
21 enrolled in, attends, or has completed an eligible  
22 program at an eligible institution of higher edu-  
23 cation, including any constituent subsidiary or sub-  
24 element of such institution.

25 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) COVERED FUNDS.—The term “covered  
2 funds” means any program, appropriation, or other  
3 authority of the Department of Defense to pay, re-  
4 imburse, or otherwise provide financial assistance for  
5 education or training of members of the Armed  
6 Forces, including under section 2007 of title 10,  
7 United States Code, and any successor authority.

8           (2) COVERED SUPPORT.—The term “covered  
9 support” means any Department of Defense funding  
10 or facilitation of a member’s participation in edu-  
11 cation or training conducted in whole or in part at  
12 an institution of higher education, whether full-time  
13 or part-time, other than professional military edu-  
14 cation programs conducted by the Department of  
15 Defense.

16           (3) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-  
17 CATION DEFINED.—The term “eligible institution of  
18 higher education” means an institution that—

19                   (A) is accredited, and maintains accredita-  
20 tion in good standing, by an accrediting agency  
21 or association recognized by the Secretary of  
22 Education under part H of title IV of the High-  
23 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099b et  
24 seq.); and

1 (B)(i) operates a program authorized in  
2 section 2006a(a) of title 10, United States  
3 Code; or

4 (ii) offers or administers an eligible pro-  
5 gram under paragraph (4).

6 (4) ELIGIBLE PROGRAM.—The term “eligible  
7 program” means—

8 (A) an educational program authorized by  
9 law and established by the Department of De-  
10 fense under which the Department is authorized  
11 to provide covered funds or covered support; or

12 (B) a fellowship, scholarship, degree, cer-  
13 tificate, medical residency, grant, or other  
14 training or education program in which mem-  
15 bers of the Armed Forces are authorized to par-  
16 ticipate that is funded through—

17 (i) covered funds;

18 (ii) personal funds;

19 (iii) authorized outside fellowships,  
20 scholarships, or grants; or

21 (iv) any combination of sources de-  
22 scribed in clauses (i) through (iii).

23 (c) LIMITED EXCEPTIONS FOR CAUSE; TERMINATION  
24 OR SUSPENSION OF INSTITUTIONAL ELIGIBILITY.—



1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may restrict  
2           attendance under subsection (a)(1), or suspend or  
3           terminate the availability of covered funds or covered  
4           support under subsection (a)(2), with respect to an  
5           otherwise eligible institution of higher education if—

6                   (A) the institution has materially failed to  
7                   comply with specific terms of a memorandum of  
8                   understanding, contract, or other educational  
9                   partnership agreement applicable to the eligible  
10                  program;

11                  (B) the restriction, suspension, or termi-  
12                  nation is required to address a specific,  
13                  articulable national security risk;

14                  (C) the restriction, suspension, or termi-  
15                  nation is required by a provision of Federal law  
16                  or is undertaken upon mutual written agree-  
17                  ment between the Department and the institu-  
18                  tion; or

19                  (D) the institution has been convicted of,  
20                  or has been the subject of a final civil judgment  
21                  that the institution violated—

22                          (i) the Arms Export Control Act (22  
23                          U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) or regulations issued  
24                          thereunder;

1 (ii) the Export Control Reform Act of  
2 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) or regula-  
3 tions issued thereunder;

4 (iii) the International Emergency Eco-  
5 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)  
6 or regulations issued thereunder; or

7 (iv) Section 1831 of title 18, United  
8 States Code (economic espionage).

9 (2) LEAST DISRUPTIVE MEANS; PROSPECTIVE  
10 APPLICATION.—Any action under paragraph (1)  
11 shall be narrowly tailored and implemented using  
12 the least disruptive means practicable, including to  
13 the maximum extent practicable, applying such ac-  
14 tion prospectively and permitting enrolled students  
15 to finish their current course of study.

16 (d) NOTICE.—In the event that the Secretary believes  
17 that a “for cause” exception has been triggered under sub-  
18 section (c), the Secretary shall provide for the following:

19 (1) Not later than 90 days before the proposed  
20 termination date, the Secretary shall provide to the  
21 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
22 the House of Representatives and the affected insti-  
23 tution written notification, including—

24 (A) the proposed termination date; and

1 (B) the factual basis for suspension or ter-  
2 mination under subsection (c).

3 (2) The Secretary shall provide an opportunity  
4 for the institution to appeal or dispute the findings  
5 and cure any material deficiencies in the written no-  
6 tification within 30 days of receipt of such notifica-  
7 tion. If at any point the institution demonstrates  
8 that they have cured the issue, the Secretary shall  
9 re-evaluate the suspension or termination and deter-  
10 mine whether the institution has addressed the ma-  
11 terial deficiencies.

12 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Participation in De-  
13 partment of Defense education programs and activities by  
14 institutions of higher education shall be determined based  
15 on institution-agnostic eligibility requirements and objec-  
16 tive criteria. Nothing in this section shall be construed—

17 (1) to permit the Secretary to disqualify an in-  
18 stitution of higher education from participating in  
19 Department of Defense education or training pro-  
20 grams or activities on the basis of—

21 (A) an institution of higher education's  
22 First Amendment rights or its protection of  
23 student free speech and association rights  
24 under section 112 of the Higher Education Act  
25 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1011a.); or

1 (B) an institution of higher education's re-  
2 ligious character or affiliation;

3 (2) to require the Secretary of Defense to ap-  
4 prove any individual request for covered funds or  
5 covered support where the member or the institution  
6 of higher education does not meet program-wide, in-  
7 stitution-agnostic eligibility or selection require-  
8 ments;

9 (3) to restrict the Secretary's ability to estab-  
10 lish institution-agnostic program guidelines, eligi-  
11 bility criteria, or funding caps on covered support  
12 programs that are not otherwise inconsistent with  
13 this section;

14 (4) to limit the ability of the Secretary of De-  
15 fense or the Secretaries of the military departments  
16 from entering into program agreements with eligible  
17 institutions of higher education to carry out edu-  
18 cational programs authorized in law; or

19 (5) create an entitlement for servicemembers to  
20 refuse orders otherwise issued in the due course of  
21 normal detailing processes or for military necessity.

22 (f) EXCLUSION.—The prohibitions in subsection (a)  
23 do not apply to an institution of higher education that op-  
24 erates for profit.

1 **SEC. 549C. GOVERNMENT COPYRIGHT FOR WORK PRO-**  
2 **DUCED AT DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERA-**  
3 **TION UNIVERSITY.**

4 Section 105(d)(2) of title 17, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-  
6 graph:

7 “(P) Defense Security Cooperation Univer-  
8 sity.”.

9 **SEC. 549D. PROMOTING THE USE OF STANDARDIZED TEST-**  
10 **ING AT MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES AND**  
11 **DODEA SCHOOLS.**

12 (a) **MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES.**—The Secretary  
13 of Defense shall ensure that each of the Service Academies  
14 (as that term is defined in section 347(d) of title 10,  
15 United States Code) may satisfy any standardized testing  
16 requirement through scores from any of not fewer than  
17 three nationally recognized standardized assessments that  
18 are designed to evaluate college readiness and that meas-  
19 ure, at a minimum, mathematics, reading, grammar and  
20 writing, and analytical reasoning skills. Such assessments  
21 may also evaluate critical and logical reasoning, com-  
22 prehension of literary, historical, or philosophical texts,  
23 and other indicators of postsecondary readiness as deter-  
24 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

25 (b) **DODEA SCHOOLS.**—The Director of the Depart-  
26 ment of Defense Education Activity shall ensure that stu-

1 dents enrolled in the eleventh grade are offered the oppor-  
2 tunity to take not fewer than three standardized assess-  
3 ments described in subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 549E. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-WIDE HATE SYMBOL**  
5 **POLICY AND RECRUITER AND WORKFORCE**  
6 **TRAINING REQUIREMENT.**

7 (a) DEPARTMENT-WIDE POLICY REQUIRED.—Not  
8 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of  
9 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall issue a Depart-  
10 ment-wide policy applicable to members of the Armed  
11 Forces and civilian employees of the Department of De-  
12 fense that—

13 (1) prohibits the display, possession for display,  
14 or use of hate symbols in the workplace or in con-  
15 nection with official duties, including on the body,  
16 uniform, civilian work attire, personal equipment,  
17 government property, or digital work platforms, in-  
18 cluding through tattoos, brands, insignia, patches,  
19 apparel, or electronic imagery;

20 (2) establishes uniform minimum standards for  
21 identifying and addressing prohibited hate symbols  
22 across all military departments and defense agen-  
23 cies;

1           (3) requires each military department and de-  
2       fense agency to revise its regulations and instruc-  
3       tions to comply with such policy; and

4           (4) provides procedures for review, waiver  
5       where appropriate, removal, or remediation con-  
6       sistent with applicable law.

7       (b) HATE SYMBOL DEFINED.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term  
9       “hate symbol”—

10           (A) means any symbol, image, insignia,  
11       emblem, tattoo, sign, coded designation, or  
12       other visual representation that, in context,  
13       would reasonably be understood as expressing,  
14       advocating, endorsing, or promoting hatred, un-  
15       lawful discrimination, violent extremism, or su-  
16       premacy directed against a protected class or  
17       group; and

18           (B) does not include the good-faith display  
19       or use of symbols for legitimate religious, cul-  
20       tural, historical, educational, artistic, intel-  
21       ligence, law enforcement, or investigative pur-  
22       poses where the circumstances do not reason-  
23       ably indicate support for extremist ideology or  
24       unlawful discrimination.

1           (2) CONSIDERED FACTORS.—In determining  
2       whether a symbol constitutes a hate symbol under  
3       this section, the Secretary of Defense shall con-  
4       sider—

5           (A) the historical and cultural meaning of  
6       the symbol;

7           (B) the manner, context, and location in  
8       which the symbol is displayed;

9           (C) whether the symbol is associated with  
10      extremist organizations or ideologies;

11          (D) whether the display would reasonably  
12      be interpreted as communicating support for  
13      hatred, discrimination, or violent extremism;  
14      and

15          (E) applicable constitutional, statutory,  
16      and religious accommodation protections.

17      (c) IDENTIFICATION GUIDANCE.—The Secretary of  
18      Defense shall—

19          (1) develop and maintain supplemental guid-  
20      ance and reference materials, in consultation with  
21      subject matter experts, to assist commanders, super-  
22      visors, human resources personnel, and investigators  
23      in identifying hate symbols; and

24          (2) not less than every three years, review and,  
25      if necessary, update such guidance and reference



1 materials in consultation with civil rights experts  
2 and organizations with recognized expertise in hate  
3 and extremist symbols.

4 (d) TRAINING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of De-  
5 fense shall incorporate instruction on the hate symbol pol-  
6 icy and identification guidance into existing training pro-  
7 grams for—

8 (1) members of the Armed Forces; and

9 (2) civilian employees of the Department of De-  
10 fense;

11 (e) IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT.—

12 (1) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 180 days  
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each  
14 military department and defense agency shall certify  
15 compliance with the requirements under this section.

16 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after  
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
18 of Defense shall brief the Committee on Armed  
19 Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed  
20 Services of the House of Representatives on the im-  
21 plementation of this provision.

1 **Subtitle F—Military Family Readiness and Dependents’ Education**

3 **PART I—DEPENDENTS’ EDUCATION**

4 **SEC. 551. CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL**  
5 **AGENCIES THAT BENEFIT DEPENDENTS OF**  
6 **MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.**

7 (a) CONTINUATION OF AUTHORITY TO ASSIST LOCAL  
8 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES THAT BENEFIT DEPENDENTS  
9 OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPARTMENT  
10 OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.—

11 (1) ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS WITH SIGNIFI-  
12 CANT NUMBERS OF MILITARY DEPENDENT STU-  
13 DENTS.—Of the amount authorized to be appro-  
14 priated for fiscal year 2027 by section 301 and  
15 available for operation and maintenance for Defense-  
16 wide activities as specified in the funding table in  
17 section 4301, \$50,000,000 shall be available only for  
18 the purpose of providing assistance to local edu-  
19 cational agencies under subsection (a) of section 572  
20 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
21 Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163; 20 U.S.C. 7703b).

22 (2) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY DEFINED.—  
23 In this subsection, the term “local educational agen-  
24 cy” has the meaning given that term in section

1       7013(9) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
2       cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7713(9)).

3       (b) IMPACT AID FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE DIS-  
4       ABILITIES.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount authorized to  
6       be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 pursuant to sec-  
7       tion 301 and available for operation and mainte-  
8       nance for Defense-wide activities as specified in the  
9       funding table in section 4301, \$10,000,000 shall be  
10      available for payments under section 363 of the  
11      Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization  
12      Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted into law by  
13      Public Law 106–398; 114 Stat. 1654A–77; 20  
14      U.S.C. 7703a).

15          (2) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.—Of the amount au-  
16      thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 pur-  
17      suant to section 301 and available for operation and  
18      maintenance for Defense-wide activities as specified  
19      in the funding table in section 4301, \$20,000,000  
20      shall be available for use by the Secretary of Defense  
21      to make payments to local educational agencies de-  
22      termined by the Secretary to have higher concentra-  
23      tions of military children with severe disabilities.

24          (3) REPORT.—Not later than September 30,  
25      2027, the Secretary shall brief the Committees on

1 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
2 resentatives on the Department's evaluation of each  
3 local educational agency with higher concentrations  
4 of military children with severe disabilities and sub-  
5 sequent determination of the amounts of impact aid  
6 each such agency shall receive.

7 **SEC. 552. EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGISTS AT DEPARTMENT**  
8 **OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY SCHOOLS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Department  
10 of Defense Education Activity shall ensure that each  
11 school district of such Activity has, at a minimum, one  
12 staff member dedicated to facilitating educational tech-  
13 nology and related matters.

14 (b) DUTIES.—A staff member described in subsection  
15 (a) shall, at a minimum—

16 (1) ensure classroom technologies meet policy  
17 requirements and the needs of students and teach-  
18 ers;

19 (2) assist administrators, curriculum teams, in-  
20 structional support specialists, and teachers in devel-  
21 oping and modeling learning opportunities to make  
22 the best use of technology in the classroom;

23 (3) assist in the implementation of technology  
24 integration; and

1 (4) perform other duties related to educational  
2 technology as assigned.

3 (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February  
4 1, 2028, the Director shall brief the Committees on Armed  
5 Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
6 on—

7 (1) the implementation of subsections (a) and  
8 (b); and

9 (2) any recommendations for changes to policy  
10 or statutes to ensure that the Department of De-  
11 fense Education Activity has sufficient staff and re-  
12 sources to support the use of beneficial technology in  
13 classrooms.

## 14 **PART II—CHILD CARE AND RELATED MATTERS**

### 15 **SEC. 555. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE CHILD CARE PRO-** 16 **VIDERS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PRO-** 17 **GRAMS.**

18 (a) REMOVAL OF PRIOR SERVICE REQUIREMENT.—  
19 Section 1798(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
20 ed—

21 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking the semicolon  
22 and inserting “; and”;

23 (2) by striking paragraph (2); and

24 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
25 graph (2).

1 (b) NATIONAL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
3 may seek to enter into an interagency partnership  
4 with a Federal agency with the ability to place indi-  
5 viduals described in paragraph (2) in military child  
6 development centers in accordance with national  
7 service laws and with all the benefits accorded to  
8 such individuals under those laws.

9 (2) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An individual  
10 described in this paragraph is a participant, includ-  
11 ing a volunteer or national senior volunteer, under  
12 the national service laws who is trained in education  
13 services and is in compliance with hiring require-  
14 ments for military child development centers.

15 (3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the  
16 terms “participant” and “national service laws”  
17 have the meanings given those terms in section 101  
18 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990  
19 (42 U.S.C. 12511)).

20 **SEC. 556. STANDARDIZED REPORTING ON DEPARTMENT OF**  
21 **DEFENSE CHILD CARE READINESS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
23 standardize the collection and reporting of data related to  
24 child care capacity, workforce readiness, and waitlists  
25 across the Armed Forces and military installations.

1 (b) REQUIRED DATA ELEMENTS.—In carrying out  
2 subsection (a), the Secretary shall, at a minimum, require  
3 the collection and reporting of data with respect to the  
4 following:

5 (1) Child care capacity and utilization,  
6 disaggregated by branch of the Armed Forces and  
7 military installation.

8 (2) Child care workforce staffing levels, vacan-  
9 cies, turnover rates, and compensation ranges,  
10 disaggregated by branch of the Armed Forces and  
11 military installation.

12 (3) Child care waitlists, disaggregated by—

13 (A) children that are currently at home  
14 with a parent;

15 (B) children that are currently being cared  
16 for by family members, friends, neighbors, or  
17 nannies;

18 (C) children that are currently receiving  
19 care through—

20 (i) a military child development center  
21 (as defined in section 1800 of title 10,  
22 United States Code) other than the center  
23 for which the children are on the waitlist;

24 (ii) a military family child care pro-  
25 gram, including identification of whether

1 the program is supported by subsidies pro-  
2 vided by the Department of Defense under  
3 section 1796 of title 10, United States  
4 Code; or

5 (iii) community-based child care, in-  
6 cluding identification of whether such care  
7 is supported by financial assistance pro-  
8 vided by the Department through the Mili-  
9 tary Child Care in Your Neighborhood pro-  
10 gram under section 1798 of title 10,  
11 United States Code;

12 (D) families requiring child care during  
13 nontraditional hours; and

14 (E) children for whom sufficient informa-  
15 tion is not available to categorize care status,  
16 including as a result of incomplete or self-re-  
17 ported data.

18 (4) Demand for child care by age cohort, with  
19 specific identification of the demand for child care  
20 for children under age 5.

21 (5) Utilization and attrition data for fee assist-  
22 ance programs.

23 (6) Geographic areas with persistent unmet  
24 child care needs.



1 (c) ANALYSIS OF WAITLIST DATA.—The Secretary  
2 shall—

3 (1) analyze data on child care waitlists collected  
4 under subsection (b), including—

5 (A) the extent of duplicate entries across  
6 military installations or child care programs;  
7 and

8 (B) the proportion of waitlist entries  
9 that—

10 (i) reflect unmet need for child care;  
11 and

12 (ii) reflect unmet preference for spe-  
13 cific child care programs; and

14 (2) take steps to resolve discrepancies in such  
15 data, including duplicate waitlist entries and inclu-  
16 sion of children on waitlists who are receiving care.

17 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe  
18 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section.

19 (e) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

20 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days  
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
22 retary shall brief the Committees on Armed Services  
23 of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
24 on—

1 (A) existing systems and reporting prac-  
2 tices used to track data related to child care ca-  
3 pacity, workforce readiness, and waitlists;

4 (B) the quality, completeness, and limita-  
5 tions of data available as of the date of the  
6 briefing;

7 (C) actions underway to standardize data  
8 collection and reporting across the Department  
9 of Defense; and

10 (D) a plan, including timelines, to improve  
11 standardization of data collection and reporting.

12 (2) RECURRING BRIEFINGS.—Not later than  
13 December 31, 2027, and annually thereafter for  
14 three years, the Secretary shall brief the Committees  
15 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of  
16 Representatives on—

17 (A) data collected under subsection (b);

18 (B) trends in child care capacity, work-  
19 force readiness, and unmet demand,  
20 disaggregated by branch of the Armed Forces  
21 and geographic region;

22 (C) actions taken to address identified  
23 gaps in child care availability, including actions  
24 taken by each branch of the Armed Forces and  
25 in each geographic region; and

1 (D) any recommendations for legislative or  
2 administrative action to improve collection and  
3 reporting of data related to child care capacity,  
4 workforce readiness, and waitlists.

5 **SEC. 557. UPDATE TO PAY SYSTEM FOR CHILD AND YOUTH**  
6 **PROGRAMS OPERATED BY NON-**  
7 **APPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTALITIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2027,  
9 the Secretary of Defense shall issue or revise policy relat-  
10 ing to the pay system for employees of child and youth  
11 programs operated by nonappropriated fund instrumental-  
12 ities to implement the requirements of section 589A of the  
13 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National  
14 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public  
15 Law 118–59; 10 U.S.C. 1792 note).

16 (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required to be issued or  
17 revised under subsection (a) shall—

18 (1) incorporate a revised staffing model for  
19 child development programs that includes posi-  
20 tions—

21 (A) to facilitate classroom operations and  
22 provide direct support to staff of child develop-  
23 ment programs; and

24 (B) to coordinate and support the needs of  
25 children with special needs and provide direct

1 support to personnel working with such chil-  
 2 dren;

3 (2) modify the pay band structure and com-  
 4 pensation rates to improve recruitment and retention  
 5 of employees of child and youth programs described  
 6 in subsection (a); and

7 (3) provide for the implementation of the policy  
 8 as soon as practicable, subject to the availability of  
 9 appropriations.

10 (c) NONAPPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTALITY  
 11 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “nonappropriated  
 12 fund instrumentality” has the meaning given that term  
 13 in section 2488 of title 10, United States Code.

### 14 **PART III—OTHER MATTERS**

#### 15 **SEC. 561. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FELLOWSHIP PRO-** 16 **GRAM FOR MILITARY SPOUSES.**

17 Subchapter I of chapter 88 of title 10, United States  
 18 Code, is amended by inserting after section 1784a the fol-  
 19 lowing new section:

#### 20 **“§ 1784b. Department of Defense Fellowship Program** 21 **for Military Spouses**

22 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than April 1,  
 23 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a fellowship  
 24 program for military spouses, to be known as the ‘Depart-  
 25 ment of Defense Military Spouse Fellowship Program’ (in

1 this section referred to as the ‘Program’), to enhance ca-  
2 reer opportunities for military spouses and to support the  
3 readiness of military families.

4 “(b) FELLOWSHIPS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Under the Program, a  
6 component of the Department of Defense selected by  
7 the Secretary under subsection (c)(1) shall provide  
8 to fellowships to military spouses.

9 “(2) TERM AND CONDITIONS.—A fellowship  
10 under the Program—

11 “(A) shall be for a term of not less than  
12 12 months and not more than 24 months;

13 “(B) may be full time or part time, with  
14 a preference for full time; and

15 “(C) may be an in-person or remote posi-  
16 tion.

17 “(3) COMPENSATION.—A fellow under the Pro-  
18 gram shall be compensated at a rate of pay under  
19 the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5  
20 appropriate to the role of the fellow.

21 “(c) ADMINISTRATION.—In carrying out subsection  
22 (a), the Secretary shall—

23 “(1) select components of the Department of  
24 Defense to participate in the Program based on stra-  
25 tegic workforce planning and demonstrated need;

1           “(2) ensure that fellowships offered by compo-  
2           nents of the Department of Defense selected under  
3           paragraph (1) are available across a range of grade  
4           levels and provide for a wide array of career fields  
5           and experiences; and

6           “(3) ensure that the Program has the funding  
7           and other resources to provide for not less than 500  
8           full-time equivalent fellowships each year.

9           “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPATING COMPO-  
10          NENTS.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A component of the De-  
12           partment of Defense selected under subsection (c)(1)  
13           to participate in the Program shall be responsible  
14           for—

15           “(A) providing a meaningful fellowship ex-  
16           perience to fellows in the component, including  
17           through the provision of professional develop-  
18           ment and mentorship opportunities;

19           “(B) documenting the performance of fel-  
20           lows during the terms of their fellowships; and

21           “(C) subject to paragraph (2), making  
22           every effort to identify permanent positions  
23           within the component to which a fellow may be  
24           non-competitively converted at the end of the  
25           term of the fellowship.

1           “(2) CONVERSION TO PERMANENT POSI-  
 2           TIONS.—The conversion under paragraph (1)(C) of  
 3           a fellowship under the Program to a permanent po-  
 4           sition shall be contingent upon the performance of  
 5           the fellow, the availability of a permanent position,  
 6           and the availability of funding.

7           “(e) MILITARY SPOUSE DEFINED.—In this section,  
 8           the term ‘military spouse’ means any individual who is  
 9           married (within the meaning of section 7703 of the Inter-  
 10          nal Revenue Code of 1986), as of the first date on which  
 11          the individual is employed by a component of the Depart-  
 12          ment of Defense under this section, to a member of the  
 13          uniformed services serving on active duty.”.

14   **SEC. 562. CONSIDERATION IN MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS**  
 15                   **PROCESS OF COLOCATION OF MEMBERS AND**  
 16                   **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE SPOUSES.**

17          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2028, the  
 18          Secretary of Defense shall require each of the Armed  
 19          Forces to have in place a policy for achieving, as a sec-  
 20          ondary consideration during the process of assigning  
 21          members to duty stations, colocation of covered couples.

22          (b) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out subsection (a), the  
 23          Secretary shall—

1           (1) ensure that, in assigning a member of the  
2   Armed Forces who is part of a covered couple to a  
3   duty station—

4           (A) the primary considerations are the  
5   member’s current qualifications and ability to  
6   fill a valid mission requirement; and

7           (B) colocation is a secondary consideration,  
8   to maximize the opportunities for continued em-  
9   ployment of the civilian employee of the Depart-  
10   ment of Defense through all flexibilities avail-  
11   able;

12          (2) ensure civilian personnel policies and proc-  
13   esses of the Department are updated to facilitate co-  
14   location; and

15          (3) provide resources, training, and additional  
16   flexibilities where appropriate to the Armed Forces  
17   and human resources managers of the Department  
18   to facilitate retention of civilian employees of the  
19   Department during permanent change of station  
20   moves of members of the Armed Forces who are  
21   part of a covered couple.

22   (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23          (1) CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT  
24   OF DEFENSE.—The term “civilian employee of the  
25   Department of Defense”—



1 (A) means an employee (as defined in sec-  
2 tion 2105 of title 5, United States Code) of the  
3 Department of Defense;

4 (B) includes—

5 (i) a nonappropriated fund instrumen-  
6 tality employee (as defined in section  
7 1587(a) of title 10, United States Code);  
8 and

9 (ii) a temporary employee of the De-  
10 partment; and

11 (C) does not include an employee of a con-  
12 tractor of the Department of Defense.

13 (2) COLOCATION.—The term “colocation”, with  
14 respect to a covered couple, means assigning the  
15 member of the Armed Forces to a duty location in  
16 a manner that results in the retention of the civilian  
17 employee of the Department of Defense at the same  
18 pay grade and in the same job series within any  
19 component of the Department, whether through re-  
20 mote work, alternate work site arrangements, a reas-  
21 signment, or an internal transfer.

22 (3) COVERED COUPLE.—The term “covered  
23 couple” means a couple in which a member of the  
24 Armed Forces serving on active duty and a civilian

1 employee of the Department of Defense are married  
2 to each other.

3 **SEC. 563. REVIEW OF EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PRO-**  
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1, 2027, the  
6 Secretary of Defense shall initiate a review of how the Ex-  
7 ceptional Family Member Program (in this section re-  
8 ferred to as the “Program”) affects assignment decisions,  
9 continuity of care, access to medical, behavioral health,  
10 and educational services, and retention and career pro-  
11 gression of members across the Armed Forces.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The review required by subsection  
13 (a) shall—

14 (1) identify military installations where families  
15 with an individual in the Program face unavailable,  
16 limited, or difficult-to-access services;

17 (2) assess whether current assignment screen-  
18 ing and coordination processes under the Program—

19 (A) are effectively ensuring that such fami-  
20 lies are assigned to locations where needed serv-  
21 ices are reasonably available; and

22 (B) adequately evaluate the availability,  
23 timeliness, and continuity of educational serv-  
24 ices and related supports required under an ex-  
25 isting individualized education program, individ-

1 ualized family service plan, or other applicable  
2 educational accommodation for an individual in  
3 the Program, including whether families experi-  
4 ence significant delays, gaps, or barriers in ob-  
5 taining comparable services after relocation;

6 (3) evaluate the impact of enrollment of a fam-  
7 ily member in the Program on assignment opportu-  
8 nities, assignment stability, and readiness of mem-  
9 bers of the Armed Forces; and

10 (4) identify best practices across the military  
11 departments for improving continuity of care and as-  
12 signment stability for families with an individual in  
13 the Program.

14 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than April 30,  
15 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Com-  
16 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House  
17 of Representatives a report on the results of the review  
18 that includes a corrective action plan describing steps—

19 (1) to improve assignment screening for fami-  
20 lies with an individual in the Program;

21 (2) to increase transparency regarding the  
22 availability of services at military installations;

23 (3) to improve how the Department of Defense  
24 assesses the availability of educational services at as-  
25 signment locations and reduces disruptions in imple-

1       mentation of such services following a permanent  
2       change of station;

3           (4) to improve coordination among military  
4       treatment facilities, the TRICARE program (as de-  
5       fined in section 1072 of title 10, United States  
6       Code), and civilian services providers; and

7           (5) to strengthen relocation support for families  
8       with an individual in the Program while moving be-  
9       tween duty stations.

10 **SEC. 564. IMPROVED COUNSELING AND ACCESS TO INFOR-**  
11 **MATION RELATING TO FOSTER CARE FOR**  
12 **MILITARY FAMILIES.**

13       (a) TRAINING FOR COUNSELORS.—

14           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
15       shall require all counselors assigned to a Family Ad-  
16       vocacy Program or Military and Family Life pro-  
17       gram at a military installation in the United States  
18       to be trained in the requirements and resources re-  
19       lating to foster care of the State in which the instal-  
20       lation is located.

21           (2) FOSTER CARE LIAISONS.—A counselor who  
22       has received training under paragraph (1) shall be  
23       known as a “foster care liaison”.

24       (b) INCLUSION OF FOSTER CARE INFORMATION ON  
25       MILITARY ONESOURCE.—The Secretary shall require

1 Military OneSource to include a mechanism for military  
 2 families to obtain information on foster care, including the  
 3 requirements and resources relating to foster care of each  
 4 State.

5 (c) COLLABORATION WITH ADMINISTRATION FOR  
 6 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.—The Secretary may consult  
 7 with the Administration for Children and Families of the  
 8 Department of Health and Human Services to obtain re-  
 9 sources relating to foster care for military families, includ-  
 10 ing curricula for training under subsection (a).

11 **SEC. 565. REPORTING ON GAPS BETWEEN SENIOR AND**  
 12 **JUNIOR ENLISTED SECURITY FORCES THAT**  
 13 **COULD HINDER EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT AND**  
 14 **LEADERSHIP AT PROTECTION LEVEL ONE**  
 15 **LOCATIONS.**

16 Section 585 of the National Defense Authorization  
 17 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.  
 18 1759) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “through  
 20 2027” and inserting “through 2032”; and

21 (2) in subsection (b)—

22 (A) by redesignating paragraph (9) as  
 23 paragraph (10); and

24 (B) by inserting after paragraph (8) the  
 25 following new paragraph:

“(9) A description of gaps between senior and junior enlisted security forces personnel that could hinder effective oversight and leadership at each PL-1 location and actions needed to remedy such gaps.”.

## **Subtitle G—Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps**

### **SEC. 571. UPDATE OF GUIDANCE AND EVALUATION OF JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS INSTRUCTOR PAY SCALE.**

(a) UPDATE OF GUIDANCE.—Not later than January 1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries concerned shall update Department of Defense issuances governing the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) program, including the applicable Department of Defense Instruction, to—

(1) reflect current statutory requirements relating to the minimum number of Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps units, including any increases enacted in recent National Defense Authorization Acts, and the plan of the Secretary to achieve and sustain such minimums;

(2) an evaluation plan to assess the effects of the JROTC Standardized Instructor Pay Scale, or any successor pay system, on recruitment and reten-

1       tion of JROTC instructors, including the implemen-  
2       tation and utilization of the temporary authority to  
3       provide bonuses to such instructors under section  
4       546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
5       Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C.  
6       2031 note); and

7           (3) standardized metrics for measuring JROTC  
8       instructor recruiting outcomes and retention rates  
9       across the military services.

10       (b) REQUIRED METRICS.—The evaluation plan re-  
11       quired under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum,  
12       metrics relating to—

13           (1) instructor vacancy rates and time-to-hire;

14           (2) retention rates and length of service;

15           (3) geographic variation in recruiting and reten-  
16       tion outcomes, including high-cost-of-living areas,  
17       rural, urban, and geographically isolated locations;

18           (4) comparisons between outcomes under the  
19       legacy pay system and the JSIPS;

20           (5) the identification of recruiting efforts used  
21       to attract instructor applicants, including data on  
22       how applicants learned about available instructor po-  
23       sitions;

24           (6) the number of applicants who begin, com-  
25       plete, or withdraw from the instructor hiring proc-

1       ess, including the interview and background inves-  
2       tigation stages;

3           (7) the number of applicants who accept or de-  
4       cline instructor position offers, including to the ex-  
5       tent practicable, information on the reasons offers  
6       were declined;

7           (8) the number, amount, and distribution of bo-  
8       nuses provided to JROTC instructors under section  
9       546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
10      Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C.  
11      2031 note), disaggregated by military department,  
12      geographic location, and instructor type, as well as  
13      any identified barriers to use of the authority; and

14           (9) any other matters the Secretary determines  
15      appropriate.

16      (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year  
17      after the issuance of the updated guidance under sub-  
18      section (a), and annually thereafter for two years, the Sec-  
19      retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on  
20      Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
21      atives a report that includes—

22           (1) a description of the updated guidance and  
23      implementation status;

24           (2) baseline data and metrics collected using  
25      the metrics developed under subsection (a);



1           (3) an assessment of the effects of the pay scale  
2           on recruitment and retention;

3           (4) an assessment of the effectiveness of the  
4           bonus authority authorized by section 546 of the  
5           National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
6           2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 2031 note) in  
7           improving recruitment and retention of JROTC in-  
8           structors, including whether such authority should  
9           be modified, extended, or made permanent; and  
10          (5) any recommendations for legislative or ad-  
11          ministrative action.

12 **SEC. 572. JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS**  
13 **PROGRAMS IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
14 **EDUCATION ACTIVITY SCHOOLS.**

15          (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
16 ensure that, by not later than October 1, 2027, each sec-  
17 ondary school operated by the Department of Defense  
18 Education Activity that meets the eligibility requirements  
19 for establishment and maintenance of a Junior Reserve  
20 Officers' Training Corps unit under section 2031 of title  
21 10, United States Code, establishes and maintains such  
22 a unit.

23          (b) SUSTAINABLE ENROLLMENT THRESHOLD.—The  
24 Secretary may waive the requirement under subsection (a)  
25 with respect to a school described in that subsection if the

1 Secretary determines that the school will not be able to  
 2 meet a threshold for enrollment in a Junior Reserve Offi-  
 3 cers' Training Corps unit sufficient to sustain the viability  
 4 of the unit over time.

5 **Subtitle H—Decorations and Other**  
 6 **Awards, Miscellaneous Reports,**  
 7 **and Other Matters**

8 **SEC. 581. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE DISTIN-**  
 9 **GUISHED-SERVICE CROSS TO ISAAC “IKE”**  
 10 **CAMACHO FOR ACTS OF VALOR IN VIETNAM.**

11 Section 592 of the National Defense Authorization  
 12 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
 13 899) is amended by striking “**POSTHUMOUS**” in the sec-  
 14 tion heading.

15 **SEC. 582. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE DISTIN-**  
 16 **GUISHED-SERVICE CROSS FOR JOSEPH P.**  
 17 **LYNCH FOR ACTS OF VALOR IN THE REPUB-**  
 18 **LIC OF VIETNAM.**

19 (a) **WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.**—Notwith-  
 20 standing the time limitations specified in section 7274 of  
 21 title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation  
 22 with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons  
 23 who served in the Armed Forces, the Secretary of the  
 24 Army may award the Distinguished-Service Cross under  
 25 section 7272 of such title to Joseph P. Lynch for the acts

1 of valor in the Republic of Vietnam described in subsection  
2 (b).

3 (b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor  
4 referred to in subsection (a) are the actions of Joseph P.  
5 Lynch on April 17, 1968, during a combat mission near  
6 Khe Sanh, Republic of Vietnam for which he was pre-  
7 viously awarded the Silver Star.

8 **SEC. 583. SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF INFORMATION**  
9 **FOR CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN MILITARY**  
10 **AWARDS.**

11 (a) ARMY.—Section 7274 of title 10, United States  
12 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
13 subsection:

14 “(d) A time limitation under this section may not be  
15 waived unless the Secretary of the Army first submits to  
16 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
17 House of Representatives the unredacted package of infor-  
18 mation considered by the Secretary, including all relevant  
19 information relating to any reconsideration of an award.”.

20 (b) NAVY.—Section 8298 of title 10, United States  
21 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
22 subsection:

23 “(c) A time limitation under this section may not be  
24 waived unless the Secretary of the Navy first submits to  
25 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and

1 House of Representatives the unredacted package of infor-  
 2 mation considered by the Secretary, including all relevant  
 3 information relating to any reconsideration of an award.”.

4 (c) AIR FORCE.—Section 9274 of title 10, United  
 5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(d) A time limitation under this section may not be  
 8 waived unless the Secretary of the Air Force first submits  
 9 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
 10 House of Representatives the unredacted package of infor-  
 11 mation considered by the Secretary, including all relevant  
 12 information relating to any reconsideration of an award.”.

13 **SEC. 584. MEDAL OF HONOR REVIEW PROCEDURES AND**  
 14 **RECONSIDERATION AND UPGRADE REQUIRE-**  
 15 **MENTS.**

16 (a) ARMY.—Chapter 737 of title 10, United States  
 17 Code, is amended by inserting after section 7274 the fol-  
 18 lowing new section:

19 **“§ 7274a. Medal of Honor: review procedures; recon-**  
 20 **sideration and upgrade requirements**

21 “(a) REVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES.—(1) The Secretary  
 22 of the Army is responsible for establishing and maintain-  
 23 ing procedures for the review of Medal of Honor rec-  
 24 ommendations submitted pursuant to this chapter, includ-  
 25 ing recommendations submitted within statutory time lim-

1 its under section 7274(b) of this title, recommendations  
2 lost or not acted upon due to inadvertence under section  
3 7274(c) of this title, and recommendations submitted pur-  
4 suant to section 1130 of this title upon request of a Mem-  
5 ber of Congress.

6 “(2) Each Medal of Honor recommendation for-  
7 warded by the Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of  
8 Defense shall—

9 “(A) include the recommendation of an inde-  
10 pendent board of review convened specifically to con-  
11 sider the award of the proposed Medal of Honor;

12 “(B) contain the recommendation of the Sec-  
13 retary of the Army;

14 “(C) include the recommendation of the Chief  
15 of Staff of the Army; and

16 “(D) contain incontestable proof that the mem-  
17 ber distinguished himself or herself in accordance  
18 with the requirements of section 7271 of this title.

19 “(3) Upon receipt of a Medal of Honor recommenda-  
20 tion, the Secretary of Defense shall—

21 “(A) obtain the advisory recommendation of the  
22 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the merits  
23 of the nomination; and

24 “(B) for nominations submitted within the time  
25 limits prescribed by section 7274(b) of this title, or

1       for actions arising from ongoing combat or military  
2       operations, obtain through the Chairman of the  
3       Joint Chiefs of Staff the advisory recommendation  
4       of the applicable combatant commander.

5       “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall include the Sec-  
6       retary’s recommendation to the President for any Medal  
7       of Honor recommendation determined to satisfy the cri-  
8       teria in section 7271 of this title.

9       “(b)STANDARDS FOR RECONSIDERATION AND UP-  
10      GRADE.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
11      chapter, reconsideration of a previously reviewed Medal of  
12      Honor nomination, or upgrade of a previously approved  
13      award to the Medal of Honor, may be initiated only upon  
14      a showing of—

15           “(A) new, substantive, and material evidence  
16           that was not available at the time of the original rec-  
17           ommendation and that was not previously considered  
18           by the awarding authority; or

19           “(B) material error or impropriety in the proc-  
20           essing or adjudication of the original recommenda-  
21           tion, including loss of substantiating documents or  
22           witness statements during original routing, clearly  
23           incorrect application of official policy, or substan-  
24           tiated discrimination based on race, sex, or religion,

1 provided that any such conclusion is supported by a  
2 preponderance of the evidence.

3 “(2) Information that adds detail to facts already  
4 presented in the original recommendation, but is not new,  
5 substantive, or material, does not satisfy the requirement  
6 under paragraph (1)(A) for new, substantive, and material  
7 evidence.

8 “(3) Authority to determine whether the require-  
9 ments of paragraph (1) have been satisfied is as follows:

10 “(A) The Secretary of Defense shall determine  
11 whether material error or impropriety existed in any  
12 prior award case adjudicated within the Office of the  
13 Secretary of Defense. This authority may not be del-  
14 egated.

15 “(B) The Secretary of the Army shall deter-  
16 mine whether material error or impropriety existed  
17 in any case previously adjudicated within the De-  
18 partment of the Army. This authority may not be  
19 delegated.

20 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
21 tion shall be construed to limit the authority of the Presi-  
22 dent to award the Medal of Honor pursuant to section  
23 7271 of this title or to modify the time limitations estab-  
24 lished in section 7274 of this title except as provided here-  
25 in.”.

1 (b) NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—Chapter 837 of title  
2 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-  
3 tion 8298 the following new section:

4 **“§ 8299. Medal of Honor: review procedures; reconsid-**  
5 **eration and upgrade requirements**

6 “(a) REVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES.—(1) The Secretary  
7 of the Navy is responsible for establishing and maintaining  
8 procedures for the review of Medal of Honor recommenda-  
9 tions submitted pursuant to this chapter, including rec-  
10 ommendations submitted within statutory time limits  
11 under section 8298 (a) of this title, recommendations lost  
12 or not acted upon due to inadvertence under section  
13 8298(b) of this title, and recommendations submitted pur-  
14 suant to section 1130 of this title upon request of a Mem-  
15 ber of Congress.

16 “(2) Each Medal of Honor recommendation for-  
17 ward by the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of  
18 Defense shall—

19 “(A) include the recommendation of an inde-  
20 pendent board of review convened specifically to con-  
21 sider the award of the proposed Medal of Honor;

22 “(B) contain the recommendation of the Sec-  
23 retary of the Navy;

24 “(C) include the recommendation of the Chief  
25 of Staff of the Navy; and



1           “(D) contain incontestable proof that the mem-  
2       ber distinguished himself or herself in accordance  
3       with the requirements of section 8291 of this title.

4       “(3) Upon receipt of a Medal of Honor recommenda-  
5       tion, the Secretary of Defense shall—

6           “(A) obtain the advisory recommendation of the  
7       Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the merits  
8       of the nomination; and

9           “(B) for nominations submitted within the time  
10      limits prescribed by section 8298(a) of this title, or  
11      for actions arising from ongoing combat or military  
12      operations, obtain through the Chairman of the  
13      Joint Chiefs of Staff the advisory recommendation  
14      of the applicable combatant commander.

15      “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall include the Sec-  
16      retary’s recommendation to the President for any Medal  
17      of Honor recommendation determined to satisfy the cri-  
18      teria in section 8291 of this title.

19      “(b)STANDARDS FOR RECONSIDERATION AND UP-  
20      GRADE.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
21      chapter, reconsideration of a previously reviewed Medal of  
22      Honor nomination, or upgrade of a previously approved  
23      award to the Medal of Honor, may be initiated only upon  
24      a showing of—

1           “(A) new, substantive, and material evidence  
2           that was not available at the time of the original rec-  
3           ommendation and that was not previously considered  
4           by the awarding authority; or

5           “(B) material error or impropriety in the proc-  
6           essing or adjudication of the original recommenda-  
7           tion, including loss of substantiating documents or  
8           witness statements during original routing, clearly  
9           incorrect application of official policy, or substan-  
10          tiated discrimination based on race, sex, or religion,  
11          provided that any such conclusion is supported by a  
12          preponderance of the evidence.

13          “(2) Information that adds detail to facts already  
14          presented in the original recommendation, but is not new,  
15          substantive, or material, does not satisfy the requirement  
16          under paragraph (1)(A) for new, substantive, and material  
17          evidence.

18          “(3) Authority to determine whether the require-  
19          ments of paragraph (1) have been satisfied is as follows:

20                 “(A) The Secretary of Defense shall determine  
21                 whether material error or impropriety existed in any  
22                 prior award case adjudicated within the Office of the  
23                 Secretary of Defense. This authority may not be del-  
24                 egated.



1       “(2) Each Medal of Honor recommendation for-  
2       warded by the Secretary of the Air Force to the Secretary  
3       of Defense shall—

4               “(A) include the recommendation of an inde-  
5       pendent board of review convened specifically to con-  
6       sider the award of the proposed Medal of Honor;

7               “(B) contain the recommendation of the Sec-  
8       retary of the Air Force;

9               “(C) include the recommendation of the Chief  
10      of Staff of the Air Force; and

11              “(D) contain incontestable proof that the mem-  
12      ber distinguished himself or herself in accordance  
13      with the requirements of section 9271 of this title.

14      “(3) Upon receipt of a Medal of Honor recommenda-  
15      tion, the Secretary of Defense shall—

16              “(A) obtain the advisory recommendation of the  
17      Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the merits  
18      of the nomination; and

19              “(B) for nominations submitted within the time  
20      limits prescribed by section 9274(b) of this title, or  
21      for actions arising from ongoing combat or military  
22      operations, obtain through the Chairman of the  
23      Joint Chiefs of Staff the advisory recommendation  
24      of the applicable combatant commander.

1       “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall include the Sec-  
2 retary’s recommendation to the President for any Medal  
3 of Honor recommendation determined to satisfy the cri-  
4 teria in section 9271 of this title.

5       “(b)STANDARDS FOR RECONSIDERATION AND UP-  
6 GRADE.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
7 chapter, reconsideration of a previously reviewed Medal of  
8 Honor nomination, or upgrade of a previously approved  
9 award to the Medal of Honor, may be initiated only upon  
10 a showing of—

11           “(A) new, substantive, and material evidence  
12 that was not available at the time of the original rec-  
13 ommendation and that was not previously considered  
14 by the awarding authority; or

15           “(B) material error or impropriety in the proc-  
16 essing or adjudication of the original recommenda-  
17 tion, including loss of substantiating documents or  
18 witness statements during original routing, clearly  
19 incorrect application of official policy, or substan-  
20 tiated discrimination based on race, sex, or religion,  
21 provided that any such conclusion is supported by a  
22 preponderance of the evidence.

23       “(2) Information that adds detail to facts already  
24 presented in the original recommendation, but is not new,  
25 substantive, or material, does not satisfy the requirement

1 under paragraph (1)(A) for new, substantive, and material  
2 evidence.

3 “(3) Authority to determine whether the require-  
4 ments of paragraph (1) have been satisfied is as follows:

5 “(A) The Secretary of Defense shall determine  
6 whether material error or impropriety existed in any  
7 prior award case adjudicated within the Office of the  
8 Secretary of Defense. This authority may not be del-  
9 egated.

10 “(B) The Secretary of the Air Force shall de-  
11 termine whether material error or impropriety ex-  
12 isted in any case previously adjudicated within the  
13 Department of the Air Force. This authority may  
14 not be delegated.

15 “(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
16 tion shall be construed to limit the authority of the Presi-  
17 dent to award the Medal of Honor pursuant to section  
18 9271 of this title or to modify the time limitations estab-  
19 lished in section 9274 of this title except as provided here-  
20 in.”.

21 **SEC. 585. TIME LIMITATIONS.**

22 (a) CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR DECORA-  
23 TIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED IN TIMELY FASH-  
24 ION.—Section 1130 of title 10, United States Code, is  
25 amended—

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

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
4       lowing new subsections:

5       “(d) Proposals to be considered under this section  
6       must originate before the military service concerned  
7       operationalized a standardized, online, awards review  
8       process.

9       “(e)(1) An exception to the time limitations under  
10      this section shall be granted for a member or former mem-  
11      ber of the armed forces whose recommendation for a deco-  
12      ration could not be processed due to the classification of  
13      the details of the act, achievement, or service. In such  
14      cases, a recommendation for a decoration may be consid-  
15      ered if it is submitted within three years of the date the  
16      information providing the necessary evidence is declas-  
17      sified.

18       “(2) For purposes of the exception under paragraph  
19      (1), the term ‘declassification’ includes—

20           “(A) information released through the auto-  
21       matic declassification mechanisms established under  
22       Executive Order 13526 (or any successor order), in-  
23       cluding the 10-year, 25-year, 50-year, or 75-year  
24       automatic declassification timelines; and

1           “(B) information released through a Mandatory  
2       Declassification Review (MDR) or a request under  
3       section 552 of title 5, United States Code (com-  
4       monly known as the ‘Freedom of Information  
5       Act’).”.

6       (b) REVIEW DETERMINATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN  
7       DECORATIONS.—Section 1552 of title 10, United States  
8       Code, is amended—

9           (1) by striking subsection (j); and

10          (2) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-  
11       section (j).

12   **SEC. 586. PRODUCTION OF AWARD FILES.**

13       (a) PRODUCTION OF FILES.—Not later than March  
14   1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
15   Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
16   House of Representatives the following information on all  
17   decorations awarded under the authorities of sections  
18   7271, 7272, 7279, 8291, 8292, 8295, 9271, 9272, and  
19   9279 of title 10, United States Code, between the January  
20   1, 2025 and December 31, 2026:

21           (1) Unredacted copies of all supporting docu-  
22       mentation, material matters, and information con-  
23       sidered by boards of review, the chain of command,  
24       and any party employed by the Department of De-  
25       fense, including the Secretary of Defense, who evalu-



1       ated the merits of, offered a recommendation about,  
2       or approved the decorations.

3           (2) Unredacted copies of all recommendations  
4       made by boards of review, the chain of command,  
5       and any party employed by the Department of De-  
6       fense, including the Secretary of Defense, pertaining  
7       to the awarding of the decorations.

8           (3) For those decorations approved by the Sec-  
9       retary of Defense or the Secretaries of the military  
10      departments, a written justification of the basis for  
11      awarding such decoration.

12          (4) A description of the legal authority under  
13      which each of the decorations was awarded.

14      (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1, 2027, the  
15      Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Committees on  
16      Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
17      atives a briefing on each of the decorations awarded in  
18      (a) and whether any legal discrepancies or errors exist in  
19      the awarding of such decorations, along with a legislative  
20      proposal to correct any errors so identified.

21      (c) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Of the funds  
22      authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise  
23      made available for fiscal year 2027 for operation and  
24      maintenance, defense wide, and available for the Office of  
25      the Secretary of Defense for travel expenses, not more

1 than 90 percent may be obligated or expended until the  
 2 Secretary of Defense has submitted all documentation for  
 3 each award specified under subsection (a) to the Commit-  
 4 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of  
 5 Representatives.

6 **TITLE VI—COMPENSATION AND**  
 7 **OTHER PERSONNEL BENEFITS**  
 8 **Subtitle A—Pay and Allowances**

9 **SEC. 601. MODIFICATION OF REIMBURSEMENT OF EX-**  
 10 **PENSES RELATING TO TRAVEL FOR INAC-**  
 11 **TIVE-DUTY TRAINING AND MUSTER DUTY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 452(j)(1) of title 37,  
 13 United States Code, is amended by striking “more than  
 14 50 miles” and inserting “to a permanent duty assignment  
 15 location requiring one-way travel of more than 100 miles”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 452(j) of title 37,  
 17 United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), shall  
 18 apply to travel on or after January 1, 2028.

19 (c) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 623 of the Serv-  
 20 icemember Quality of Life Improvement and National De-  
 21 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law  
 22 118–159; 138 Stat. 1933) is amended by striking sub-  
 23 sections (b) and (c).

24 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than September  
 25 30, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the

1 congressional defense committees a report containing the  
2 following elements:

3 (1) The estimated marginal cost of implementa-  
4 tion of subsection (j) of section 452 of title 37,  
5 United States Code, as amended by subsection (a),  
6 to the Department of Defense, and, for members of  
7 the Coast Guard, the Department of Homeland Se-  
8 curity, disaggregated by reserve component.

9 (2) The estimated total number of members of  
10 the Armed Forces who would be affected by imple-  
11 mentation of such subsection (j).

12 (3) Any recommended change to such sub-  
13 section in order to improve efficacy or implementa-  
14 tion.

15 (4) Any other matter that the Secretary deter-  
16 mines appropriate.

17 **SEC. 602. FISCAL YEAR 2027 INCREASE IN MILITARY BASIC**  
18 **PAY.**

19 (a) **WAIVER OF SECTION 1009 ADJUSTMENT.**—The  
20 adjustment to become effective during fiscal year 2027 re-  
21 quired by section 1009 of title 37, United States Code,  
22 in the rates of monthly basic pay authorized members of  
23 the uniformed services shall not be made.

1 (b) INCREASE IN BASIC PAY.—Effective on January  
2 1, 2027, the rates of monthly basic pay for members of  
3 the uniformed services are increased by 3.6 percent.

4 **SEC. 603. REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OF LONG COMMUTES**  
5 **FOR MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO REMOTE OR**  
6 **ISOLATED INSTALLATIONS IN AREAS WITH-**  
7 **OUT AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

8 Section 453 of title 37, United States Code, is  
9 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 section:

11 “(j) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OF LONG COM-  
12 MUTES FOR MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO REMOTE OR ISO-  
13 LATED INSTALLATIONS IN AREAS WITHOUT AFFORDABLE  
14 HOUSING.—(1) The Secretary concerned may reimburse  
15 a member of the armed forces described in paragraph (2)  
16 for the costs described in paragraph (3).

17 “(2) A member is described in this paragraph if—

18 “(A) the duty station of the member is a re-  
19 mote or isolated installation (as defined in section  
20 4705 of title 10);

21 “(B) the member lives more than 30 miles, or  
22 has a commute of longer than one hour, from the  
23 member’s residence to the member’s duty station;  
24 and

1           “(C) the member is unable to live closer to that  
2           duty station because of a lack of affordable housing  
3           and essential services near the duty station.

4           “(3) The costs described in this paragraph are—

5                 “(A)(i) the average cost of fuel for the distance  
6                 the member travels from the member’s residence to  
7                 the member’s duty location; and

8                 “(ii) a percentage, to be determined by the Sec-  
9                 retary of Defense, of costs associated with mainte-  
10                nance and wear-and-tear on the vehicle of the mem-  
11                ber as a result of commuting; or

12               “(B) if available, the cost of taking public  
13                transportation from the member’s residence to the  
14                member’s duty location.

15           “(4) The Secretary of Defense shall establish guide-  
16           lines for administering this subsection, including guide-  
17           lines with respect to—

18                 “(A) how a member can apply for reimburse-  
19                 ment under this subsection; and

20                 “(B) verification of—

21                         “(i) the distance a member travels from  
22                         the member’s residence to the member’s duty  
23                         location, which may be accomplished through a  
24                         combination of housing records and tools for

1 measuring distance using the Global Positioning  
2 System; and

3 “(ii) the lack of affordable housing and es-  
4 sential services near the member’s duty sta-  
5 tion.”.

## 6 **Subtitle B—Special and Incentive** 7 **Pay**

### 8 **SEC. 611. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXPIRING** 9 **BONUS AND SPECIAL PAY AUTHORITIES.**

10 (a) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO RESERVE  
11 FORCES.—Section 910(g) of title 37, United States Code,  
12 relating to income replacement payments for reserve com-  
13 ponent members experiencing extended and frequent mo-  
14 bilization for active duty service, is amended by striking  
15 “December 31, 2026” and inserting “December 31,  
16 2027”.

17 (b) TITLE 10 AUTHORITIES RELATING TO HEALTH  
18 CARE PROFESSIONALS.—The following sections of title  
19 10, United States Code, are amended by striking “Decem-  
20 ber 31, 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”:

21 (1) Section 2130a(a)(1), relating to nurse offi-  
22 cer candidate accession program.

23 (2) Section 16302(d), relating to repayment of  
24 education loans for certain health professionals who  
25 serve in the Selected Reserve.

1       (c) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO NUCLEAR OFFI-  
2 CERS.—Section 333(i) of title 37, United States Code, is  
3 amended by striking “December 31, 2026” and inserting  
4 “December 31, 2027”.

5       (d) AUTHORITIES RELATING TO TITLE 37 CONSOLI-  
6 DATED SPECIAL PAY, INCENTIVE PAY, AND BONUS AU-  
7 THORITIES.—The following sections of title 37, United  
8 States Code, are amended by striking “December 31,  
9 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”:

10           (1) Section 331(h), relating to general bonus  
11 authority for enlisted members.

12           (2) Section 332(g), relating to general bonus  
13 authority for officers.

14           (3) Section 334(i), relating to special aviation  
15 incentive pay and bonus authorities for officers.

16           (4) Section 335(k), relating to special bonus  
17 and incentive pay authorities for officers in health  
18 professions.

19           (5) Section 336(g), relating to contracting  
20 bonus for cadets and midshipmen enrolled in the  
21 Senior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps.

22           (6) Section 351(h), relating to hazardous duty  
23 pay.

24           (7) Section 352(g), relating to assignment pay  
25 or special duty pay.

1           (8) Section 353(i), relating to skill incentive  
2       pay or proficiency bonus.

3           (9) Section 355(h), relating to retention incen-  
4       tives for members qualified in critical military skills  
5       or assigned to high priority units.

6       (e) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY INCREASE**  
7 **IN RATES OF BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING.**—Section  
8 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, is amended—

9           (1) in paragraph (7)(E), relating to an area  
10      covered by a major disaster declaration or con-  
11      taining an installation experiencing an influx of mili-  
12      tary personnel, by striking “December 31, 2026”  
13      and inserting “December 31, 2027”; and

14          (2) in paragraph (8)(C), relating to an area  
15      where actual housing costs differ from current rates  
16      by more than 20 percent, by striking “December 31,  
17      2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.

18 **SEC. 612. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF AVIATION**  
19 **BONUS.**

20      Section 334(c)(1)(B) of title 37, United States Code,  
21 is amended by striking “\$50,000” and inserting  
22 “\$60,000”.



1 **SEC. 613. AUTHORIZATION OF BOARD CERTIFICATION IN-**  
2 **CENTIVE PAY FOR VETERINARY COMPARA-**  
3 **TIVE MEDICINE OFFICERS.**

4 Section 335(c)(2) of title 37, United States Code, is  
5 amended by inserting “or holds a comparable qualifying  
6 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree, as determined by the  
7 Secretary concerned,” after “is board certified”.

8 **SEC. 614. MODIFICATION OF BONUS AUTHORITY FOR SEN-**  
9 **IOR RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS**  
10 **CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN.**

11 Section 336 of title 37, United States Code, is  
12 amended—

13 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “\$5,000” and  
14 inserting “\$15,000”; and

15 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “field train-  
16 ing or a practice cruise under section  
17 2104(b)(6)(A)(ii) of title 10” and inserting “training  
18 requirements prescribed by the Secretary con-  
19 cerned”.

20 **SEC. 615. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF HOSTILE**  
21 **FIRE PAY AND IMMINENT DANGER PAY.**

22 Section 351(b) of title 37, United States Code, is  
23 amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$450” and  
25 inserting “\$600”; and

1           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$275” and  
2           inserting “\$400”.

3 **SEC. 616. MEDICAL PROVIDERS QUALIFIED TO RECERTIFY**  
4 **CATASTROPHIC INJURIES OR ILLNESSES**  
5 **QUALIFYING MEMBERS FOR SPECIAL COM-**  
6 **PENSATION.**

7           Section 439(b) of title 37, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9           (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “has been cer-  
10          tified” and inserting “was initially certified”;

11          (2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as  
12          paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

13          (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
14          lowing new paragraph (3):

15               “(3) has been recertified (if required), by a li-  
16          censed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician as-  
17          sistant, as in need of such assistance;”.

18 **Subtitle C—Commissary and**  
19 **Exchange Benefits**

20 **SEC. 621. AUTHORIZED PATRONS OF COMMISSARY AND EX-**  
21 **CHANGE STORES.**

22          (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 54 of title 10, United  
23 States Code, is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating sections 1061 through  
2       1066 as sections 1062 through 1067, respectively;  
3       and

4           (2) by inserting before section 1062, as so re-  
5       designated, the following new section:

6   **“§ 1061. Authorized patrons of commissary and ex-**  
7       **change stores**

8       “(a) AUTHORIZED COMMISSARY PATRONS.—

9           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The following categories of  
10      individuals may access commissary stores:

11           “(A) Members of the uniformed services,  
12      as follows:

13           “(i) Members of the armed forces on  
14      active duty.

15           “(ii) Members of the National Guard  
16      and reserve components in any duty status  
17      under this title or title 32.

18           “(iii) Members of the commissioned  
19      corps of the Public Health Service.

20           “(iv) Members of the commissioned  
21      officer corps of the National Oceanic and  
22      Atmospheric Administration, including  
23      wage-marine personnel authorized under  
24      section 264 of the National Oceanic and  
25      Atmospheric Administration Commissioned

1           Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C.  
2           3074) to access commissary stores.

3           “(v) Cadets and midshipmen of the  
4           United States Military Academy, the  
5           United States Naval Academy, the United  
6           States Air Force Academy, and the United  
7           States Coast Guard Academy.

8           “(B) Retired members of the uniformed  
9           services, as follows:

10           “(i) All members carried on the offi-  
11           cial retired lists of the uniformed services  
12           who are entitled to or eligible for retired or  
13           retainer pay.

14           “(ii) Retired wage-marine personnel of  
15           the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
16           ministration and its predecessor services.

17           “(iii) Retired officers and crews of the  
18           former Lighthouse Service.

19           “(C) Other former members of the uni-  
20           formed services, as follows:

21           “(i) Veterans—

22                   “(I) discharged or released from  
23                   service in the armed forces under hon-  
24                   orable conditions; and

1                   “(II) who are hospitalized in fa-  
2                   cilities where commissary stores are  
3                   available.

4                   “(ii) Any other retired or former  
5                   members or veterans expressly entitled  
6                   under this title to access commissary  
7                   stores.

8                   “(D) Dependents (as defined in section  
9                   1072 of this title) of any individual described in  
10                  subparagraph (A), (B), or (C), including sur-  
11                  viving spouses and dependents of members or  
12                  veterans described in subparagraph (B) or (C).

13                  “(E) Civilian employees of the Department  
14                  of Defense and nonappropriated fund instru-  
15                  mentality employees (as defined in section  
16                  1587(a) of this title) who are—

17                         “(i) are assigned to a military instal-  
18                         lation—

19                                 “(I) outside the United States; or

20                                 “(II) in a commonwealth, terri-  
21                                 tory, or possession of the United  
22                                 States; or

23                                 “(ii) are designated by the Secretary  
24                                 concerned as serving in a mission-critical

1           occupation or a position experiencing a sig-  
2           nificant staffing shortage.

3           “(F) Subject to paragraph (3)(D), civilian  
4           employees of other Federal agencies when serv-  
5           ing outside the United States, or in a common-  
6           wealth, territory, or possession of the United  
7           States, pursuant to a written support agree-  
8           ment authorized under section 2470 of this title  
9           or other formal interagency agreement with the  
10          Department of Defense.

11          “(G) Subject to paragraph (3)(D), employ-  
12          ees of United States nongovernmental organiza-  
13          tions or firms working outside the United  
14          States, or in a commonwealth, territory, or pos-  
15          session of the United States, under contracts  
16          with the Department of Defense.

17          “(H) Civil service mariners of the Military  
18          Sealift Command and the Army Corps of Engi-  
19          neers.

20          “(I) Nuclear materials couriers (as defined  
21          in section 8331 of title 5).

22          “(2) LIMITED AND TEMPORARY ACCESS CAT-  
23          EGORIES.—In addition to the categories of individ-  
24          uals described in paragraph (1), the Secretary of  
25          Defense may authorize access to commissary stores

1       for the following categories of individuals in the fol-  
2       lowing circumstances:

3               “(A) Employees of the Defense Com-  
4       missary Agency assigned to commissary stores  
5       within the United States, for personal, on-  
6       premise consumption during meals and author-  
7       ized breaks within scheduled working hours.

8               “(B) Civilian officials of the Department of  
9       Defense appointed by the President who reside  
10      in Government quarters on military installa-  
11      tions and family members of such officials who  
12      reside with such officials.

13              “(C) Officers and enlisted personnel of the  
14      military services of foreign countries when on  
15      duty with the United States armed forces or  
16      under reciprocal agreements.

17              “(D) Representatives and employees of the  
18      American National Red Cross, United Service  
19      Organizations, the United Seamen’s Service,  
20      the Armed Services Young Men’s Christian As-  
21      sociation, and the Fisher House Foundation  
22      when assigned to duty with or in direct support  
23      of the armed forces—

24              “(i) outside the United States; or

1                   “(ii) in a commonwealth, territory, or  
2                   possession of the United States.

3                   “(E) Personal agents designated in writing  
4                   by the commander of a military installation to  
5                   shop on behalf of individuals who are author-  
6                   ized to access commissary stores under this  
7                   subsection.

8                   “(F) Individuals or employees of entities  
9                   granted temporary access, when such access is  
10                  necessary to restore or sustain military oper-  
11                  ations, during—

12                  “(i) federally declared disasters (as  
13                  defined in section 1065 of this title); or

14                  “(ii) humanitarian relief or other  
15                  emergency operations.

16                  “(G) Members of the armed forces who are  
17                  involuntarily separated as a result of force re-  
18                  shaping during the two-year period following  
19                  such separation.

20                  “(H) Members of the armed forces who re-  
21                  ceive sole survivorship discharges described in  
22                  section 1174(i) of this title during the two-year  
23                  period following such separation.

24                  “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—



1           “(A) DURATION.—An individual is author-  
2           ized to access commissary stores under this  
3           subsection for only so long as the qualifying  
4           status, employment, or assignment of the indi-  
5           vidual remains applicable or as otherwise pro-  
6           vided by statute.

7           “(B) EXCEPTION.—This subsection does  
8           not authorize access to commissary stores in  
9           foreign countries where treaties or international  
10          agreements prohibit such access.

11          “(C) LIMITATIONS.—The authority under  
12          this subsection—

13               “(i) may not be used to establish a  
14               broad or permanent category of individuals  
15               authorized to access commissary stores  
16               other than a category specifically author-  
17               ized by this subsection; and

18               “(ii) shall be implemented in a man-  
19               ner that ensures no additional funds are  
20               required to be appropriated.

21          “(D) OFFSETTING OF COSTS OF ACCESS  
22          FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of an  
23          individual described in subparagraph (F) or (G)  
24          of paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense may  
25          impose a fee or surcharge, or use another mech-

1           anism, as necessary to offset the administrative  
2           costs of providing the individual access to com-  
3           missary stores.

4           “(E) PROHIBITION ON EXPANSION OF AC-  
5           CESS WITHOUT APPROVAL OF CONGRESS.—Ex-  
6           cept as expressly authorized by an Act of Con-  
7           gress, the Secretary of Defense, and any other  
8           official or employee of the Department of De-  
9           fense, may not expand eligibility for access to  
10          commissary stores to any additional individual  
11          or category of individuals by regulation, policy,  
12          memorandum, or other administrative action.

13          “(b) AUTHORIZED EXCHANGE SYSTEM PATRONS.—

14               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The categories of individ-  
15          uals authorized to access commissary stores under  
16          subsection (a) are also authorized to access the mili-  
17          tary exchange system operated by the Department of  
18          Defense, including the Army and Air Force Ex-  
19          change Service, the Navy Exchange Service Com-  
20          mand, and the Marine Corps Exchange.

21               “(2) OTHER AUTHORIZED PATRONS.—

22               “(A) CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES; NUCLEAR MA-  
23          TERIALS COURIERS.—Civilian employees of the  
24          Department of Defense and nonappropriated  
25          fund instrumentality employees (as defined in

1 section 1587(a) of this title), and nuclear mate-  
2 rials couriers (as defined in section 8331 of title  
3 5), are authorized to access military exchange  
4 stores located in the United States and in the  
5 commonwealths, territories, or possessions of  
6 the United States, including for the purchase of  
7 tobacco products and alcoholic beverages.

8 “(B) VETERANS.—Veterans discharged or  
9 released from service in the armed forces under  
10 honorable conditions are authorized to access  
11 the online military exchange system, consistent  
12 with the policy of the Department of Defense in  
13 effect before the date of the enactment of the  
14 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
15 Year 2027 governing remote sales of the mili-  
16 tary exchange system.

17 “(C) LIMITATIONS.—Access to the military  
18 exchange system authorized under this para-  
19 graph does not—

20 “(i) include authorization to purchase  
21 military uniforms; or

22 “(ii) extend to any other programs,  
23 facilities, or services operated by non-  
24 appropriated fund activities of the Depart-  
25 ment of Defense for the morale, welfare,

1                   and recreation of members of the armed  
2                   forces.

3                   “(3) DURATION.—An individual is authorized  
4                   to access the military exchange system under this  
5                   subsection for only so long as the qualifying status,  
6                   employment, or assignment of the individual remains  
7                   applicable or as otherwise provided by statute.

8                   “(4) PROHIBITION ON EXPANSION OF ACCESS  
9                   WITHOUT APPROVAL OF CONGRESS.—Except as pro-  
10                  vided by paragraph (2)(C) or as expressly authorized  
11                  by an Act of Congress, the Secretary of Defense,  
12                  and any other officer or employee of the Department  
13                  of Defense, may not expand eligibility for access to  
14                  the military exchange system to any additional indi-  
15                  vidual, or category of individuals by regulation, pol-  
16                  icy, memorandum, or other administrative action.

17                  “(c) TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATIONS.—

18                  “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
19                  may authorize temporary access to commissary  
20                  stores and the military exchange system for a period  
21                  of not more than one year for categories of individ-  
22                  uals not covered by subsection (a) or (b) if—

23                         “(A) those individuals are otherwise au-  
24                         thorized to access military installations; and

25                         “(B) the Secretary—

1 “(i) notifies the Committees on Armed  
2 Services of the Senate and the House of  
3 Representatives of the authorization; and

4 “(ii) includes in that notification a de-  
5 scription of the categories of individuals  
6 authorized to access the military exchange  
7 system and the rationale for authorizing  
8 such access.

9 “(2) RENEWALS.—The Secretary is authorized  
10 to renew an authorization for temporary access pro-  
11 vided under paragraph (1) for additional periods of  
12 not more than one year each if, for each renewal,  
13 the Secretary submits the notification required by  
14 paragraph (1)(B) not fewer than 60 days before the  
15 effective date of the renewal.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 54 of  
17 title 10, United States Code, as amended by subsection  
18 (a), is further amended—

19 (1) in section 1063(c), by striking “section  
20 1063” and inserting “section 1064”;

21 (2) in section 1065(c)(2), by striking “section  
22 1063(e)” and inserting “section 1064”;

23 (3) in section 1066(h)(1)(A), by striking “sec-  
24 tion 1063(e)” and inserting “section 1064”; and

1 (4) in section 1067(c)(1), by striking “section  
2 1063” and inserting “section 1064”.

3 **SEC. 622. MODIFICATION OF OPERATING EXPENSES OF**  
4 **COMMISSARY STORES.**

5 Section 2483 of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the  
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(8) Construction, repair, improvement, and  
10 maintenance of physical infrastructure (as defined in  
11 section 2484(h)(1)(B) of this title).”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
13 section:

14 “(d) LIMITATIONS RELATING TO MILITARY CON-  
15 STRUCTION.—Amounts used for construction under sub-  
16 section (b)(8) shall be subject to the requirements and lim-  
17 itations under section 2805 of this title.”.

18 **SEC. 623. PILOT PROGRAM ON ACCESS OF CIVILIAN EM-**  
19 **PLOYEES TO COMMISSARY STORES.**

20 (a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense may  
21 carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility of, de-  
22 mand for, and financial impact of extending access to com-  
23 missary stores to civilian employees of the Department of  
24 Defense while maintaining the benefit of such access for

1 members and retired members of the Armed Forces and  
2 their families.

3 (b) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES.—Under the pilot pro-  
4 gram authorized by subsection (a), the Secretary may pro-  
5 vide access to a commissary store selected for participation  
6 in the pilot program under subsection (c) to full-time civil-  
7 ian employees of the Department of Defense and non-  
8 appropriated fund instrumentality employees (as defined  
9 in section 1587(a) of this title) who are assigned to a loca-  
10 tion within the vicinity of the military installation where  
11 the store is located.

12 (c) SELECTION OF STORES.—The Secretary—

13 (1) may select up to 16 commissary stores with-  
14 in the continental United States to participate in the  
15 pilot program authorized by subsection (a); and

16 (2) in making selections under paragraph (1),  
17 shall ensure representation of diverse geographic re-  
18 gions and types of military installations.

19 (d) FEES.—The Secretary may impose a fee or sur-  
20 charge, or use another mechanism—

21 (1) to offset the administrative costs of pro-  
22 viding access to commissary stores to employees de-  
23 scribed in subsection (b); and

1           (2) to ensure that no additional amounts are  
2       required to be appropriated to carry out the pilot  
3       program authorized by subsection (a).

4       (e) DURATION.—The Secretary may determine the  
5       duration of the pilot program authorized by subsection (a),  
6       except that the pilot program shall terminate not later  
7       than January 1, 2028.

8       (f) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
9       after the termination under subsection (e) of the pilot pro-  
10      gram authorized by subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
11      submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-  
12      ate and the House of Representatives a report evalu-  
13      ating—

14           (1) the number and categories of employees de-  
15      scribed in subsection (b) participating in the pilot  
16      program, including participation rates by military in-  
17      stallation, grade, and employment type;

18           (2) the total volume of sales and patronage lev-  
19      els generated by those employees and the proportion  
20      of total commissary sales represented by the patron-  
21      age of those employees;

22           (3) the gross and net revenue generated from  
23      sales to those employees;



1           (4) the disposition or use of any additional rev-  
2       enues, fees, or surcharges collected under the pilot  
3       program;

4           (5) the impact of the pilot program on the over-  
5       all operating costs of commissary stores, including  
6       with respect to labor, supply chain, and inventory  
7       management;

8           (6) any observed or projected effects of the pilot  
9       program on the requirements of the Defense Com-  
10      missary Agency for appropriations and the subsidies  
11      provided for the operations of commissary stores;

12          (7) the impact of the pilot program on infra-  
13      structure, security, parking, and utilities at com-  
14      missary stores participating in the pilot program;

15          (8) the effect of the pilot program on access to  
16      and wait times at commissary stores, and customer  
17      satisfaction, for members of the Armed Forces;

18          (9) any operational challenges, staffing adjust-  
19      ments, or system modifications required to carry out  
20      the pilot program;

21          (10) any adjustments to procurement or con-  
22      tracting requirements associated with increased pa-  
23      tronage resulting from the pilot program; and

24          (11) the overall feasibility, fiscal sustainability,  
25      and advisability of permanent or expanded access to

1 commissary stores for civilian employees of the De-  
2 partment of Defense, including recommendations for  
3 any legislative or policy changes necessary to sup-  
4 port such access.

## 5 **Subtitle D—Other Matters**

### 6 **SEC. 631. AUTHORITY FOR SHIPMENT AND STORAGE OF** 7 **PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES OF MEMBERS** 8 **MOVING BETWEEN AUTHORIZED LOCATIONS.**

9 Section 453(c)(4) of title 37, United States Code, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 “(4)(A) The Secretary of the military department  
12 concerned may authorize the shipment or storage of more  
13 than one privately owned vehicle for a member of the  
14 armed forces in connection with a temporary or permanent  
15 move between authorized locations.

16 “(B) The exercise of the authority provided by sub-  
17 paragraph (A) shall—

18 “(i) be subject to the availability of appropria-  
19 tions and operational requirements; and

20 “(ii) not be conditioned on the implementation  
21 of a Department of Defense-wide policy on shipment  
22 and storage of personally owned vehicles.”.

1 **SEC. 632. REIMBURSEMENT OF GUARDIANSHIP COSTS IN-**  
2 **CURRED AS A RESULT OF RELOCATIONS.**

3 Section 453 of title 37, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(j) REIMBURSEMENT OF QUALIFYING GUARDIAN-  
7 SHIP COSTS.—(1) From amounts otherwise made avail-  
8 able for a fiscal year to provide travel and transportation  
9 allowances under this chapter, the Secretary concerned  
10 may reimburse a member of the uniformed services for  
11 qualified guardianship costs if—

12 “(A) the member relocates to a new jurisdiction  
13 or geographic area as the result of—

14 “(i) an assignment to a duty station;

15 “(ii) a reassignment, either as a result of  
16 a permanent change of station or permanent  
17 change of assignment, between duty stations;

18 “(iii) a transfer from a regular component  
19 of a uniformed service into the Selected Reserve  
20 of the Ready Reserve of a uniformed service, if  
21 the member is authorized a final move from the  
22 last duty station to the new jurisdiction or geo-  
23 graphic area; or

24 “(iv) placement on the temporary disability  
25 retired list under chapter 61 of title 10; and

1           “(B) the movement of the member’s dependents  
2           is authorized at the expense of the United States  
3           under this section as part of the relocation.

4           “(2)(A) Reimbursement provided to a member under  
5           this subsection for qualified guardianship costs may not  
6           exceed \$1,000 in connection with each relocation described  
7           in paragraph (1).

8           “(3) No reimbursement may be provided under this  
9           subsection for qualified guardianship costs paid or in-  
10          curred after December 31, 2029.

11          “(4) In this subsection, the term ‘qualified guardian-  
12          ship costs’ means costs, including paperwork, travel, or  
13          court, legal, or other administrative fees, incurred by a  
14          member or the spouse of a member if—

15               “(A) a State appoints the member or spouse as  
16          the guardian of a minor child or an adult adju-  
17          dicated to be in need of a guardian; and

18               “(B) the member or spouse needs to seek a new  
19          appointment in a new jurisdiction because of the  
20          member’s relocation described in paragraph (1).”.

21   **SEC. 633. PROVISION OF COUNSELING ON HOUSING FOR**  
22                   **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

23          Section 992 of title 10, United States Code, is  
24          amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by adding at the end  
 2 the following new subparagraph:

3 “(C) The Secretary concerned may, subject to the ap-  
 4 plicable requirements of this section, enter into contracts  
 5 to provide counseling under this paragraph with individ-  
 6 uals and organizations that provide counseling with re-  
 7 spect to housing, including organizations that are certified  
 8 under section 106(e) of the Housing and Urban Develop-  
 9 ment Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701x(e)).”; and

10 (2) in subsection (f)(3), by striking “and mort-  
 11 gages” and inserting “mortgages, and other finan-  
 12 cial products related to the purchase or lease of a  
 13 primary residence (and information on fees related  
 14 to such products)”.

15 **SEC. 634. SPECIAL PRIORITY TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FOR**  
 16 **PERSONNEL STATIONED AT UNITED STATES**  
 17 **NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.**

18 Section 2641b of title 10, United States Code, is  
 19 amended—

20 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
 21 section (h); and

22 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
 23 lowing new subsection (g):

24 “(g) SPECIAL PRIORITY FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM  
 25 UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION GUANTANAMO BAY,

1 CUBA.—(1) An individual eligible pursuant to subsection  
2 (c) for the travel program who is stationed at United  
3 States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, may pur-  
4 chase transportation, at commercially competitive rates  
5 (as determined by the agency contracting for the transpor-  
6 tation), for travel to and from Naval Station Guantanamo  
7 Bay, Cuba, without regard to subsection (b).

8 “(2) An individual described in paragraph (1) shall  
9 have a priority for transportation under the travel pro-  
10 gram consistent with other official travelers, as deter-  
11 mined by the Secretary.

12 “(3) Notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31,  
13 amounts collected under paragraph (1) shall be credited  
14 to the appropriate appropriation of the agency contracting  
15 for the transportation. Amounts so collected shall be cred-  
16 ited to and merged with the funds in that appropriation  
17 and shall be available for the same period and purposes  
18 as the appropriation with which merged.”.

19 **SEC. 635. PROGRAM TO ASSIST MEMBERS IN OBTAINING**  
20 **PERSONAL DRIVER’S LICENSES.**

21 Chapter 101 of title 10, United States Code, is  
22 amended by inserting after section 2015 the following new  
23 section:

1 **“§ 2015a. Authority to assist members in obtaining**  
 2 **State driver’s licenses**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may  
 4 provide assistance to a member of the armed forces for  
 5 expenses of obtaining, while serving in the armed forces,  
 6 a personal driver’s license under the laws of a State.

7 “(b) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
 8 ‘State’ means the several States, the District of Columbia,  
 9 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of  
 10 the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the United States  
 11 Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.”.

12 **SEC. 636. STUDENT LOAN RELIEF FOR MEMBERS OF SE-**  
 13 **LECTED RESERVE.**

14 Section 16301(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 15 amended by striking “15 percent” and inserting “20 per-  
 16 cent”.

17 **SEC. 637. ENHANCEMENT OF AIR FORCE RATED OFFICER**  
 18 **RETENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

19 Section 604 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense  
 20 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–  
 21 263; 37 U.S.C. 301b note) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “and not  
 23 less than one year”; and

24 (2) in subsection (d), by striking paragraph (1)  
 25 and inserting the following:

1           “(1) FLEXIBILITY OF ASSIGNMENT AND DUTY  
 2           LOCATIONS.—Under the demonstration program re-  
 3           quired under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, to  
 4           the maximum extent practicable and consistent with  
 5           the needs of the Air Force, offer a rated officer de-  
 6           scribed in subsection (b)—

7                   “(A) assignment to the duty location pre-  
 8                   ferred by the officer, including consecutive as-  
 9                   signments to the same duty location; or

10                   “(B) the opportunity to perform a staff as-  
 11                   signment that—

12                           “(i) does not require the officer to re-  
 13                           locate; or

14                           “(ii) permits the officer to remain in  
 15                           an active flying status while performing  
 16                           such assignment.”.

17 **SEC. 638. PILOT PROGRAM ON CAREER INTERMISSIONS**  
 18 **FOR CERTAIN AIR FORCE FIGHTER AIRCREW.**

19           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after  
 20 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
 21 the Air Force shall establish a pilot program, under the  
 22 authority provided by section 710 of title 10, United  
 23 States Code, to permit officers in Air Force fighter aircrew  
 24 career fields to take a one-time career intermission in  
 25 order to evaluate whether targeted career intermissions re-



1   duce early separations and preserve experienced fighter  
2   aircrew subject-matter experts for air staff positions and  
3   leadership roles in the active component of the Air Force.

4       (b) INTERMISSION PERIOD.—An intermission under  
5   the pilot program established under subsection (a) shall  
6   be for a period of not less than 4 months and not more  
7   than one year, as selected by the participant.

8       (c) TREATMENT OF AVIATION BONUSES.—

9           (1) ELIGIBILITY.—An officer described in sub-  
10   section (a) may participate in the pilot program es-  
11   tablished under that subsection if the officer is sub-  
12   ject to an active duty service obligation of not less  
13   than two years as of the beginning of the period of  
14   intermission of the officer under subsection (b). Par-  
15   ticipation in the pilot program shall not, by itself,  
16   disqualify an officer from eligibility for an aviation  
17   bonus under section 334(b) of title 37, United  
18   States Code.

19          (2) SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS.—Payment of  
20   an aviation bonus under section 334(b) of title 37,  
21   United States Code, to an officer shall be suspended  
22   during any period of intermission of an officer under  
23   the pilot program established under subsection (a).

24          (3) RESUMPTION OF PAYMENTS.—Upon the re-  
25   turn of an officer to active duty after an inter-

1 mission under the pilot program established under  
2 subsection (a), payment of an aviation bonus under  
3 section 334(b) of title 37, United States Code, may  
4 resume for the remaining period of the agreement of  
5 the officer under paragraph (3) of that section, sub-  
6 ject to the terms of the agreement.

7 (4) TOLLING.—Any period of intermission  
8 under the pilot program established under sub-  
9 section (a) shall not be counted toward the fulfill-  
10 ment of an agreement with respect to an aviation  
11 bonus under section 334(b) of title 37, United  
12 States Code.

13 (5) OTHER SERVICE OBLIGATIONS.—Except as  
14 provided in paragraph (4), an officer shall continue  
15 to satisfy any other active duty service obligation  
16 during a period of intermission under the pilot pro-  
17 gram established under subsection (a).

18 (d) APPLICATION OF CAREER INTERMISSION PRO-  
19 GRAM AUTHORITIES.—Except as otherwise provided in  
20 this section, the Secretary shall carry out the pilot pro-  
21 gram established under subsection (a) in accordance with  
22 section 710 of title 10, United States Code.

23 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the  
24 pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on the

1 date that is 5 years after the date on which the pilot pro-  
 2 gram is established.

3 (f) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than one year  
 4 after the establishment of the pilot program under sub-  
 5 section (a), and annually thereafter until termination of  
 6 the pilot program under subsection (e), the Secretary shall  
 7 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-  
 8 ate and the House of Representatives a report on the im-  
 9 plementation and effectiveness of the pilot program.

10 **TITLE VII—HEALTH CARE**  
 11 **Subtitle A—TRICARE and Other**  
 12 **Health Care Benefits**

13 **SEC. 701. DIGITAL SYSTEM FOR BENEFICIARY ASSISTANCE**  
 14 **AT MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILI-**  
 15 **TIES AND THROUGH MANAGED CARE SUP-**  
 16 **PORT CONTRACTORS.**

17 (a) DIGITAL SYSTEM FOR ACCESS ASSISTANCE.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months  
 19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
 20 retary of Defense shall establish a digital system  
 21 under which a covered beneficiary who receives  
 22 health care at a military medical treatment facility  
 23 or through a managed care support contractor under  
 24 the TRICARE program may electronically—

1 (A) file a complaint, raise awareness about  
2 an issue, or provide positive feedback relating to  
3 access to care at such military medical treat-  
4 ment facility or through such managed care  
5 support contractor; and

6 (B) view the status of such complaint or  
7 issue at any time, including the status of any  
8 interim or final action taken to address the  
9 complaint or issue.

10 (2) PROCESS.—The Director of the Defense  
11 Health Agency shall develop a process to acknowl-  
12 edge receipt of complaints or issues under paragraph  
13 (1)(A) and specify a timeline for response to such  
14 complaints or issues.

15 (3) TRANSMITTAL TO PATIENT ADVOCATES.—  
16 Any complaint or issue filed under paragraph (1)(A)  
17 shall be promptly transmitted to an appropriate pa-  
18 tient advocate of the Department of Defense.

19 (4) MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY  
20 COMPLAINTS OR ISSUES.—Complaints or issues filed  
21 under paragraph (1)(A) with respect to a military  
22 medical treatment facility may be automatically ag-  
23 gregated and submitted to the Director of the De-  
24 fense Health Agency on a quarterly basis.

1 (b) REPORT ON COMPLAINTS FILED UNDER DIGITAL  
2 SYSTEM.—

3 (1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than March 1 of  
4 each year during the three-year period following the  
5 establishment of the system under subsection (a),  
6 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Com-  
7 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
8 House of Representatives a report on the total num-  
9 ber of complaints or issues filed under such system.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report under paragraph  
11 (1) shall include, for each military medical treatment  
12 facility with respect to which a complaint or issue  
13 was filed under the system under subsection (a), the  
14 following:

15 (A) An identification of the most common  
16 access to care complaints or issues filed by cov-  
17 ered beneficiaries with respect to such facility.

18 (B) A comparison of the number of com-  
19 plaints or issues filed regarding access to spe-  
20 cialty care versus access to primary care.

21 (C) A comparison of the number of com-  
22 plaints or issues filed regarding access to wom-  
23 en's health care versus access to health care  
24 that is not women's health care.

1 (D) A comparison of the number of com-  
2 plaints or issues filed regarding access to pedi-  
3 atric care versus access to non-pediatric care.

4 (E) A comparison of the number of com-  
5 plaints or issues filed regarding administrative  
6 hurdles to access to care versus other access to  
7 care issues.

8 (F) A summary of steps taken at such fa-  
9 cility to reduce access to care complaints or  
10 issues by covered beneficiaries.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) COVERED BENEFICIARY.—The term “cov-  
13 ered beneficiary” means an individual enrolled in a  
14 health care plan under the TRICARE program and  
15 eligible to receive care at a military medical treat-  
16 ment facility.

17 (2) MANAGED CARE SUPPORT CONTRACTOR.—  
18 The term “managed care support contractor” means  
19 a health care organization contracted to provide care  
20 via a managed support contract in support of the  
21 health benefits under the TRICARE program.

22 (3) TRICARE PROGRAM.—The term  
23 “TRICARE program” has the meaning given that  
24 term in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 702. EXPANSION OF ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE FOR**  
2 **CERTAIN DEPENDENTS.**

3 Paragraph (2) of section 1077(c) of title 10, United  
4 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

5 “(2)(A) Dependents who are covered by a dental plan  
6 established under section 1076a of this title may be treat-  
7 ed by postgraduate dental residents in a dental treatment  
8 facility of the uniformed services under a graduate dental  
9 education program accredited by the American Dental As-  
10 sociation.

11 “(B) Treatment under subparagraph (A) shall be  
12 provided on a space available basis and only if the Sec-  
13 retary of Defense determines that adequate resources exist  
14 to provide such treatment.”.

15 **SEC. 703. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HEARING AIDS**  
16 **TO INCLUDE CHILDREN OF RETIRED MEM-**  
17 **BERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EN-**  
18 **ROLLED IN FAMILY COVERAGE UNDER**  
19 **TRICARE SELECT.**

20 Section 1077(a)(16)(B)(ii) of title 10, United States  
21 Code, is amended by inserting “or TRICARE Select” be-  
22 fore the period at the end.

1 **SEC. 704. EVALUATION OF INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL AC-**  
2 **CREDITING BODIES FOR PURPOSES OF**  
3 **QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OF MEN-**  
4 **TAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS UNDER**  
5 **TRICARE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Defense  
7 Health Agency shall evaluate the feasibility and advis-  
8 ability of permitting reimbursement under the TRICARE  
9 program of certified mental health counselors who hold a  
10 masters or higher-level degree in counseling from a pro-  
11 gram that is accredited by a covered institution.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than July 1, 2027, the Di-  
13 rector shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services  
14 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report  
15 on the evaluation conducted under subsection (a).

16 (c) INTERIM FINAL RULE.—If the report submitted  
17 under subsection (b) recommends permitting reimburse-  
18 ment of counselors with a degree from a program accred-  
19 ited by a covered institution, the Director shall issue an  
20 interim final rule implementing such recommendations not  
21 later than two years after submittal of the report.

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) COVERED INSTITUTION.—The term “cov-  
24 ered institution” means any of the following:



1 (A) The Accrediting Commission for Com-  
2 munity and Junior Colleges Western Associa-  
3 tion of Schools and Colleges.

4 (B) The Higher Learning Commission.

5 (C) The Middle States Commission on  
6 Higher Education.

7 (D) The New England Association of  
8 Schools and Colleges Commission on Institu-  
9 tions of Higher Education.

10 (E) The Southern Association of Colleges  
11 and Schools Commission on Colleges.

12 (F) The Western Association of Schools  
13 and Colleges Senior College and University  
14 Commission.

15 (G) The Accrediting Bureau of Health  
16 Education Schools.

17 (H) The Accrediting Commission of Career  
18 Schools and Colleges.

19 (I) The Accrediting Council for Inde-  
20 pendent Colleges and Schools.

21 (J) The Distance Education Accreditation  
22 Commission.

23 (K) The Council for Accreditation of Edu-  
24 cator Preparation.

25 (L) The American Psychology Association.

1           (2)     TRICARE     PROGRAM.—The     term  
2     “TRICARE program” has the meaning given that  
3     term in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

4     **SEC. 705. IMPROVEMENT OF PROVIDER DIRECTORY ACCU-**  
5                   **RACY FOR SPECIALTY CARE PROVIDERS**  
6                   **UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.**

7     (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Defense  
8     Health Agency shall—

9           (1) ensure that each managed care contract  
10     under the TRICARE program entered into after the  
11     date of the enactment of this Act includes require-  
12     ments that the managed care contractor—

13           (A) conduct comprehensive outreach cam-  
14     paigns, to include electronic and non-electronic  
15     means, and mass email campaigns to network  
16     specialty care providers providing—

17           (i) information relating to penalties  
18     associated with inaccurate provider direc-  
19     tory information;

20           (ii) resources for improving directory  
21     information; and

22           (iii) direct links for providers to up-  
23     date their directory information;

24           (B) make it a condition of joining the net-  
25     work managed by such contractor under the

1 TRICARE program for specialty care providers  
2 to validate their provider directory information  
3 not less frequently than quarterly;

4 (C) ensure that when specialty care pro-  
5 viders file for reimbursement, such providers  
6 are prompted to review and verify their direc-  
7 tory accuracy;

8 (D) create a mechanism by which bene-  
9 ficiaries under the TRICARE program can re-  
10 port provider directory inaccuracy to the con-  
11 tractor;

12 (E) conduct random tests (not less fre-  
13 quently than monthly) encompassing all spe-  
14 cialty care provider types, of the accuracy of in-  
15 formation maintained by the contractor relating  
16 to specialty care providers; and

17 (F) not less frequently than monthly, sub-  
18 mit to the Director the results of such random  
19 tests, disaggregated by each specialty care pro-  
20 vider type, conducted during the month covered  
21 by the report; and

22 (2) develop financial penalties or other contrac-  
23 tual remedies for inaccurate provider directory infor-  
24 mation under such contracts in accordance with the

1 penalties or remedies imposed as of the date of the  
2 enactment of this Act under the T-5 Contract.

3 (b) OTHER METHODS.—The Director shall carry out  
4 any other methods that the Director finds useful for the  
5 improvement of provider directory accuracy under the  
6 TRICARE program.

7 (c) TESTING OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION.—Not  
8 less frequently than twice each year during the three-year  
9 period following the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
10 Inspector General of the Defense Health Agency shall—

11 (1) conduct random tests, encompassing and  
12 disaggregating by all specialty care provider types,  
13 of the accuracy of information relating to specialty  
14 care providers contained in the provider directory  
15 under the TRICARE program; and

16 (2) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
17 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
18 a report containing the findings of each random test.

19 (d) BRIEFINGS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
22 nually thereafter for the following four years, the Di-  
23 rector shall provide to the Committees on Armed  
24 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-

1       tives a briefing on progress in carrying out this sec-  
2       tion.

3           (2) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing under para-  
4       graph (1) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

5           (A) A description of the techniques that  
6       are most effective in improving accuracy of pro-  
7       vider directories.

8           (B) An identification of the authorities or  
9       tools that the Defense Health Agency lacks for  
10      improving such accuracy.

11          (C) An identification of challenges specific  
12      to each specialty care provider type that limit  
13      such accuracy.

14          (D) An assessment of the impact of efforts  
15      of the Defense Health Agency towards improv-  
16      ing such accuracy on providers either leaving  
17      the TRICARE program or on the willingness of  
18      non-network providers to join the TRICARE  
19      program.

20      (e) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—Not later  
21      than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
22      and annually thereafter for the following two years, the  
23      Comptroller General of the United States shall—

24          (1) conduct a holistic review of provider direc-  
25      tory accuracy under the TRICARE program,

1       disaggregated by each specialty care provider type,  
2       to measure the progress of the Director towards  
3       meeting the existing requirements set forth by each  
4       managed care contractor under the TRICARE pro-  
5       gram, including by providing recommendations that  
6       would inform the development of the next managed  
7       care support contract competition; and

8               (2) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
9       ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
10      a report on the review conducted under paragraph  
11      (1).

12      (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13              (1) RANDOM TEST.—

14                      (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “random  
15                      test”, with respect to specialty care providers,  
16                      means conducting covert calls to offices of a  
17                      random sample of such providers using phone  
18                      numbers from the directory available under the  
19                      TRICARE program with respect to such pro-  
20                      viders to confirm the accuracy of information  
21                      contained in such directory.

22                      (B) SPECIAL RULE.—A random test may  
23                      not be conducted with respect to the same sam-  
24                      ple of providers in consecutive tests.

1           (2)     TRICARE     PROGRAM.—The     term  
2     “TRICARE program” has the meaning given that  
3     term in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

4 **SEC. 706. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE**  
5                   **START-UP TIME FOR CERTAIN TRICARE CON-**  
6                   **TRACTORS.**

7     Section 1095c(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “nine months  
10     after the date of the award of the contract, but in  
11     no case later than one year after the date of such  
12     award” and inserting “one year after the date on  
13     which the transition period of performance begins  
14     under the contract to allow for adequate start-up  
15     time for an orderly transition”; and

16          (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “nine-month”  
17     and inserting “one-year” each place it appears.

18 **SEC. 707. CORRECTIONS TO PILOT PROGRAM FOR SUPPLE-**  
19                   **MENTAL COVERAGE RELATING TO CANCER.**

20     Section 734 of the National Defense Authorization  
21 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C.  
22 1071 note) is amended—

23           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “September  
24     30, 2027” and inserting “January 31, 2028”;

1           (2) in subsection (c), in the matter preceding  
 2           paragraph (1), by striking “a publicly accessible  
 3           internet website” and inserting “the public-facing  
 4           website of the TRICARE program”;

5           (3) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “establish  
 6           procedures to determine” and inserting “provide a  
 7           method for verification of”;

8           (4) in subsection (e), by striking “2026” and  
 9           inserting “2027”; and

10          (5) in subsection (g)(2), by inserting “a health  
 11          plan option under” after “enrolled in”.

12 **SEC. 708. COVERAGE OF CRANIAL ORTHOTIC DEVICES FOR**  
 13 **DEFORMATIONAL PLAGIOCEPHALY UNDER**  
 14 **TRICARE PROGRAM.**

15          Section 1079(a) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 16          amended by adding at the end the following:

17               “(21) Cranial orthotic devices (molding hel-  
 18               mets) for deformational plagiocephaly may be pro-  
 19               vided as part of a reconstructive medical treat-  
 20               ment.”.

21 **SEC. 709. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC**  
 22 **HEALTH SERVICE ACT.**

23          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Public Health Service Act  
 24          (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended—

25               (1) in section 2 (42 U.S.C. 201)—



1 (A) in paragraph (p), by striking “means  
 2 the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,  
 3 Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or Coast  
 4 and Geodetic Survey; and” and inserting “has  
 5 the meaning given such term in section 101(a)  
 6 of title 10, United States Code;”;

7 (B) in paragraph (q), by striking the pe-  
 8 riod and inserting “; and”; and

9 (C) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(r) The term ‘Defense Agency’ has the meaning  
 11 given such term in section 101(a) of title 10, United  
 12 States Code.”; and

13 (2) in section 543(e) (42 U.S.C. 290dd–2(e))—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or the  
 15 Defense Agency responsible for military health  
 16 care under chapter 55 of title 10, United States  
 17 Code,” after “Uniformed Services”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or the  
 19 Defense Agency responsible for military health  
 20 care under chapter 55 of title 10, United States  
 21 Code” after “Uniformed Services”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 23 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
 24 ment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
 25 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328).

1 **SEC. 710. LICENSURE OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**  
2 **IN TRICARE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRICARE CERTIFIED**  
4 **MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS.**—For purposes of deter-  
5 mining whether a mental health care professional is eligi-  
6 ble for reimbursement under the TRICARE program as  
7 a certified mental health counselor, an individual who  
8 holds a masters or higher-level degree in counseling from  
9 a program that is accredited by a covered institution shall  
10 be treated as holding such degree from a mental health  
11 counseling program or clinical mental health counseling  
12 program that is accredited by the Council for Accredita-  
13 tion of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

14 (b) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—The Secretary of Defense  
15 shall implement this section beginning not later than one  
16 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (c) **BRIEFING.**—Not later than 30 days after the date  
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
19 shall provide to the congressional defense committees a  
20 briefing on the plan of the Secretary to implement this  
21 section.

22 (d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

23 (1) **COVERED INSTITUTION.**—The term “cov-  
24 ered institution” means any of the following:

1 (A) The Accrediting Commission for Com-  
2 munity and Junior Colleges Western Associa-  
3 tion of Schools and Colleges.

4 (B) The Higher Learning Commission.

5 (C) The Middle States Commission on  
6 Higher Education.

7 (D) The New England Association of  
8 Schools and Colleges Commission on Institu-  
9 tions of Higher Education.

10 (E) The Southern Association of Colleges  
11 and Schools Commission on Colleges.

12 (F) The Western Association of Schools  
13 and Colleges Senior College and University  
14 Commission.

15 (G) The Accrediting Bureau of Health  
16 Education Schools.

17 (H) The Accrediting Commission of Career  
18 Schools and Colleges.

19 (I) The Accrediting Council for Inde-  
20 pendent Colleges and Schools.

21 (J) The Distance Education Accreditation  
22 Commission.

23 (K) The Council for Accreditation of Edu-  
24 cator Preparation.

25 (L) The American Psychology Association.

1           (2)     TRICARE     PROGRAM.—The     term  
 2     “TRICARE program” has the meaning given that  
 3     term in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

4     **SEC. 711. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO WELLNESS**  
 5                   **CHECKS FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE OF CER-**  
 6                   **TAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

7     (a) WELLNESS CHECKS.—

8           (1) WELLNESS CHECKS REQUIRED.—

9                   (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-  
 10     fense shall issue such regulations, policies, and  
 11     procedures as may be necessary to require that,  
 12     whenever appropriate following a member of the  
 13     Armed Forces sustaining any significant injury  
 14     or illness or being on sick call, a wellness check  
 15     is conducted to account for the health and wel-  
 16     fare of such member.

17                  (B) SIGNIFICANT INJURY OR ILLNESS OR  
 18     SICK CALL.—For purposes of subparagraph  
 19     (A), a member of the Armed Forces shall be  
 20     considered to have sustained a significant injury  
 21     or illness or to be on sick call if a medical pro-  
 22     fessional recommends an absence of the mem-  
 23     ber from regular duties for 24 hours or longer,  
 24     such as placing the member on quarters or rec-  
 25     ommending convalescent leave.

1           (2) METHODS OF CONTACT.—In conducting a  
2       wellness check for a member of the Armed Forces  
3       pursuant to paragraph (1), if the member does not  
4       respond to such check conducted via an electronic or  
5       telephone communication method, the individual con-  
6       ducting the check shall progress to an in-person  
7       method of contact.

8           (3) RESULT OF FAILURE TO LOCATE.—If, as a  
9       result of a wellness check conducted pursuant to  
10      paragraph (1) for a member of the Armed Forces,  
11      the individual conducting such check is unable to lo-  
12      cate such member, the individual shall refer to the  
13      applicable regulations, policies, and procedures of  
14      the Department of Defense regarding the determina-  
15      tion and reporting of such member as missing, ab-  
16      sent unknown, absent without leave, or duty status-  
17      whereabouts unknown.

18      (b) IMPLEMENTATION BY UNIT COMMANDERS.—In  
19      carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall  
20      ensure that each unit commander coordinates with the  
21      judge advocates assigned or attached to, or performing  
22      duty with, the unit under the command of such com-  
23      mander for assistance in the implementation of any regu-  
24      lation, policy, or procedure required under subsection (a)  
25      with respect to such unit.

1 (c) ADDITIONAL ACTIONS BY UNIT COMMANDERS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—On a routine basis, each  
3 unit commander shall—

4 (A) review the requirements contained in  
5 the document titled “Commander’s Critical In-  
6 formation Requirements”, dated January 2020,  
7 or any successor document, to ensure such re-  
8 quirements—

9 (i) have been issued or updated dur-  
10 ing the three-year period preceding any  
11 such review;

12 (ii) reflect the medical issues or safety  
13 incidents of members of the Armed Forces  
14 that the commander deems sufficiently sig-  
15 nificant; and

16 (iii) have been distributed to the unit  
17 under the command of such commander;  
18 and

19 (B) host confidential wellness meetings  
20 with subordinate commanders at which such  
21 commanders may discuss with one or more  
22 medical officers assigned to such unit any sig-  
23 nificant injuries or illnesses affecting members  
24 of the Armed Forces serving in or with such  
25 unit.

1           (2) WELLNESS MEETINGS.—Confidential  
2       wellness meetings under paragraph (1)(B) may be  
3       integrated with existing command, staff, or health-  
4       of-the-force synchronization meetings if the con-  
5       fidentiality of the medical and personal information  
6       a member of the Armed Forces is appropriately  
7       maintained.

8       (d) TRAINING.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—Each Secretary concerned,  
10      and the Secretary of Defense with respect to civilian  
11      personnel of the Department of Defense, shall en-  
12      sure that training on the importance of account-  
13      ability with respect to health and welfare, and the  
14      significant negative outcomes that may occur when  
15      accountability procedures fail, is integrated into ex-  
16      isting command, leadership, and prevention training  
17      programs to the maximum extent practicable

18          (2) NO NEED FOR SEPARATE TRAINING RE-  
19      QUIREMENT.—A separate standalone training re-  
20      quirement is not required for purposes of carrying  
21      out paragraph (1).

22      (e) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-  
23      tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning  
24      given that term in section 101(a) of title 10, United States  
25      Code.

1 **SEC. 712. REQUIREMENT TO OFFER MEDICAL CHAPERONES**  
2 **DURING SENSITIVE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.**

3 The Secretary of Defense shall establish and imple-  
4 ment a policy throughout the Department of Defense to  
5 require that a medical chaperone be offered and available  
6 to be present with a patient during any sensitive medical  
7 examination, as determined by the Secretary, conducted  
8 at a military medical treatment facility.

9 **SEC. 713. PILOT PROGRAM ON RECIPROCAL ACCESS TO**  
10 **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, PERSONNEL, AND**  
11 **SERVICES OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
12 **AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense and the  
14 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly carry out a pilot  
15 program to assess the feasibility and advisability of ex-  
16 panding reciprocal access to health care facilities, per-  
17 sonnel, and services between the Department of Defense  
18 and the Department of Veterans Affairs (in this section  
19 referred to as the “pilot program”).

20 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the pilot program  
21 are—

22 (1) to improve access to timely, high-quality  
23 health care for covered beneficiaries;

24 (2) to improve continuity of care for  
25 transitioning members of the Armed Forces and vet-  
26 erans;



1           (3) to reduce duplication of health care capacity  
2           and infrastructure;

3           (4) to enhance medical readiness and provider  
4           proficiency;

5           (5) to maximize the efficient use of medical fa-  
6           cilities and personnel of the Federal Government;  
7           and

8           (6) to assess opportunities for future integra-  
9           tion and coordination between the health care sys-  
10          tems of the Department of Defense and the Depart-  
11          ment of Veterans Affairs.

12          (c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—Under the pilot program,  
14          the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Vet-  
15          erans Affairs may authorize—

16           (A) coordinated referral and specialty care  
17           arrangements;

18           (B) integrated scheduling, credentialing,  
19           reimbursement, and care coordination proc-  
20           esses; and

21           (C) the sharing and interoperability of  
22           electronic health records and related health in-  
23           formation systems consistent with applicable  
24           privacy and security requirements.

1           (2) PRIORITY.—Activities under the pilot pro-  
2           gram shall prioritize arrangements that cannot be  
3           readily achieved under sharing agreements in effect  
4           as of the date of the enactment of this Act due to  
5           administrative, eligibility, or systemic barriers.

6           (d) PILOT SITES.—

7           (1) INITIAL SITES.—Not later than 180 days  
8           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
9           retary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
10          fairs shall jointly designate not fewer than five and  
11          not more than 10 pilot sites.

12          (2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In selecting pilot  
13          sites under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense  
14          and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall con-  
15          sider—

16                (A) geographic areas with overlapping  
17                medical infrastructure of the Department of  
18                Defense and the Department of Veterans Af-  
19                fairs;

20                (B) locations experiencing provider short-  
21                ages or access challenges;

22                (C) locations with significant populations  
23                of transitioning members of the Armed Forces,  
24                former members of the Armed Forces, or vet-  
25                erans;

1 (D) locations where at least one of the  
2 local Federal facilities has the staff and oper-  
3 ation capacity to take on the work of the pilot  
4 program;

5 (E) opportunities to improve medical readi-  
6 ness of the Armed Forces; and

7 (F) existing sharing agreements or inte-  
8 grated care models.

9 (3) MODIFICATION OF PILOT SITES.—The Sec-  
10 retary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
11 fairs may jointly add, remove, suspend, or modify  
12 pilot sites and services covered under the pilot pro-  
13 gram as the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary  
14 of Veterans Affairs jointly determine necessary  
15 based on performance, patient safety, operational re-  
16 quirements, beneficiary access, or other appropriate  
17 considerations if the Secretary of Defense and the  
18 Secretary of Veterans Affairs provide to the appro-  
19 priate committees of Congress, not later than 30  
20 days before adding, removing, suspending, or modi-  
21 fying any such site or service, a notification of such  
22 action.

23 (e) ELIGIBILITY.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
25 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly

1 establish eligibility criteria and priority categories  
2 for participation in the pilot program.

3 (2) PRIORITY.—In establishing criteria under  
4 paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense and the  
5 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall prioritize—

6 (A) transitioning members of the Armed  
7 Forces;

8 (B) members of the Armed Forces and vet-  
9 erans residing in medically underserved areas;

10 (C) beneficiaries requiring specialty care  
11 with extended wait times;

12 (D) members of the Armed Forces and  
13 veterans receiving behavioral health care; and

14 (E) military families if reciprocal access  
15 would improve continuity or access to care for  
16 such families.

17 (f) WAIVER OF ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.—  
18 The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans  
19 Affairs may waive or modify administrative requirements  
20 that would otherwise unnecessarily impede the operation  
21 of the pilot program, except requirements relating to pa-  
22 tient safety, quality standards, or statutory eligibility for  
23 care.

24 (g) DATA COLLECTION AND PERFORMANCE  
25 METRICS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
2           and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly  
3           establish metrics to evaluate the pilot program, in-  
4           cluding metrics relating to—

5                   (A) patient access and wait times;

6                   (B) quality of care and patient outcomes;

7                   (C) patient satisfaction and care coordina-  
8           tion;

9                   (D) provider productivity and readiness  
10          impacts;

11                  (E) cost and resource utilization;

12                  (F) continuity of care for transitioning  
13          members of the Armed Forces;

14                  (G) continuity of care for veterans receiv-  
15          ing care under the pilot program at facilities  
16          other than facilities of the Department of Vet-  
17          erans Affairs;

18                  (H) electronic health record interoper-  
19          ability and information sharing; and

20                  (I) comparison of use of the pilot program  
21          to use of sharing agreements for similar serv-  
22          ices under other authorities.

23           (2) STANDARDIZATION.—The Secretary of De-  
24          fense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall en-  
25          sure that data collection under this subsection is

1       standardized across pilot sites to the maximum ex-  
2       tent practicable.

3       (h) APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY.—The pilot pro-  
4       gram shall—

5               (1) build upon and not duplicate authorities  
6       under section 8111 of title 38, United States Code;  
7       and

8               (2) apply only to the extent necessary to test  
9       enhanced reciprocal access to health care facilities,  
10      personnel, and services beyond sharing agreements  
11      in effect as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

12      (i) BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS.—

13              (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 120  
14      days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
15      Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans  
16      Affairs shall jointly provide to the appropriate com-  
17      mittees of Congress a briefing regarding implemen-  
18      tation plans for the pilot program.

19              (2) ANNUAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later than April  
20      1 of each year during the duration of the pilot pro-  
21      gram, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of  
22      Veterans Affairs shall jointly provide to the appro-  
23      priate committees of Congress a briefing regard-  
24      ing—

25                      (A) pilot site performance;

- 1 (B) beneficiary participation;
- 2 (C) budgetary impacts;
- 3 (D) patient safety and quality metrics;
- 4 (E) any modifications to pilot sites or cov-
- 5 ered services; and
- 6 (F) legislative recommendations, if any.

7 (3) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than two  
8 years after commencement of operations under the  
9 pilot program at the first pilot site, the Secretary of  
10 Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
11 jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Con-  
12 gress an interim report on the results of the pilot  
13 program.

14 (4) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than one year  
15 before the termination of the pilot program under  
16 subsection (k), the Secretary of Defense and the  
17 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to  
18 the appropriate committees of Congress a final re-  
19 port containing—

20 (A) an assessment of the effectiveness of  
21 the pilot program;

22 (B) recommendations regarding expansion,  
23 modification, or termination of the pilot pro-  
24 gram;

1 (C) an assessment of impacts on medical  
2 readiness of the Armed Forces and health care  
3 delivery for veterans; and

4 (D) any recommendations for legislative or  
5 administrative action.

6 (j) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION AND PRESERVATION  
7 OF EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—

8 (1) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—Participation  
9 in the pilot program by veterans shall be voluntary.

10 (2) PATIENT ELECTION.—A veteran eligible to  
11 participate in the pilot program may elect to receive  
12 care through—

13 (A) a facility of the Department of Vet-  
14 erans Affairs;

15 (B) a military medical treatment facility  
16 participating in the pilot program; or

17 (C) a community provider pursuant to ap-  
18 plicable community care authorities of the De-  
19 partment of Veterans Affairs .

20 (3) NO REQUIREMENT TO USE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 DEFENSE FACILITIES.—The Secretary of Veterans  
22 Affairs may not require a veteran to receive care  
23 through a facility of the Department of Defense as  
24 a condition of eligibility for, or receipt of, care or  
25 services under laws administered by the Secretary.



1           (4) PATIENT NOTICE.—The Secretary of Vet-  
2       erans Affairs shall ensure that veterans eligible to  
3       participate in the pilot program receive clear notice  
4       regarding available health care options, including the  
5       availability of community care if otherwise author-  
6       ized by law.

7           (5) NO LIMITATION ON COMMUNITY CARE ELI-  
8       GIBILITY.—Nothing in this section may be construed  
9       to limit, alter, delay, or otherwise affect the eligi-  
10      bility of a veteran for care, services, or referrals fur-  
11      nished under the Veterans Community Care Pro-  
12      gram under section 1703 of title 38, United States  
13      Code, or any other authority available under laws  
14      administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to  
15      receive care from non-Department of Veterans Af-  
16      fairs providers.

17       (k) DURATION.—The pilot program shall commence  
18      not later than one year after the date of the enactment  
19      of this Act and shall terminate five years after the com-  
20      mencement of operations of the pilot program at the first  
21      pilot site.

22       (l) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23           (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
24      GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
25      gress” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and  
2 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-  
3 ate; and

4 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and  
5 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the  
6 House of Representatives.

7 (2) COVERED BENEFICIARY.—The term “cov-  
8 ered beneficiary” has the meaning given that term  
9 in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

10 (3) MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACIL-  
11 ITY.—The term “military medical treatment facility”  
12 means a facility of the Defense Health Agency, a  
13 military department, or another component of the  
14 Department of Defense providing health care serv-  
15 ices.

16 (4) PILOT SITE.—The term “pilot site” means  
17 any medical center, hospital, clinic, or other health  
18 care facility of the Department of Defense or the  
19 Department of Veterans Affairs that is participating  
20 in the pilot program.

21 (5) RECIPROCAL ACCESS.—The term “recip-  
22 rocal access” means systematic, non-excess-capacity  
23 access with integrated operations, as opposed to ac-  
24 cess that is limited to excess capacity only.

1 **SEC. 714. MEDICAL SCREENING FOR MEMBERS OF THE**  
2 **ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED AT DATA**  
3 **MASKED OR CLASSIFIED LOCATIONS.**

4 (a) MODIFICATION TO SERVICE RECORDS.—Not  
5 later than January 1, 2029, the Secretary of Defense shall  
6 modify the service records of covered members to include  
7 a check box or other method to signify that the covered  
8 member served at a covered location and would merit addi-  
9 tional medical screening.

10 (b) HAZARD SCREENING.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—During a covered examina-  
12 tion, a covered member shall receive—

13 (A) a screening to determine if such mem-  
14 ber served at a covered location at any time  
15 during service in the Armed Forces; and

16 (B) if such member served at such a loca-  
17 tion, additional exposure-specific medical  
18 screenings and evaluations to identify potential  
19 exposure to hazardous substances, radiation, or  
20 other harmful occupational and environmental  
21 hazards encountered during service in the  
22 Armed Forces, consistent with current clinical  
23 practice guidelines and recommendations of the  
24 Department of Defense and the Department of  
25 Veterans Affairs.

1           (2) INCLUSIONS.—The screenings and evalua-  
2           tions required under paragraph (1) may include—

3                   (A) a targeted assessment of medical his-  
4           tories;

5                   (B) a physical examination;

6                   (C) laboratory testing;

7                   (D) imaging studies; and

8                   (E) other diagnostic procedures that the  
9           Secretary determines are medically necessary.

10          (c) DOCUMENTATION.—A health care provider shall  
11          document all exposures identified by the provider and the  
12          results of any screenings and evaluations conducted under  
13          subsection (b) in the permanent medical record of the rel-  
14          evant covered member and ensure that relevant exposure  
15          information is transmitted to the Department of Veterans  
16          Affairs upon separation or retirement of such member.

17          (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18                  (1) COVERED EXAMINATION.—The term “cov-  
19          ered examination” means—

20                          (A) a screening conducted by a health care  
21                  provider of the Department of Defense for any  
22                  covered member prior to a permanent change of  
23                  station from a covered location; or

1 (B) any annual preventive health assess-  
2 ment of a covered member conducted by a  
3 health care provider of the Department.

4 (2) COVERED LOCATION.—The term “covered  
5 location” means—

6 (A) a data masked or classified location; or

7 (B) a facility on the most recent list of fa-  
8 cilities covered under the Energy Employees  
9 Occupational Illness Compensation Program  
10 Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384 et seq.) published  
11 in the Federal Register by the Secretary of En-  
12 ergy.

13 (3) COVERED MEMBER.—The term “covered  
14 member” means a member of the Armed Forces cur-  
15 rently serving on active duty.

16 **SEC. 715. MEDICAL TESTING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR**  
17 **FIREFIGHTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
18 **FENSE.**

19 (a) PROVISION OF SERVICES.—During the annual  
20 periodic health assessment of each firefighter of the De-  
21 partment of Defense, or at such other intervals as may  
22 be indicated in subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense  
23 shall provide to the firefighter (at no cost to the fire-  
24 fighter) appropriate medical testing and related services

1 to detect, document the presence or absence of, and pre-  
2 vent, certain cancers.

3 (b) CRITERIA.—Services required to be provided  
4 under subsection (a) shall meet, at a minimum, the fol-  
5 lowing criteria:

6 (1) BREAST CANCER.—With respect to breast  
7 cancer screening, if the firefighter is a female fire-  
8 fighter—

9 (A) such services shall include the provi-  
10 sion of a mammogram to the firefighter—

11 (i) if the firefighter is 40 years old to  
12 49 years old (inclusive), not less frequently  
13 than twice each year;

14 (ii) if the firefighter is 50 years old or  
15 older, not less frequently than annually;  
16 and

17 (iii) as clinically indicated (without re-  
18 gard to age); and

19 (B) in connection with the provision of a  
20 mammogram under subparagraph (A), a li-  
21 censed radiologist shall review the most recent  
22 mammogram provided to the firefighter, as  
23 compared to prior mammograms so provided,  
24 and provide to the firefighter the results of such  
25 review.

1           (2) COLON CANCER.—With respect to colon  
2 cancer screening—

3           (A) if the firefighter is 40 years old or  
4 older, or as clinically indicated without regard  
5 to age, such services shall include the commu-  
6 nication to the firefighter of the risks and bene-  
7 fits of stool-based blood testing;

8           (B) if the firefighter is 45 years old or  
9 older, or as clinically indicated without regard  
10 to age, such services shall include the provision,  
11 at regular intervals, of visual examinations  
12 (such as a colonoscopy, CT colonoscopy, or  
13 flexible sigmoidoscopy) or stool-based blood  
14 testing; and

15          (C) in connection with the provision of a  
16 visual examination or stool-based blood testing  
17 under subparagraph (B), a licensed physician  
18 shall review and provide to the firefighter the  
19 results of such examination or testing, as the  
20 case may be.

21          (3) PROSTATE CANCER.—With respect to pros-  
22 tate cancer screening, if the firefighter is a male  
23 firefighter, such services shall include the commu-  
24 nication to the firefighter of the risks and benefits

1 of prostate cancer screenings and the provision to  
2 the firefighter of a prostate-specific antigen test—

3 (A) not less frequently than annually if the  
4 firefighter—

5 (i) is 50 years old or older; or

6 (ii) is 40 years old or older and is a  
7 high-risk individual; and

8 (B) as clinically indicated (without regard  
9 to age).

10 (4) OTHER CANCERS.—Such services shall in-  
11 clude routine screenings for any other cancer the  
12 risk or occurrence of which the Director of the Cen-  
13 ters for Disease Control and Prevention has identi-  
14 fied as higher among firefighters than among the  
15 general public, the provision of which shall be car-  
16 ried out during the annual periodic health assess-  
17 ment of the firefighter.

18 (c) OPTIONAL NATURE.—A firefighter of the Depart-  
19 ment of Defense may opt out of the receipt of medical  
20 testing or a related service provided under subsection (a).

21 (d) USE OF CONSENSUS TECHNICAL STANDARDS.—  
22 In providing medical testing and related services under  
23 subsection (a), the Secretary shall use consensus technical  
24 standards in accordance with section 12(d) of the National



1 Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub-  
2 lic Law 104–113; 15 U.S.C. 272 note).

3 (e) DOCUMENTATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In providing medical testing  
5 and related services under subsection (a), the Sec-  
6 retary—

7 (A) shall document the acceptance rates of  
8 such tests offered and the rates of such tests  
9 performed;

10 (B) shall document test results to identify  
11 trends in the rates of cancer occurrences among  
12 firefighters; and

13 (C) may collect and maintain additional in-  
14 formation from the recipients of such tests and  
15 other services to allow for appropriate scientific  
16 analysis.

17 (2) PRIVACY.—In analyzing any information of  
18 an individual documented, collected, or maintained  
19 under paragraph (1), in addition to complying with  
20 other applicable privacy laws, the Secretary shall en-  
21 sure the name and any other personally identifiable  
22 information of the individual is removed from such  
23 information prior to the analysis.

24 (3) SHARING WITH CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
25 CONTROL AND PREVENTION.—The Secretary may

1 share data from any tests performed under sub-  
 2 section (a) with the Director of the Centers for Dis-  
 3 ease Control and Prevention, as appropriate, to in-  
 4 crease the knowledge and understanding of cancer  
 5 occurrences among firefighters.

6 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) FIREFIGHTER.—The term “firefighter”  
 8 means someone whose primary job or military occu-  
 9 pational specialty is being a firefighter.

10 (2) HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUAL.—The term “high-  
 11 risk individual” means an individual who—

12 (A) is African American;

13 (B) has at least one first-degree relative  
 14 who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer at  
 15 an early age; or

16 (C) is otherwise determined by the Sec-  
 17 retary to be high risk with respect to prostate  
 18 cancer.

## 19 **Subtitle B—Health Care** 20 **Administration**

### 21 **SEC. 721. DEVELOPMENT OF CAPABILITY PROTOTYPE ON** 22 **SECURE ACCESS TO HEALTH RECORD FOR** 23 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

24 (a) CAPABILITY PROTOTYPE.—Not later than 180  
 25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1   retary of Defense shall develop and implement a capability  
2   prototype that is interoperable with the electronic health  
3   record of the Department of Defense for active duty mem-  
4   bers of the Armed Forces who receive health care from  
5   the Defense Health Agency to digitally collect their med-  
6   ical records through a covered health record platform be-  
7   fore separating from active duty.

8       (b) CONTRACTS.—

9           (1) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary shall seek to  
10   enter into a contract using competitive procedures  
11   with an appropriate entity for the provision of the  
12   covered health record platform under the capability  
13   prototype under subsection (a).

14       (2) NOTICE OF COMPETITION.—

15           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days  
16   after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
17   Secretary shall issue a request for proposals for  
18   the contract described in paragraph (1).

19           (B) OPEN COMPETITION.—A request  
20   under subparagraph (A) shall be full and open  
21   to any contractor that has an existing covered  
22   health record platform.

23       (3) SELECTION.—Not later than 120 days after  
24   the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
25   shall award a contract to an appropriate entity pur-

1       suant to the request for proposals under paragraph  
2       (2) if at least one acceptable offer is submitted.

3       (c) PILOT PROGRAM ON USE OF CAPABILITY PROTO-  
4 TYPE.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry  
6       out a pilot program under which the Secretary shall  
7       assess the feasibility and advisability of using the ca-  
8       pability prototype developed under subsection (a) for  
9       a period of not less than 180 days.

10          (2) SELECTION OF ARMED FORCES.—The Sec-  
11       retary shall select not less than one Armed Force in  
12       which to carry out the pilot program under para-  
13       graph (1).

14          (3) TERMINATION OR EXTENSION OF USE OF  
15       CAPABILITY PROTOTYPE.—At the end of the period  
16       specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall sur-  
17       vey all participants in the pilot program under such  
18       paragraph and, based on survey results, may—

19           (A) terminate the capability prototype de-  
20       veloped and implemented under subsection (a);

21           (B) continue the capability prototype;

22           (C) expand the capability prototype; or

23           (D) implement the use of a covered health  
24       record platform in the Defense Health Agency  
25       throughout the uniformed services.

1       (d) PROHIBITION ON NEW APPROPRIATIONS.—No  
2 additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to  
3 carry out the requirements of this section and such re-  
4 quirements shall be carried out using amounts otherwise  
5 authorized to be appropriated for the Department of De-  
6 fense through the Joint Incentive Fund.

7       (e) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than April 1,  
8 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Com-  
9 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House  
10 of Representatives a briefing on the capability prototype  
11 developed and implemented under subsection (a).

12       (f) COVERED HEALTH RECORD PLATFORM DE-  
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “covered health record  
14 platform” means a health record platform that meets the  
15 following requirements:

16           (1) Has web-based and native mobile phone ap-  
17 plication capabilities.

18           (2) Has the capability to store and share  
19 records with the Department of Veterans Affairs or  
20 any other designated care provider.

21           (3) Has the capability to store records in the  
22 cloud.

23           (4) Does not have a requirement for integration  
24 to receive or share records.

1           (5) Has the capability to instantly share data  
2           based on a combination of access key and personal  
3           identifier.

4           (6) Has the capability to provide secure data  
5           storage and records transfer upon separation of a  
6           member of the Armed Forces from active duty.

7           (7) Does not require a business associate agree-  
8           ment with any party.

9           (8) Has secure data isolation with access con-  
10          trols.

11          (9) Has, at a minimum, data security that  
12          would require separate encryption for each docu-  
13          ment, relying on AES256 or better algorithm with  
14          keys encryption using RSA2048 or better algorithm,  
15          or any successor similar algorithm.

16 **SEC. 722. INVENTORY AND ANNUAL CATCHMENT AREA AS-**  
17 **SESSMENT OF MILITARY-CIVILIAN HEALTH**  
18 **CARE PARTNERSHIPS.**

19          (a) CENTRALIZED INVENTORY OF MILITARY-CIVIL-  
20 IAN PARTNERSHIPS.—

21           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense,  
22          acting through the Director of the Defense Health  
23          Agency, shall develop and maintain a centralized in-  
24          ventory of military–civilian health care partnerships  
25          throughout the Department of Defense.

1           (2) COORDINATION.—In carrying out para-  
2 graph (1), the Director of the Defense Health Agen-  
3 cy shall coordinate with the Secretary of each mili-  
4 tary department to ensure the inventory developed  
5 and maintained under such paragraph reflects part-  
6 nerships established and maintained by the Defense  
7 Health Agency, the Uniformed Services University  
8 of the Health Sciences, and the military depart-  
9 ments.

10           (3) MILITARY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBIL-  
11 ITIES.—

12           (A) IN GENERAL.—Each Secretary of a  
13 military department shall develop and maintain  
14 an inventory of military–civilian health care  
15 partnerships under the jurisdiction of such Sec-  
16 retary.

17           (B) INCLUSION IN CENTRALIZED INVEN-  
18 TORY.—The inventories developed under sub-  
19 paragraph (A) shall be provided to the Director  
20 of the Defense Health Agency on a recurring  
21 basis, as determined by the Secretary of De-  
22 fense, for inclusion in the centralized inventory  
23 under paragraph (1).

24           (C) USE OF INVENTORIES.—The inven-  
25 tories maintained by the military departments

1 under this paragraph shall be used to inform  
2 and update the centralized inventory main-  
3 tained by the Defense Health Agency under  
4 paragraph (1).

5 (4) ELEMENTS.—The inventories required  
6 under this subsection shall include, at a minimum,  
7 the following:

8 (A) The type and purpose of each mili-  
9 tary–civilian health care partnership.

10 (B) Participating organizations, including  
11 civilian and other Federal partners.

12 (C) Geographic location and supported  
13 beneficiary population.

14 (D) Resources shared, including personnel,  
15 facilities, and funding.

16 (E) Duration and terms of the partner-  
17 ships.

18 (F) Measures of performance and effective-  
19 ness of the partnerships.

20 (b) ANNUAL CATCHMENT AREA ASSESSMENT.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than an-  
22 nually, the Secretary of Defense, acting through the  
23 Director of the Defense Health Agency, shall con-  
24 duct a catchment area assessment of military–civil-



1       ian health care partnerships and resource-sharing  
2       agreements of the Department of Defense.

3           (2) USE OF INVENTORY.—The catchment area  
4       assessment conducted under paragraph (1) shall be  
5       informed by the centralized inventory developed  
6       under subsection (a), including inputs provided by  
7       the military departments.

8           (3) SCOPE.—

9           (A) IN GENERAL.—Each catchment area  
10      assessment conducted under paragraph (1)  
11      shall focus on the catchment area of a military  
12      medical treatment facility and other related or-  
13      ganizations.

14          (B) ELEMENTS.—Each catchment area as-  
15      sessment conducted under paragraph (1) shall  
16      include the following:

17           (i) An assessment of the extent to  
18           which existing military–civilian health care  
19           partnerships fulfill the intended objectives  
20           of such partnerships, including access to  
21           care, quality, cost-effectiveness, and med-  
22           ical readiness.

23           (ii) An identification of gaps in care,  
24           redundancies, or underutilized resources.

1 (iii) An evaluation of whether indi-  
2 vidual partnerships should be expanded,  
3 reduced, or maintained.

4 (iv) An identification of opportunities  
5 to establish new partnerships or modify ex-  
6 isting agreements.

7 (v) Consideration of regional health  
8 care capacity, including civilian and Fed-  
9 eral health care providers.

10 (vi) An analysis of trends that may  
11 affect the performance or sustainability of  
12 military–civilian health care partnerships.

13 (4) METRICS AND BENCHMARKS.—The Sec-  
14 retary of Defense shall establish standardized  
15 metrics and benchmarks to evaluate the performance  
16 and outcomes of military–civilian health care part-  
17 nerships assessed under this subsection.

18 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than April 1, 2027, and  
19 annually thereafter for the following five years, the Sec-  
20 retary of Defense shall provide to the Committees on  
21 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
22 atives a briefing containing the results of the most recent  
23 catchment area assessment conducted under subsection  
24 (b), which shall include the following:

1           (1) A summary of the centralized inventory de-  
2       veloped and maintained under subsection (a).

3           (2) Key findings regarding the effectiveness of  
4       military–civilian health care partnerships.

5           (3) An identification of any resources that are  
6       required to ensure effective military–civilian health  
7       care partnerships.

8           (4) Planned actions to expand, modify, or ter-  
9       minate military–civilian health care partnerships.

10          (5) Any recommendations for legislative or ad-  
11       ministrative action to improve military–civilian  
12       health care collaboration.

13       (d) MILITARY–CIVILIAN HEALTH CARE PARTNER-  
14   SHIP DEFINED.—In this section, the term “military–civil-  
15   ian health care partnership” includes any agreement, con-  
16   tract, or arrangement between the Department of Defense  
17   and a non-Department entity for the provision, sharing,  
18   or coordination of health care services, personnel, training,  
19   or resources.

“(g) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS TO DOWNSIZE, RE-  
ALIGN, OR REDUCE SCOPE OF SERVICES.—(1) The Sec-  
retary of Defense may not carry out any action initiated  
after the date of the enactment of the National Defense  
Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027 to downsize, re-  
align, or otherwise reduce the scope of services at a mili-  
tary medical treatment facility until the Secretary con-  
ducts a comprehensive review consistent with this sub-  
section.

“(2) A review required under paragraph (1) with re-  
spect to an action relating to a military medical treatment  
facility shall include, at a minimum, the following:

“(A) An assessment of the capacity, capability,  
and readiness of local civilian health care providers  
to absorb affected beneficiary populations.

23 “(B) An assessment of the capacity, capability,  
24 and accessibility of facilities of the Department of  
25 Veterans Affairs in the relevant catchment area.

1           “(C) An evaluation of the impact on access to  
2           care for covered beneficiaries, including wait times,  
3           travel distances, and specialty care availability.

4           “(D) An analysis of the effects on medical read-  
5           iness, including clinical workload necessary to sus-  
6           tain provider skills within the armed forces.

7           “(E) An assessment of risks to continuity of  
8           care, particularly for complex or chronic conditions.

9           “(F) Such other factors as the Secretary deter-  
10          mines appropriate to ensure a complete under-  
11          standing of impacts on beneficiaries and mission re-  
12          quirements.

13          “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall certify to the  
14          Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
15          House of Representatives that the review required under  
16          this subsection has been completed prior to implementing  
17          any action described in paragraph (1) and shall include  
18          a summary of findings and a justification for the proposed  
19          action.

20          “(4) Not later than one year before conducting any  
21          action to downsize, realign, or otherwise reduce the scope  
22          of services at a military medical treatment facility, the  
23          Secretary of Defense shall have a consultative discussion  
24          regarding such action with the Committees on Armed  
25          Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.”.

1 **SEC. 724. POLICY ON PROVIDER NOTIFICATION TO COM-**  
2 **MANDERS REGARDING IMMINENT RISK OF**  
3 **SUICIDE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**  
4 **FORCES.**

5 (a) **POLICY REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
7 of Defense shall develop and implement a policy through-  
8 out the Department of Defense regarding the notification  
9 of commanders when a health care provider determines  
10 that a member of the Armed Forces is at imminent risk  
11 of suicide.

12 (b) **DEFINITION OF IMMINENT RISK.**—

13 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—As part of the policy re-  
14 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary shall es-  
15 tablish a clear and standardized definition of “immi-  
16 nent risk of suicide” for purposes of the military  
17 health system.

18 (2) **ELEMENTS OF DEFINITION.**—The definition  
19 required under paragraph (1) shall—

20 (A) be informed by evidence-based clinical  
21 standards and suicide risk assessment practices;

22 (B) account for the presence of suicidal  
23 ideation, intent, plan, access to means, and  
24 temporal proximity of potential self-harm;

1 (C) distinguish between acute, immediate  
2 risk and non-immediate or chronic suicide risk;  
3 and

4 (D) allow for the exercise of professional  
5 clinical judgment in individual cases.

6 (c) ELEMENTS.—The policy required under sub-  
7 section (a) shall—

8 (1) establish clear and standardized criteria for  
9 determining when a member of the Armed Forces is  
10 at imminent risk of suicide, consistent with evidence-  
11 based clinical practices;

12 (2) require timely notification to the appro-  
13 priate commander when such a determination is  
14 made, while ensuring that only the minimum nec-  
15 essary information is disclosed to protect the privacy  
16 of the member;

17 (3) define the roles and responsibilities of  
18 health care providers, commanders, and other rel-  
19 evant personnel in responding to such notifications;

20 (4) ensure that such notifications are made in  
21 a manner that supports the safety and well-being of  
22 the member, including coordination of appropriate  
23 interventions and support services;

24 (5) incorporate procedures to safeguard the  
25 confidentiality of protected health information con-

1       sistent with section 552a of title 5, United States  
2       Code (commonly known as the “Privacy Act of  
3       1974”), and applicable regulations of the Depart-  
4       ment of Defense;

5           (6) provide guidance on documentation and ac-  
6       countability for decisions relating to such notifica-  
7       tions; and

8           (7) include mechanisms to ensure that such no-  
9       tifications do not result in inappropriate adverse per-  
10      sonnel actions solely on the basis of a mental health  
11      condition.

12      (d) TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTATION.—The Sec-  
13      retary shall ensure that—

14           (1) health care providers within the military  
15      health system receive training on the policy devel-  
16      oped under subsection (a), including criteria for de-  
17      termining imminent risk and procedures for notifica-  
18      tion of commanders;

19           (2) commanders receive training on appropriate  
20      responses to such notifications, including how to  
21      support members of the Armed Forces while main-  
22      taining good order and discipline; and

23           (3) health professionals within the military  
24      health system in patient care positions receive train-  
25      ing on—



1 (A) how to respond when a member of the  
2 Armed Forces initiates the referral process  
3 under section 1090b(e) of title 10, United  
4 States Code; and

5 (B) how to recognize signs indicating men-  
6 tal health distress and imminent risk of suicide.

7 (e) COORDINATION.—In developing the policy re-  
8 quired under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult  
9 with—

10 (1) the Director of the Defense Health Agency;

11 (2) the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces;

12 and

13 (3) other relevant stakeholders, as determined  
14 appropriate by the Secretary.

15 (f) BRIEFING TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one  
16 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
17 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services  
18 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing  
19 that includes—

20 (1) a description of the policy developed under  
21 subsection (a);

22 (2) an assessment of implementation of such  
23 policy across the Armed Forces;

24 (3) a description of any identified challenges or  
25 barriers to such implementation; and

1           (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-  
2           trative action to improve suicide prevention efforts  
3           of the Department of Defense.

4   **SEC. 725. AUTHORITY OVER DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM.**

5           Section 1073 of title 10, United States Code, is  
6   amended by adding at the end the following:

7           “(c) **AUTHORITY.**—The Assistant Secretary of De-  
8   fense for Health Affairs shall have authority over the en-  
9   tirety of the Defense Health Program.”.

10   **SEC. 726. ENTERPRISE REVENUE CYCLE IMPROVEMENT**  
11                           **INITIATIVE.**

12           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the  
13   date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
14   fense, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Defense  
15   for Health Affairs and the Director of the Defense Health  
16   Agency, shall implement an enterprise-wide revenue cycle  
17   improvement initiative (in this section referred to as the  
18   “Initiative”) to standardize revenue cycle management  
19   processes, strengthen governance and accountability, im-  
20   prove workforce capability, and increase the accuracy,  
21   timeliness, and yield of third-party collections and claims  
22   management across the military health system.

23           (b) **OBJECTIVES.**—The objectives of the Initiative are  
24   the following:

1           (1) To establish and implement standardized  
2       revenue cycle management processes, defined stage-  
3       by-stage accountability, and enterprise performance  
4       standards across all military medical treatment fa-  
5       cilities.

6           (2) To improve the accuracy, timeliness, and  
7       completeness of clinical documentation, medical cod-  
8       ing, charge capture, claims submission, and denial  
9       management, including through the use of advanced  
10      analytics, automation, and robotic process automa-  
11      tion technologies as appropriate.

12          (3) To increase third-party collections yield and  
13      reduce preventable claim denials across the military  
14      health system.

15          (4) To strengthen the accuracy of medical read-  
16      iness documentation, including documentation sup-  
17      porting deployment eligibility determinations, dis-  
18      ability evaluation processing, and military provider  
19      clinical currency sustainment.

20          (5) To ensure interoperability with the GEN-  
21      ESIS electronic health record platform of the mili-  
22      tary health system to support end-to-end revenue  
23      cycle operations and performance visibility.

24          (6) To establish enterprise workforce training  
25      and certification programs to improve revenue cycle

1 competency across military medical treatment facili-  
2 ties.

3 (7) To provide actionable performance data and  
4 operational feedback to markets, networks, and mili-  
5 tary medical treatment facilities of the Defense  
6 Health Agency to improve accountability and out-  
7 comes.

8 (c) ELEMENTS.—In carrying out the Initiative, the  
9 Secretary shall—

10 (1) designate a senior official within the De-  
11 fense Health Agency to serve as the enterprise rev-  
12 enue cycle improvement lead, with responsibility for  
13 implementation, performance oversight, and report-  
14 ing;

15 (2) establish enterprise-wide revenue cycle per-  
16 formance standards and defined accountability for  
17 each stage of the revenue cycle, from patient sched-  
18 uling through final collections;

19 (3) develop and implement enterprise perform-  
20 ance metrics, including leading and lagging indica-  
21 tors, with escalation thresholds and corrective action  
22 requirements;

23 (4) implement workforce training and pro-  
24 ficiency assessment programs for personnel per-

1 forming revenue cycle functions across military med-  
2 ical treatment facilities;

3 (5) leverage existing investments in the GEN-  
4 ESIS electronic health record platform of the mili-  
5 tary health system, existing analytics capabilities,  
6 and enterprise financial systems to support stand-  
7 ardized revenue cycle operations; and

8 (6) incorporate advanced analytics, automation,  
9 and artificial intelligence capabilities, consistent with  
10 policies of the Department of Defense for respon-  
11 sible use of artificial intelligence, to support coding  
12 accuracy, denial prevention, charge capture, and rev-  
13 enue integrity.

14 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—

15 (1) APPLICATION.—The Initiative shall apply to  
16 all military medical treatment facilities within the  
17 Defense Health Agency.

18 (2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall prioritize  
19 initial implementation of the Initiative at facilities  
20 with the greatest opportunity for improvement in  
21 revenue cycle performance and third-party collec-  
22 tions yield.

23 (3) CONTRACTS AND SUPPORT.—The Secretary  
24 may enter into contracts or other agreements using  
25 available acquisition methods and competitive proce-

1       dures, as appropriate, to obtain specialized expertise,  
2       technology capabilities, or implementation support  
3       necessary to carry out the Initiative.

4           (4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
5       section shall be construed to require the establish-  
6       ment of a new acquisition program or program man-  
7       agement office for the purpose of revenue cycle man-  
8       agement.

9       (e) REPORTING.—

10           (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
11       after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
12       retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
13       Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
14       tives a report describing—

15           (A) the baseline performance of military  
16       medical treatment facilities across key revenue  
17       cycle metrics, including days to final bill, clean  
18       claim submission rate, preventable denial rate,  
19       coding accuracy rate, and third-party collections  
20       yield;

21           (B) the enterprise revenue cycle govern-  
22       ance structure established under the Initiative,  
23       including stage-by-stage accountability designa-  
24       tions;

1 (C) implementation milestones and target  
2 dates for enterprise-wide deployment; and

3 (D) the allocation of funds authorized for  
4 the Initiative.

5 (2) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 90  
6 days after the submission of the initial report under  
7 paragraph (1), and quarterly thereafter for a period  
8 of not less than two years, the Secretary shall sub-  
9 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
10 Senate and the House of Representatives a report  
11 describing—

12 (A) progress in implementing the Initiative  
13 as compared to implementation milestones;

14 (B) performance improvements in the  
15 metrics identified under paragraph (1)(A) com-  
16 pared to the established baseline;

17 (C) the status of workforce training and  
18 certification programs;

19 (D) the impact of revenue cycle accuracy  
20 improvements on medical readiness documenta-  
21 tion, including any identified effects on deploy-  
22 ment eligibility determinations or disability  
23 evaluation processing; and

1 (E) challenges, risks, and recommenda-  
2 tions for sustainment or expansion of the Initia-  
3 tive.

4 (f) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the  
5 date that is three years after the date of the enactment  
6 of this Act.

7 **SEC. 727. NOTIFICATION TO LICENSING AND MEDICAL**  
8 **BOARDS OF STATES IN CASE OF INVESTIGA-**  
9 **TION OR MISCONDUCT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after a  
11 covered event with respect to misconduct allegedly com-  
12 mitted by a licensed medical professional of the Depart-  
13 ment of Defense, the Secretary of Defense shall notify the  
14 relevant State licensing and medical boards regarding  
15 such misconduct.

16 (b) COVERED EVENT DEFINED.—In this section, the  
17 term “covered event”, with respect to a licensed medical  
18 professional of the Department, means the date on  
19 which—

20 (1) an investigation that could lead to criminal  
21 charges is started into misconduct allegedly com-  
22 mitted by such professional; or

23 (2) such professional is charged with mis-  
24 conduct.



1 **SEC. 728. ADDITIONAL REVIEW OF DISCLOSURE REQUIRE-**  
2 **MENTS UNDER PROCESSES AND FORMS RE-**  
3 **LATING TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDER**  
4 **CREDENTIALING AND PRIVILEGING OF DE-**  
5 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 720 of the National De-  
7 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law  
8 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 1094 note) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as  
10 subsections (c) and (d), respectively;

11 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
12 lowing new subsection (b):

13 “(b) ADDITIONAL REVIEW RELATING TO DISCLO-  
14 SURE OF MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDI-  
15 TIONS.—Not later than 180 days after implementing the  
16 centralized credential system established under subsection  
17 (a)(2), the Secretary shall review all processes and forms  
18 relating to health care provider credentialing and privi-  
19 leging of covered applicants to—

20 “(1) identify questions, required disclosures, or  
21 other information required to be provided by the ap-  
22 plicant that asks or requires the applicant to disclose  
23 mental, behavioral, psychological, or other related  
24 health conditions of the applicant, including require-  
25 ments contained in—

1           “(A) applications for credentialing, peer  
2           reference, or competency assessment; and

3           “(B) employee manuals, guidance, and  
4           policies of the Department of Defense governing  
5           the requirements for credentialing, privileging,  
6           or employment of health care providers; and

7           “(2) review credentialing, peer reference, and  
8           competency assessment forms for health care pro-  
9           viders and make a comparison across the military  
10          departments and the Defense Health Agency as ap-  
11          plicable, including a review of—

12           “(A) which forms require disclosure of  
13           mental, behavioral, psychological, or other re-  
14           lated health conditions; and

15           “(B) whether such disclosure of mental,  
16           behavioral, psychological, or other related  
17           health conditions include past and current diag-  
18           noses and treatment.”; and

19           (3) in subsection (c), as redesignated by para-  
20          graph (1)—

21           (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
22           by inserting after “this Act,” the following:  
23           “and not later than one year after imple-  
24           menting the centralized credential system estab-  
25           lished under subsection (a)(2)”;

1 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “review  
2 required under subsection (a)” and inserting  
3 “reviews required under subsections (a) and  
4 (b)”; and

5 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “such re-  
6 view” and inserting “such reviews”.

7 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
9 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
10 Senate and the House of Representatives a report con-  
11 taining the following:

12 (1) The findings of the review required under  
13 subsection (b) of section 720 of the National De-  
14 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Pub-  
15 lic Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 1094 note), as added by  
16 subsection (a)(2) of this section.

17 (2) A detailed plan outlining steps the Sec-  
18 retary has taken or will take pursuant to such re-  
19 view, including a timeline for completion of such  
20 steps.

21 **SEC. 729. EXPANSION OF INDIVIDUAL LONGITUDINAL EX-**  
22 **POSURE RECORD.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 996 of title 10, United  
24 States Code, is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
2       section (i); and

3           (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
4       lowing new subsections:

5       “(e) INCLUSION OF FAMILY MEMBER EXPOSURES.—  
6       The Secretary may include in the Individual Longitudinal  
7       Exposure Record of a member of the armed forces expo-  
8       sures experienced by family members of such member dur-  
9       ing an accompanied tour while such member is serving on  
10      active duty, regardless of whether the location is in the  
11      continental United States, outside the continental United  
12      States, or a classified location.

13      “(f) INDIVIDUAL ACCESS TO DATA AND UPDATES OR  
14      CORRECTIONS.—(1) The Secretary may provide to mem-  
15      bers of the armed forces, veterans, designated family  
16      members, and survivors password-protected access to view  
17      data within the Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record  
18      to which the individual is authorized to view.

19      “(2) An individual may request an update or correc-  
20      tion to any data included in the Individual Longitudinal  
21      Exposure Record that relates to the individual.

22      “(g) TOXIC EXPOSURE CAPABILITY.—The Secretary  
23      may modify the Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record  
24      to provide the capability to notify an individual of a poten-  
25      tial toxic exposure of the individual in real time.

1       “(h) PRESERVATION OF RECORDS AFTER DEATH.—  
2   The Secretary may modify the Individual Longitudinal  
3   Exposure Record to preserve records of an individual after  
4   the death of the individual for purposes of research, sur-  
5   vivor benefits, and disease-cluster identification.”.

6       (b) FULL OPERATING CAPACITY.—Not later than  
7   two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
8   Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the Individual Lon-  
9   gitudinal Exposure Record maintained under section 996  
10   of title 10, United States Code, is at full operating capac-  
11   ity in accordance with the requirements and authorities  
12   under such section, as amended by subsection (a).

13       (c) REPORT.—Not later than January 1, 2028, the  
14   Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary  
15   of Veterans Affairs, shall submit to the Committees on  
16   Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
17   atives a report detailing—

18           (1) whether the Secretary intends to implement  
19       subsections (e) through (h) of section 996 of title  
20       10, United States Code, as added by subsection  
21       (a)(2); and

22           (2) if the Secretary does not intend to imple-  
23       ment any such subsection, the recommendations of  
24       the Secretary with respect to the implementation of  
25       such subsection.

1 **SEC. 730. PILOT PROGRAM ON MODERNIZATION OF DRUG**  
2 **TESTING USING VOICE-BASED RISK ASSESS-**  
3 **MENT.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of  
5 Defense shall carry out a pilot program at not more than  
6 five military installations, representing a combined total  
7 of not less than 40,000 and not more than 50,000 active-  
8 duty members of the Armed Forces, to evaluate the use  
9 of voice-based risk assessment technology to support tar-  
10 geted drug testing.

11 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the pilot program is  
12 to determine whether automated voice-based screening  
13 tools can improve the efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and  
14 operational readiness of the Department of Defense’s drug  
15 testing programs by enabling risk-informed testing in  
16 place of universal urinalysis.

17 (c) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The pilot program  
18 shall—

19 (1) integrate voice-based automated screening  
20 technology capable of producing real-time, individ-  
21 ualized risk assessments from simple yes/no ques-  
22 tions;

23 (2) be executed as part of the Drug Demand  
24 Reduction Program of the Department of Defense;

25 (3) assess impacts on testing volume, cost sav-  
26 ings, personnel time, and operational readiness;

1           (4) be conducted in a manner that protects in-  
 2       dividual privacy and complies with applicable law,  
 3       Department policy, and applicable protections under  
 4       section 552a of title 5, United States Code (com-  
 5       monly referred to as the “Privacy Act of 1974”);  
 6       and

7           (5) only be conducted if the proposed voice-  
 8       based automated screening technology or any other  
 9       proposed screening technology is scientifically vali-  
 10      dated, peer-reviewed, and legally defensible as de-  
 11      fined by the Secretary of Defense.

12       (d) TERMINATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
 13      determine when to terminate the pilot program established  
 14      under this section.

## 15                   **Subtitle C—Combat and** 16                   **Operational Health Support**

### 17      **SEC. 741. ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT DISEASE AND NON-** 18                   **BATTLE INJURY SURVEILLANCE AND READI-** 19                   **NESS SYSTEM.**

20       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 55 of title 10,  
 21      United States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
 22      1110b the following new section:

1   **“§ 1110c. Joint Disease and Non-Battle Injury Surveil-**  
2                   **lance and Readiness System**

3           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
4 establish and maintain a Joint Disease and Non-Battle  
5 Injury Surveillance and Readiness System (in this section  
6 referred to as the ‘Joint DNBI System’) within the De-  
7 fense Health Agency to provide standardized, interoper-  
8 able, and real-time monitoring of disease and non-battle  
9 injury across the armed forces.

10          “(b) APPLICABILITY.—The Joint DNBI System shall  
11 apply to—

12               “(1) the regular components of the armed  
13 forces;

14               “(2) the reserve components of the armed  
15 forces when in Federal service; and

16               “(3) such other personnel of the Department of  
17 Defense as the Secretary determines appropriate.

18          “(c) ELEMENTS.—The Joint DNBI System shall—

19               “(1) standardize definitions, metrics, and re-  
20 porting requirements for disease and non-battle in-  
21 jury of members of the armed forces;

22               “(2) integrate with the electronic health record  
23 systems of the Department of Defense;

24               “(3) integrate with readiness reporting systems  
25 and operational reporting platforms;



1           “(4) provide commanders and combatant com-  
2           mands with near-real-time medical situational  
3           awareness;

4           “(5) incorporate environmental and occupa-  
5           tional health surveillance data;

6           “(6) track lost duty days, medical evacuations,  
7           limited duty status, and other readiness impacts at-  
8           tributable to disease and non-battle injury;

9           “(7) integrate lessons learned with respect to  
10          infectious disease and preventive medicine, including  
11          through overseas medical laboratories and the Global  
12          Emerging Infectious Surveillance program, across  
13          the armed forces; and

14          “(8) ensure interoperability, as appropriate,  
15          with joint, interagency, and allied health surveillance  
16          systems.

17          “(d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

18               “(1) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The Secretary  
19               of Defense shall—

20                   “(A) designate a senior official within the  
21                   Office of the Secretary of Defense to oversee  
22                   policy oversight with respect to the Joint DNBI  
23                   System; and

24                   “(B) ensure adequate resourcing and cy-  
25                   bersecurity protections for such system.

1           “(2) SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPART-  
2           MENTS.—Each Secretary of a military department  
3           shall—

4                   “(A) implement standardized reporting  
5                   procedures with respect to the Joint DNBI Sys-  
6                   tem;

7                   “(B) ensure compliance with such system  
8                   at all command levels; and

9                   “(C) incorporate disease and non-battle in-  
10                  jury metrics into readiness assessments.

11           “(3) JOINT STAFF AND COMBATANT COM-  
12           MANDERS.—The Joint Staff and the commanders of  
13           the combatant commands shall incorporate data  
14           from the Joint DNBI System into operational risk  
15           assessments and campaign planning.

16           “(4) DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE HEALTH  
17           AGENCY.—The Director of the Defense Health  
18           Agency shall—

19                   “(A) develop the concept of operations for  
20                   the Joint DNBI System; and

21                   “(B) implement policy guidance from the  
22                   Secretary of Defense and ensure such system  
23                   achieves full operational capability.

1       “(e) PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES.—The Secretary  
2 of Defense shall ensure that the Joint DNBI System com-  
3 plies with—

4           “(1) section 552a of title 5 (commonly known  
5 as the ‘Privacy Act of 1974’);

6           “(2) the Health Insurance Portability and Ac-  
7 countability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–191); and

8           “(3) all applicable cybersecurity and data pro-  
9 tection requirements.

10       “(f) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1 of  
11 each year beginning in the first full fiscal year following  
12 implementation of the Joint DNBI System, the Secretary  
13 of Defense shall provide to the Committees on Armed  
14 Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
15 a briefing on trends in disease and non-battle injury and  
16 associated readiness impacts.

17       “(g) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on Sep-  
18 tember 30, 2032.

19       “(h) DISEASE AND NON-BATTLE INJURY DE-  
20 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘disease and non-battle  
21 injury’ means any medical condition not directly attrib-  
22 utable to hostile action, including infectious disease, envi-  
23 ronmental exposure, occupational injury, training-related  
24 injury, heat or cold injury, and other non-combat-related  
25 conditions affecting readiness.”.

1 (b) IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE.—The Secretary of  
2 Defense shall—

3 (1) not later than 180 days after the date of  
4 the enactment of this Act, issue implementing guid-  
5 ance for the Joint Disease and Non-Battle Injury  
6 Surveillance and Readiness System established  
7 under section 1110c of title 10, United States Code,  
8 as added by subsection (a);

9 (2) not later than 18 months after such date of  
10 enactment, achieve initial operating capability for  
11 such system; and

12 (3) not later than 36 months after such date of  
13 enactment, achieve full operating capability for such  
14 system.

15 (c) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after  
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
17 Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
18 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a re-  
19 port describing—

20 (1) progress of implementation of the Joint  
21 Disease and Non-Battle Injury Surveillance and  
22 Readiness System established under section 1110c of  
23 title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection  
24 (a);

1           (2) identified capability gaps with respect to  
2       such system; and

3           (3) resource requirements for such system.

4 **SEC. 742. PRESERVATION OF DEDICATED AEROMEDICAL**  
5 **EVACUATION CAPABILITY OF MEDICAL SERV-**  
6 **ICE CORPS OF THE ARMY.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Medical Service Corps of the  
8 Army shall maintain a dedicated aeromedical evacuation  
9 capability, including personnel, training, doctrine, and air-  
10 craft specifically configured for aeromedical evacuation  
11 missions.

12       (b) CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary  
13 of the Army shall ensure that—

14           (1) the aviation branch of the Army has the au-  
15 thority to organize, train, and equip aviation assets  
16 in accordance with operational requirements; and

17           (2) the medical department of the Army, under  
18 the authority delegated to such department by the  
19 Surgeon General of the Army, has the authority for  
20 medical command and control, patient care respon-  
21 sibilities, and clinical standards for aeromedical  
22 evacuation operations.

23       (c) ELEMENTS OF CAPABILITY.—The Secretary of  
24 the Army shall maintain the capability required under  
25 subsection (a)—

1           (1) in alignment with the sufficiency analysis of  
2           the Surgeon General of the Army;

3           (2) consistent with medical evacuation doctrine  
4           and operational planning assumptions of the Army;  
5           and

6           (3) in support of—

7                 (A) the commanders of the combatant  
8                 commands;

9                 (B) contingency operations and operational  
10                plans;

11               (C) civil authorities;

12               (D) chemical, biological, radiological, and  
13                nuclear response force missions;

14               (E) humanitarian assistance and disaster  
15                response operations; and

16               (F) garrison emergency medical response  
17                operations at installations of the Department of  
18                Defense.

19       (d) CHANGE IN STRUCTURE.—

20           (1) IN GENERAL.—The capability required  
21           under subsection (a) shall remain a distinct compo-  
22           nent within the Medical Service Corps of the Army  
23           and may not be restructured into general-purpose  
24           aviation elements or dual-use configurations without

1 prior notification to the congressional defense com-  
2 mittees, which shall—

3 (A) be accompanied by a formal risk as-  
4 sessment on—

5 (i) operational medical readiness of  
6 the Medical Service Corps; and

7 (ii) readiness of the Medical Service  
8 Corps to support the joint force and mis-  
9 sions specified under subsection (c)(3); and

10 (B) contain a report that—

11 (i) is based on the force structure au-  
12 thorizations outlined in the most current  
13 Army Structure Message;

14 (ii) is informed by the most current  
15 Total Army Analysis approved by the Sec-  
16 retary of the Army; and

17 (iii) does not propose or assume any  
18 changes to the aircraft authorizations re-  
19 flected in the documents specified in  
20 clauses (i) and (ii).

21 (2) OPERATIONAL MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS  
22 AND JOINT FORCE NEEDS.—Any adjustments made  
23 to the force structure of the aeromedical evacuation  
24 capability of the Army must account for operational  
25 medical requirements and joint force needs where

1 the Surgeon General of the Army retains authority  
2 over the medical force structure, staffing, clinical  
3 oversight, and doctrinal development for aeromedical  
4 evacuation units.

5 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
6 on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-  
7 ment of this Act.

8 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
9 tion shall be construed to prohibit augmentation of mili-  
10 tary patient movement operations with combatant, com-  
11 mercial, or allied assets in contingency or humanitarian  
12 operations, as determined necessary by the Secretary of  
13 Defense.

14 **SEC. 743. ESTABLISHMENT OF PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM BE-**  
15 **TWEEN UNITED STATES, INDO-PACIFIC RE-**  
16 **GION, AND ARCTIC REGION FOR MILITARY**  
17 **TRAUMA CARE, DISEASE AND NON-BATTLE**  
18 **INJURY, HEALTH SYSTEMS SUPPORT, AND**  
19 **RESEARCH.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2027, the  
21 Secretary of Defense, working in coordination with the  
22 commanders of the appropriate combatant commands,  
23 shall seek to enter into a partnership with appropriate  
24 governmental counterparts in the Indo-Pacific and Arctic



1 regions to establish a joint program focused on military  
2 trauma care and research.

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

5 (1) The sharing of relevant lessons learned in  
6 combat casualty care derived from prior conflicts.

7 (2) The conduct of joint conferences, symposia,  
8 and professional exchange programs involving mili-  
9 tary medical professionals from the United States  
10 and partner nations in the Indo-Pacific and Arctic  
11 regions.

12 (3) Collaboration on matters related to health  
13 policy, health administration, and medical logistics,  
14 including medical supplies and equipment, through  
15 structured knowledge exchanges.

16 (4) The conduct of joint research and develop-  
17 ment initiatives addressing the health effects of new  
18 and emerging weapons and methods of warfare.

19 (5) The establishment of agreements with mili-  
20 tary medical schools in the Indo-Pacific and Arctic  
21 regions to support reciprocal education programs  
22 under which—

23 (A) students of the Uniformed Services  
24 University of the Health Sciences receive spe-  
25 cialized military medical instruction at partici-

1           pating military medical schools in the Indo-Pa-  
2           cific and Arctic regions; and

3           (B) military medical personnel from part-  
4           ner nations in the Indo-Pacific and Arctic re-  
5           gions receive specialized military medical in-  
6           struction at the Uniformed Services University  
7           of the Health Sciences, consistent with section  
8           2114(f) of title 10, United States Code.

9           (6) The provision of assistance to partner na-  
10          tions in the Indo-Pacific and Arctic regions to sup-  
11          port the development, sustainment, and moderniza-  
12          tion of combat casualty care systems and programs.

13          (7) Coordination, through the Joint Trauma  
14          System of the Defense Health Agency, of trauma  
15          care doctrine, data collection, performance improve-  
16          ment, and clinical best practices with the armed  
17          forces and military medical services of partner na-  
18          tions in the Indo-Pacific and Arctic regions, in co-  
19          ordination with United States Indo-Pacific Com-  
20          mand, United States Northern Command, and  
21          United States European Command.

22          (8) The provision of training to the armed  
23          forces of partner nations in the Indo-Pacific and  
24          Arctic regions in the following areas:

1 (A) Health effects and medical response  
 2 related to chemical, biological, radiological, nu-  
 3 clear, and explosive weapons.

4 (B) Trauma care.

5 (C) Preventive medicine and infectious dis-  
 6 ease.

7 (D) Post-traumatic stress disorder.

8 (E) Suicide prevention.

9 (F) Traumatic brain injury.

10 (G) Medical and health intelligence.

11 (H) Health policy and administration.

12 (9) The maintenance of a list of critical medical  
 13 supplies and equipment required to support program  
 14 objectives and regional readiness.

15 (10) Such other activities or program elements  
 16 as the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate  
 17 to advance the purposes of this section.

18 **SEC. 744. AERIAL TRANSPORT AND DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
 19 **FENSE-WIDE CAPABILITY FOR HIGH-CON-**  
 20 **SEQUENCE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,  
 22 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall establish, sustain,  
 23 and resource a program to provide for the safe, long-range  
 24 aerial transport of personnel of the Department of De-

1 fense known to be or suspected of being infected by a high-  
2 consequence infectious disease.

3 (b) AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION COMPONENT OF IN-  
4 FECTIOUS DISEASE RESPONSE CAPABILITY.—The pro-  
5 gram required under subsection (a) shall serve as the  
6 aeromedical evacuation component of a capability of the  
7 Department for high-consequence infectious disease re-  
8 sponse that supports independent military operations of  
9 the Department and integration with Federal, State, local,  
10 civilian, and academic partners.

11 (c) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—In establishing and  
12 sustaining the program required under subsection (a), the  
13 Secretary shall—

14 (1) develop and maintain curriculum and iden-  
15 tify qualified instructors to train and certify military  
16 and civilian medical personnel on procedures associ-  
17 ated with the safe, long-range aerial transport of pa-  
18 tients with infectious diseases;

19 (2) establish and periodically update medical  
20 care standards, infection prevention and control  
21 measures, and operational safety protocols necessary  
22 to maximize patient survival and minimize infection  
23 risk to aircrew, medical personnel, and support per-  
24 sonnel;

1           (3) serve as the joint force advocate and execu-  
2           tive agent for aerial transport of personnel with  
3           high-consequence infectious diseases within the De-  
4           partment;

5           (4) establish standards, sustainment require-  
6           ments, and lifecycle management processes for per-  
7           sonal protective equipment, transport isolation sys-  
8           tems, and associated medical equipment used in  
9           transporting infected patients;

10          (5) develop joint doctrine, concepts of oper-  
11          ation, and medical force requirements necessary to  
12          support a Department-wide high-consequence infec-  
13          tious disease capability, including patient movement,  
14          definitive care, and integration across the continuum  
15          of care;

16          (6) inform the organization, training, and  
17          equipping of specialized, organized teams capable of  
18          conducting high-consequence infectious disease pa-  
19          tient movement and care in operational, austere, and  
20          strategic environments;

21          (7) support interoperability and operational in-  
22          tegration with Federal, State, local, civilian, and  
23          academic partners to enable coordinated response to  
24          tactical incidents, large-scale contingencies, and re-

1 search activities related to emerging and future in-  
2fectious disease threats; and

3 (8) identify capability gaps and support re-  
4search, development, testing, and evaluation of med-  
5ical countermeasures, transport systems, protective  
6equipment, and operational procedures necessary to  
7improve survivability, safety, and mission effective-  
8ness in high-consequence infectious disease oper-  
9ations.

10 (d) ENTERPRISE DOCTRINE AND OVERSIGHT.—The  
11 Secretary shall develop and maintain doctrine and policy  
12 throughout the Department to guide the development,  
13 fielding, sustainment, and employment of high-con-  
14 sequence infectious disease response capabilities across the  
15 Department.

16 **SEC. 745. REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL LARGE-SCALE COM-**  
17 **BAT CASUALTY ESTIMATION REPORT.**

18 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to en-  
19 sure that the Department of Defense, in coordination with  
20 the Joint Staff Surgeon and the Director of the Defense  
21 Health Agency, maintains accurate, comprehensive, and  
22 validated estimates of potential casualties in major combat  
23 operations to inform readiness, medical planning, and pol-  
24 icy decisions.

25 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
2           after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
3           nually thereafter until September 30, 2032, the Sec-  
4           retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on  
5           Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
6           resentatives a report on projected casualties of the  
7           Armed Forces in large-scale combat operations.

8           (2) FREQUENCY.—Reports under paragraph (1)  
9           may be required more frequently upon request of the  
10          Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
11          the House of Representatives.

12          (c) COORDINATION.—Each report required under  
13          subsection (b) shall be prepared in coordination with—

14               (1) the Joint Staff Surgeon;

15               (2) the Director of the Defense Health Agency;

16          and

17               (3) the Surgeon General of each military de-  
18          partment.

19          (d) CONTENT OF REPORT.—Each report required  
20          under subsection (b) shall include, at a minimum, the fol-  
21          lowing:

22               (1) Projected casualty estimates (including  
23          those killed, wounded, and missing and including  
24          non-battle injuries) for major combat scenarios con-  
25          sistent with the national defense strategy required

1 under section 113(g) of title 10, United States Code,  
2 and joint operational planning assumptions.

3 (2) An assessment of the capacity of the med-  
4 ical system, including—

5 (A) deployable hospital beds, evacuation  
6 assets, and blood supply;

7 (B) trauma team and medical personnel  
8 availability; and

9 (C) contingency staffing plans under mass  
10 casualty scenarios.

11 (3) A force health protection capability assess-  
12 ment, including preventive medicine, immunization,  
13 and disease outbreak mitigation plans.

14 (4) A joint trauma system integration assess-  
15 ment, including lessons learned and expected surviv-  
16 ability outcomes under projected casualty scenarios.

17 (5) An identification of data sources and meth-  
18 odology, including assumptions, models, and valida-  
19 tion procedures used to generate casualty estimates.

20 (6) A description of gaps in capabilities and an  
21 identification of recommendations, including rec-  
22 ommendations for resource or policy requirements,  
23 to mitigate projected shortfalls.

24 (e) FORM OF REPORT.—



1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Each report required under  
2           subsection (b) shall be submitted in classified form,  
3           with a summary in unclassified form suitable for  
4           congressional oversight.

5           (2) PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED DATA.—The  
6           Secretary of Defense shall ensure that classified  
7           data included in a report submitted under subsection  
8           (b) is properly safeguarded and that methodologies  
9           are appropriately documented for internal and con-  
10          gressional review.

11 **SEC. 746. REPORT ON THE ORGANIZATION, PERFORMANCE,**  
12 **AND STANDARDIZATION OF EMERGENCY**  
13 **MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPART-**  
14 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

15          (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
17 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
18 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a re-  
19 port on the organization, oversight, capabilities, and per-  
20 formance of emergency medical services across military in-  
21 stallations.

22          (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-  
23 quired under subsection (a) shall include the following:

24               (1) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.—A descrip-  
25               tion of the current organizational structure respon-

1       sible for providing emergency medical services across  
2       military installations, including the roles of—

3               (A) the Secretary of Defense;

4               (B) the Secretary of each military depart-  
5       ment;

6               (C) the Director of the Defense Health  
7       Agency;

8               (D) installation commanders;

9               (E) fire and emergency services organiza-  
10      tions; and

11              (F) military medical treatment facilities.

12              (2) ASSESSMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
13      SERVICES CAPABILITIES.—An assessment of emer-  
14      gency medical services capabilities at military instal-  
15      lations, including—

16              (A) the number and distribution of emer-  
17      gency medical services response units;

18              (B) ambulance capabilities and equipment  
19      levels;

20              (C) staffing levels and certification levels  
21      of emergency medical personnel;

22              (D) availability of advanced life support  
23      services;

24              (E) integration with military medical treat-  
25      ment facilities and local civilian hospitals; and

1 (F) an evaluation of systems used to track  
2 naloxone distribution, including—

3 (i) the degree of integration of such  
4 tracking systems between emergency med-  
5 ical services reporting systems and medical  
6 record systems;

7 (ii) procedures for documenting  
8 naloxone administration during emergency  
9 responses; and

10 (iii) recommendations for establishing  
11 a standardized Department-wide tracking  
12 framework.

13 (3) PERFORMANCE METRICS.—Standardized  
14 performance metrics for emergency medical services  
15 operations across military installations, including—

16 (A) response-time metrics, including—

17 (i) the average dispatch-to-arrival re-  
18 sponse time;

19 (ii) the percentage of emergency calls  
20 with arrival on scene within eight minutes;  
21 and

22 (iii) the time from arrival on scene to  
23 patient contact;

24 (B) patient care metrics, including—

25 (i) cardiac arrest survival rates;

1 (ii) time to first defibrillation during  
2 cardiac arrest events;

3 (iii) trauma stabilization and trans-  
4 port intervals; and

5 (iv) adherence to established pre-hos-  
6 pital clinical protocols;

7 (C) operational capacity metrics, includ-  
8 ing—

9 (i) the number of available ambu-  
10 lances per installation population;

11 (ii) the availability of advanced life  
12 support capabilities; and

13 (iii) emergency medical services cov-  
14 erage areas and response zones; and

15 (D) personnel-readiness metrics, includ-  
16 ing—

17 (i) certification levels of emergency  
18 medical technicians and paramedics;

19 (ii) training completion rates; and

20 (iii) participation in joint emergency  
21 response exercises.

22 (4) AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR  
23 ASSESSMENT.—An evaluation of the deployment and  
24 readiness of automated external defibrillator devices  
25 across military installations, including—

1 (A) the number and distribution of such  
2 devices;

3 (B) identification of high-traffic locations  
4 where such devices are deployed;

5 (C) maintenance and inspection compliance  
6 rates for such devices;

7 (D) training levels for personnel in  
8 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and usage of  
9 such devices;

10 (E) the usage of such devices in training  
11 and physical fitness evolutions; and

12 (F) response outcomes for cardiac emer-  
13 gencies in which such devices were used.

14 (5) INTEGRATION WITH CIVILIAN EMERGENCY  
15 SYSTEMS.—An assessment of coordination between  
16 installation emergency medical services systems and  
17 State or local emergency response systems, includ-  
18 ing—

19 (A) mutual aid agreements;

20 (B) interoperable communications systems;

21 (C) joint training and response exercises;

22 and

23 (D) procedures for patient transport to ci-  
24 vilian medical facilities.

1           (6) RESOURCE AND CAPABILITY GAPS.—Identi-  
2           fication of any capability gaps or resource defi-  
3           ciencies affecting emergency medical services oper-  
4           ations, including—

5                   (A) personnel shortages;

6                   (B) equipment or ambulance shortfalls;

7                   (C) deficiencies in placement or mainte-  
8           nance of automated external defibrillator de-  
9           vices;

10                  (D) limitations affecting response times;

11                  and

12                  (E) funding challenges.

13           (7) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Recommendations of  
14           the Secretary of Defense regarding—

15                   (A) the development of emergency medical  
16           services standards throughout the Department  
17           of Defense;

18                   (B) improvements to emergency response  
19           performance;

20                   (C) enhanced automated external  
21           defibrillator device deployment and cardiac  
22           emergency preparedness;

23                   (D) standardized funding within one orga-  
24           nization of the Department;

1           (E) legislative or administrative actions  
2           necessary to standardize emergency medical  
3           services operations across the Department; and

4           (F) other matters that are relevant to  
5           standardized emergency medical services and  
6           usage of automated external defibrillator de-  
7           vices.

8       (c) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30  
9       days after submission of the report required under sub-  
10      section (a), the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the  
11      Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
12      House of Representatives a briefing on the findings and  
13      recommendations contained in the report.

14      (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15           (1) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.—The  
16           term “emergency medical services” means pre-hos-  
17           pital emergency medical care and patient transport  
18           provided by trained personnel in response to medical  
19           emergencies.

20           (2) MILITARY INSTALLATION.—The term “mili-  
21           tary installation” has the meaning given that term  
22           in section 2801(c) of title 10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 747. EXPANSION OF HEALTH CARE LICENSE PORT-**  
2 **ABILITY FOR MEDICAL PROVIDERS OF THE**  
3 **NATIONAL GUARD.**

4 Section 1094(d)(3)(B) of title 10, United States  
5 Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “or duty under” and inserting  
7 “or duty—

8 “(i) under”;

9 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
10 ing “; or”; and

11 (3) adding at the end the following:

12 “(ii) under title 32 when providing care to  
13 a member of the uniformed services.”.

14 **SEC. 748. JOINT FORCES MEDICAL CAPABILITIES DEVELOP-**  
15 **MENT AND STANDARDIZATION.**

16 (a) **PROCESS REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days  
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
18 of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of each  
19 military department, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of  
20 Staff, and the Director of the Defense Health Agency,  
21 shall develop a process to establish required joint force  
22 medical capabilities for members of the Armed Forces that  
23 meet the operational planning requirements of the combat-  
24 ant commands.

25 (b) **PROCESS ELEMENTS.**—The process developed  
26 under subsection (a) shall include the following:



1           (1) A joint medical estimate to determine the  
2           medical requirements for managing members of the  
3           Armed Forces who are wounded, ill, or injured dur-  
4           ing military operations, including with respect to en-  
5           vironmental health, public health, health treats,  
6           force health protection, and medical material and  
7           supply chain risks.

8           (2) The development of a joint concept of  
9           health service support, which shall include a listing  
10          of the capabilities (including medical intelligence,  
11          blood support, education, and training) required by  
12          the defense health and medical enterprise to support  
13          the complexities of the future battlespace aligned  
14          against the roles of care.

15          (3) A process to review and revise military  
16          health related mission essential tasks in order to en-  
17          sure that such tasks are aligned with military med-  
18          ical knowledge, skills, abilities, education, and train-  
19          ing.

20          (4) A process to standardize the interoperability  
21          of medical equipment and capabilities to support the  
22          joint force.

23          (5) A process to collect and evaluate operational  
24          medical lessons of the Department of Defense—

1 (A) learned through use of the Joint Les-  
2 sons Learned Information System; or

3 (B) by leveraging information available  
4 through the Joint Trauma System of the De-  
5 fense Health Agency, process improvement sys-  
6 tems, Trauma Registry of the Department of  
7 Defense, and other information systems as ap-  
8 propriate.

9 (6) A process to incorporate operational medical  
10 lessons learned into the joint medical estimate.

11 (7) A process to incorporate operational medical  
12 lessons learned into the Universal Joint Task List,  
13 the Mission Essential Task Lists of each military de-  
14 partment, and the Joint Mission Essential Task  
15 List.

16 (8) A process to incorporate operational medical  
17 lessons learned into enlisted medical education and  
18 training, undergraduate medical education, and  
19 graduate medical education.

20 (c) ANNUAL BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than  
21 April 1 of each year through 2031, the Secretary of De-  
22 fense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services  
23 of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing  
24 on the process required under subsection (a).

1 (d) ROLES OF CARE DEFINED.—In this section, the  
 2 term “roles of care” means the standardized levels of med-  
 3 ical capability provided to wounded, ill, or injured per-  
 4 sonnel of the Armed Forces as such personnel move  
 5 through the military health system from the point of in-  
 6 jury to definitive treatment and rehabilitation.

7 (e) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED AUTHORITY.—Section  
 8 732 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authoriza-  
 9 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 132  
 10 Stat. 1817) is repealed.

11 **SEC. 749. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITIES TO ENABLE INTER-**  
 12 **OPERABILITY AMONG MILITARY HEALTH**  
 13 **CARE PROFESSIONALS OF THE UNITED**  
 14 **STATES AND PARTNER COUNTRIES.**

15 (a) LICENSURE REQUIREMENT FOR HEALTH-CARE  
 16 PROFESSIONALS.—Section 1094(e)(3) of title 10, United  
 17 States Code, is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-  
 19 paragraph (J); and

20 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the fol-  
 21 lowing new subparagraphs:

22 “(E) Japan.

23 “(F) The Republic of Korea.

24 “(G) France.

25 “(H) Germany.

1 “(I) Qatar.”.

2 (b) EXCHANGE OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL BETWEEN  
3 UNITED STATES AND FRIENDLY FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—

4 Section 311 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
7 paragraph (4); and

8 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
9 following new paragraph:

10 “(3)(A) Subject to certification under subparagraph  
11 (B), an agreement for the exchange of health care profes-  
12 sionals may provide for assignment of Department of De-  
13 fense personnel to perform authorized Federal duties in  
14 foreign military medical facilities or operational platforms.

15 “(B) In carrying out subparagraph (A), the com-  
16 mander of the appropriate geographic combatant com-  
17 mand, or an authorized designee, following a review of ap-  
18 plicable international agreements, national laws, and regu-  
19 lations, shall certify that sufficient mitigation of criminal  
20 and civil liability for health care professionals exists in the  
21 location in which authorized Federal duties are to be per-  
22 formed.”; and

23 (2) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) by striking “In the case of” and in-  
25 serting “(1) In the case of”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
2 paragraph:

3 “(2) An agreement for the exchange of health care  
4 professionals is subject to licensure requirements as de-  
5 fined in section 1094 of this title.”.

6 **SEC. 750. TASK FORCE ON INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS**  
7 **FOR INDO-PACIFIC MEDICAL PARTNERSHIPS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
10 fense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall  
11 establish a task force responsible for securing and negoti-  
12 ating the international agreements required to implement  
13 the Indo-Pacific Medical Readiness Program established  
14 under section 735 of the Servicemember Quality of Life  
15 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for  
16 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 1074  
17 note) to ensure the Armed Forces of the United States  
18 can partner with foreign medical facilities during peace-  
19 time and wartime operations for military medical care,  
20 casualty evacuation, and storage relevant to military med-  
21 ical preparedness (in this section referred to as the “task  
22 force”).

23 (b) LEAD AND PARTICIPANTS.—

24 (1) LEAD.—Not later than 30 days after the  
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 Defense shall designate a senior official from the Of-  
2 fice of the Secretary of Defense to lead and coordi-  
3 nate the activities of the task force.

4 (2) PARTICIPANTS.—Participants in the task  
5 force shall include senior representatives from the  
6 following:

7 (A) The Joint Staff.

8 (B) Relevant combatant commands.

9 (C) Each military department.

10 (D) The Department of State.

11 (E) The Defense Health Agency.

12 (F) The Defense Logistics Agency.

13 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the task force shall in-  
14 clude the following:

15 (1) Identifying the possible foreign governments  
16 and medical facilities that could meet the priority re-  
17 quirements in the contingency and operational plans  
18 of the United States Indo-Pacific Command.

19 (2) Reviewing existing United States agree-  
20 ments with those foreign governments for medical  
21 readiness and identifying necessary expansions or  
22 adjustments to ensure that the Department of De-  
23 fense can leverage medical facilities to carry out  
24 those requirements.

1           (3) Agreeing on a priority target list of foreign  
2 governments for diplomatic outreach and developing  
3 a diplomatic plan between the Department of De-  
4 fense and the Department of State for each country,  
5 in consultation with the local United States mission  
6 with responsibility for the bilateral relationship.

7           (4) Coordinating outreach to foreign govern-  
8 ments and foreign companies to develop or adjust  
9 medical readiness agreements as needed, in consulta-  
10 tion with the local United States mission with re-  
11 sponsibility for the bilateral relationship.

12       (d) INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 90  
13 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the task  
14 force shall submit to Congress a progress report that—

15           (1) indicates the senior official designated  
16 under subsection (b)(1);

17           (2) details a list of priority foreign governments  
18 with which the task force intends to expand coopera-  
19 tion and, for each such government—

20               (A) the type of desired cooperation with  
21 foreign medical facilities under the jurisdiction  
22 of such government;

23               (B) existing medical readiness agreement  
24 frameworks with such government; and

1 (C) barriers to implementing the medical  
2 readiness program under section 735 of the  
3 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement  
4 and National Defense Authorization Act for  
5 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10  
6 U.S.C. 1074 note) with such government; and  
7 (3) a strategy and plan for overcoming those  
8 barriers by not later than March 2027.

9 **SEC. 751. PILOT PROGRAM FOR INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL**  
10 **MEDICAL DATA SHARING.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
12 develop a pilot health information technology platform (in  
13 this section referred to as the “platform”) that can func-  
14 tion across military and civilian medical facilities in the  
15 United States and foreign countries in the area of oper-  
16 ations of the United States Indo-Pacific Command in ac-  
17 cordance with the medical readiness program established  
18 under section 735 of the Servicemember Quality of Life  
19 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for  
20 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 1074  
21 note).

22 (b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the platform, the  
23 Secretary shall consult with the respective stakeholders,  
24 including the Commander of United States Indo-Pacific  
25 Command, the Assistant Secretary of Defense of Health



1 Affairs, the Director of the Defense Health Agency, the  
2 Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary  
3 of State, health care providers of the Department of De-  
4 fense, entities in the business of health data management  
5 or maintenance of electronic health records, and other rel-  
6 evant stakeholders in the United States.

7 (c) LESSONS LEARNED.—In developing the platform,  
8 the Secretary should consider best practices developed by  
9 the European Union in refining the European Union  
10 Early Warning and Response System for medical data-  
11 sharing to support wounded Ukrainians during the Rus-  
12 sian-Ukrainian War.

13 (d) AVAILABLE PATIENT INFORMATION.—The Sec-  
14 retary shall ensure elements of patient information in-  
15 cluded in the platform are appropriate to support timely  
16 medical care for members of the Armed Forces and citi-  
17 zens of the United States located in the Indo-Pacific re-  
18 gion in the event of a crisis or conflict.

19 (e) COMPLIANCE AND SECURITY.—The Secretary will  
20 strive to ensure that the platform—

21 (1) is developed with the goal of adhering to ap-  
22 plicable privacy and security standards for health in-  
23 formation, while establishing a clear framework for  
24 data handling that distinguishes between Armed  
25 Forces personnel and civilians to ensure appropriate

1 data sharing for military operations and to protect  
2 civilian privacy;

3 (2) promotes the secure, seamless, and accurate  
4 exchange of critical electronic health information by  
5 aligning with modern interoperability standards and  
6 discouraging information blocking;

7 (3) incorporates a risk-based approach for  
8 health technologies to foster innovation while pro-  
9 tecting patient safety;

10 (4) utilizes certified health information tech-  
11 nology where feasible to ensure robust privacy and  
12 security protections;

13 (5) is usable by health care providers in mul-  
14 tiple countries and facilitates the exchange of both  
15 structured and unstructured electronic health infor-  
16 mation in compliance with best cybersecurity prac-  
17 tices with respect to maintaining patient privacy and  
18 confidentiality, maintaining system integrity, secur-  
19 ing individual access through encryption and secu-  
20 rity, and enhancing data availability, including—

21 (A) the ability to securely aggregate, se-  
22 cure, and exchange information developed and  
23 housed on partner systems that do not meet all  
24 Department of Defense cybersecurity require-  
25 ments; and

1 (B) the use of technologies that protect  
2 data at rest, in transit, and in use, such as con-  
3 fidential computing, to the maximum extent  
4 practicable;

5 (6) establishes shared and documented rules, as  
6 part of a defined governance structure, for which  
7 and to what extent individuals and entities obtain  
8 and maintain access to the platform, which may in-  
9 clude—

10 (A) a federated identity, credentialing, and  
11 access management system to ensure appro-  
12 priate personnel from Federal and mission part-  
13 ner entities can securely access information;  
14 and

15 (B) a mechanism to adopt and integrate  
16 unique patient identifiers used by mission part-  
17 ners to ensure accurate patient tracking, identi-  
18 fication, and matching;

19 (7) provides a mechanism by which health data  
20 and information of patients are available in multiple  
21 languages relevant to the Indo-Pacific region in a  
22 timely manner for use in urgent medical care, uti-  
23 lizing structured and computable data formats where  
24 feasible;

1           (8) is easily usable by health care providers in  
2           multiple countries and facilitates the exchange of  
3           both structured and unstructured electronic health  
4           information; and

5           (9) can be used in multiple environments, such  
6           as across computers, laptops, mobile devices, in-  
7           stances where there is low internet bandwidth, and  
8           when in contested environments.

9           (f) PLAN.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
11           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
12           retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
13           Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
14           tives a plan for establishing the platform.

15           (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan submitted under  
16           paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

17                   (A) The proposed list of the medical facili-  
18                   ties within the Indo-Pacific area of responsi-  
19                   bility at which the first iteration of the platform  
20                   may be used.

21                   (B) A working group, including key stake-  
22                   holders, established to ensure the platform is in  
23                   pursuit of compliance under subsection (e), and  
24                   a strategy for managing any necessary exemp-

1           tions from certain requirements that could oth-  
2           erwise impede patient care during a crisis.

3           (C) A proposed timeline for development  
4           and deployment of the platform.

5           (D) A working group established to enable  
6           strategy for establishing a data governance  
7           structure, a federated identity management sys-  
8           tem, and a potential unique patient identifier  
9           mechanism as described in subsection (e)(6).

10       (g) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the de-  
11       ployment of the platform under subsection (f)(2)(C), the  
12       Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
13       ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a re-  
14       port on the performance of the platform and recommenda-  
15       tions on further refinement and utility of the platform.  
16       The report shall specifically assess the platform’s effective-  
17       ness in addressing known interoperability gaps, avoiding  
18       blocking information as mandated by the Cures Act, ac-  
19       commodating civilian partner integrations under HIPAA,  
20       and overcoming cybersecurity challenges identified in rel-  
21       evant Department of Defense studies.

**Subtitle D—Reports and Other  
Matters**

**SEC. 761. REVIEW OF CHAPERONE POLICIES WITHIN FA-  
CILITIES OF THE DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY.**

(a) REVIEW.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall review the compliance by all facilities of the Defense Health Agency with chaperone policies required by the policy memorandum of the Defense Health Agency dated December 15, 2025, and titled “Chaperones/Standbys within Defense Health Agency Facilities” (DHA–Policy Memorandum 25–020).

(b) FACILITIES IN NONCOMPLIANCE.—In carrying out the review under subsection (a), the Director shall—

(1) identify facilities that are not in compliance with the memorandum specified in such paragraph; and

(2) not later than seven days after identifying a facility under paragraph (1), submit to Congress resources necessary to verify such compliance.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report containing the following:

1           (1) The findings of the review under subsection  
2           (a).

3           (2) A detailed plan outlining steps the Director  
4           has taken or will take pursuant to such review, in-  
5           cluding a timeline for completion of such steps.

6           (3) An evaluation of resourcing constraints of  
7           the Defense Health Agency in ensuring compliance  
8           with the memorandum specified under such sub-  
9           section.

10          (4) A detailed plan outlining additional formal-  
11          ized guidance with respect to the provision of chap-  
12          erones for sensitive medical examinations to be pro-  
13          vided through policy instructions of the Defense  
14          Health Agency.

15          (5) A mechanism for monitoring the effective-  
16          ness of the policies contained within such memo-  
17          randum on an ongoing basis, to include establishing  
18          routine inspections and collecting data to assess  
19          compliance by facilities of the Defense Health Agen-  
20          cy with such memorandum.

21          (6) An assessment of how existing law affects  
22          the provision of chaperones for sensitive medical ex-  
23          aminations.

1           (7) Recommendations for changes to relevant  
2       law to more effectively implement the policies con-  
3       tained within such memorandum.

4   **SEC. 762. UNFUNDED PRIORITIES REPORT OF THE DE-**  
5                   **ENSE HEALTH AGENCY.**

6       (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 10 days after  
7       the date on which the budget of the President for a fiscal  
8       year is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105  
9       of title 31, United States Code, the Director of the De-  
10      fense Health Agency shall submit to the Secretary of De-  
11      fense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the  
12      congressional defense committees a report on the un-  
13      funded priorities of the Defense Health Agency.

14      (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required under sub-  
15      section (a) shall specify, for each unfunded priority cov-  
16      ered by such report, the following:

17           (1) A summary description of such priority, in-  
18      cluding the objectives outlined in the national de-  
19      fense strategy required under section 113(g) of title  
20      10, United States Code, and the National Military  
21      Strategy required under section 153(b) of such title  
22      to be advanced if such priority is funded (whether  
23      in whole or in part).



1           (2) The additional amount of funds rec-  
2 ommended in connection with the objectives under  
3 paragraph (1).

4           (3) Account information with respect to such  
5 priority, including the following (as applicable):

6                 (A) Line Item Number (LIN) for applica-  
7 ble procurement accounts.

8                 (B) Program Element (PE) number for  
9 applicable research, development, test, and eval-  
10 uation accounts.

11                (C) Sub-activity group (SAG) for applica-  
12 ble operation and maintenance accounts.

13           (4) A detailed assessment of each specific risk  
14 that would be reduced in executing the national de-  
15 fense strategy required under section 113(g) of title  
16 10, United States Code, and the National Military  
17 Strategy required under section 153(b) of such title  
18 if such priority is funded (whether in whole or in  
19 part).

20           (5) The requirement to be addressed by the un-  
21 funded priority.

22           (6) The reason funding for the priority was not  
23 included in the budget of the President.

1           (7) A description of any funding provided for  
2           the requirement for the current and preceding fiscal  
3           year.

4           (8) An assessment of the effect that providing  
5           funding for the priority would have on the future-  
6           years defense program submitted to Congress under  
7           section 221 of title 10, United States Code.

8           (c) PRIORITIZATION OF PRIORITIES.—Each report  
9           required under subsection (a) shall present the unfunded  
10          priorities covered by such report as follows:

11           (1) In overall order of urgency of priority ac-  
12          cording to the amount of risk reduced.

13           (2) In overall order of urgency of priority  
14          among unfunded priorities (other than covered mili-  
15          tary construction projects).

16           (3) In overall order of urgency of priority  
17          among covered military construction projects.

18          (d) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the  
19          date that is five years after the date of the enactment of  
20          this Act.

21          (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22           (1) COVERED MILITARY CONSTRUCTION  
23          PROJECT.—The term “covered military construction  
24          project”, with respect to a fiscal year, means a mili-  
25          tary construction project that—

1           (A) is included in any fiscal year of the fu-  
2           ture-years defense program under section 221  
3           of title 10, United States Code, that is sub-  
4           mitted in connection with the budget of the  
5           President for the fiscal year and is executable  
6           in the fiscal year; or

7           (B) is considered by the commander of a  
8           combatant command to be an urgent need and  
9           is executable in the fiscal year.

10          (2) UNFUNDED PRIORITY.—The term “un-  
11          funded priority”, with respect to a fiscal year, means  
12          a program, activity, or mission requirement, includ-  
13          ing a covered military construction project, that—

14               (A) is not funded in the budget of the  
15               President for the fiscal year as submitted to  
16               Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31,  
17               United States Code;

18               (B) is necessary to fulfill a requirement as-  
19               sociated with an operational or contingency  
20               plan of a combatant command or other vali-  
21               dated requirement; and

22               (C) would have been recommended for  
23               funding through the budget specified in sub-  
24               paragraph (A) by the officer submitting the re-

port required by subsection (a) in connection with the budget if—

(i) additional resources had been available for the budget to fund the program, activity, or mission requirement; or

(ii) the program, activity, or mission requirement had emerged before the budget was formulated.

**SEC. 763. EVALUATION OF CERTAIN RESEARCH RELATED TO MENOPAUSE, PERIMENOPAUSE, OR MID-LIFE WOMEN'S HEALTH.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall evaluate—

(1) the results of completed research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health among women who are members of the Armed Forces;

(2) the status of such research that is ongoing;

(3) any gaps in knowledge and research on—

(A) treatments for menopause-related symptoms, including hormone and non-hormone treatments;

(B) the safety and effectiveness of treatments for menopause-related symptoms;

1 (C) the relation of service in the Armed  
2 Forces to perimenopause and menopause and  
3 the impact of such service on perimenopause  
4 and menopause;

5 (D) the effect of combat roles on symp-  
6 toms relating to perimenopause and menopause,  
7 including exposure to burn pits, toxic chemicals,  
8 and perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl sub-  
9 stances (commonly known as “PFAS”); and

10 (E) the impact of perimenopause and  
11 menopause on the mental health of women who  
12 are members of the Armed Forces;

13 (4) the availability of and uptake of professional  
14 training resources for covered providers relating to  
15 mid-life women’s health with respect to the care,  
16 treatment, and management of perimenopause and  
17 menopausal symptoms, and related support services;  
18 and

19 (5) the availability of and uptake of treatments  
20 for women who are members of the Armed Forces  
21 who are experiencing perimenopause or menopause.

22 (b) REPORT; STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than Jan-  
23 uary 31, 2028, the Secretary shall submit to the Commit-  
24 tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of  
25 Representatives a report containing—

1           (1) the findings of the evaluation conducted  
2           under subsection (a);

3           (2) recommendations for improving professional  
4           training resources described in subsection (a)(4) for  
5           covered providers; and

6           (3) a strategic plan that—

7                 (A) resolves the gaps in knowledge and re-  
8                 search identified in the report; and

9                 (B) identifies topics in need of further re-  
10                search relating to potential treatments for  
11                menopause-related symptoms of women who are  
12                members of the Armed Forces.

13       (c) NONDUPLICATION AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF  
14       EFFORTS.—In carrying out activities under this section,  
15       the Secretary shall ensure that such activities minimize  
16       duplication and supplement, not supplant, existing infor-  
17       mation-sharing efforts with the Department of Veterans  
18       Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Serv-  
19       ices.

20       (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21           (1) COVERED PROVIDER.—The term “covered  
22           provider” means a health care provider employed by  
23           the Department of Defense.

24           (2) MENOPAUSE.—The term “menopause”  
25           means the stage of a woman’s life—

1 (A) when menstrual periods stop perma-  
 2 nently and she can no longer get pregnant; and

3 (B) that is not a disease state, but a nor-  
 4 mal part of aging for women.

5 (3) MID-LIFE.—The term “mid-life” means a  
 6 life stage that—

7 (A) coincides with the menopausal transi-  
 8 tion in women, which may be physical or emo-  
 9 tional;

10 (B) encompasses the late reproductive age,  
 11 which can begin at approximately 35 years of  
 12 age, to the late postmenopausal stages of repro-  
 13 ductive aging, which can extend to approxi-  
 14 mately 65 years of age; and

15 (C) often marks the onset of many chronic  
 16 diseases.

17 (4) PERIMENOPAUSE.—The term  
 18 “perimenopause” means the time during a woman’s  
 19 life when levels of the hormone estrogen fall un-  
 20 evenly in a woman’s body and is also called the men-  
 21 opausal transition.

22 (5) POSTMENOPAUSAL.—The term “post-  
 23 menopausal” means the stage of a woman’s life after  
 24 a woman has been without a menstrual period for 12  
 25 months that lasts for the rest of a woman’s life and

1 reflects a time when women are at increased risk for  
2 osteoporosis and heart disease.

3 **SEC. 764. NOTIFICATION OF MATERIAL FAILURE AT MILI-**  
4 **TARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES AF-**  
5 **FFECTING PATIENT CARE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
7 notify the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate  
8 and the House of Representatives not later than 30 days  
9 after the date on which a material failure affects patient  
10 care in an operating room, critical care unit, intensive care  
11 unit, or emergency department at a military medical treat-  
12 ment facility.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each notification under subsection  
14 (a) shall include the following:

15 (1) The name and location of the military med-  
16 ical treatment facility.

17 (2) A description of the operating room, critical  
18 care unit, intensive care unit, or emergency depart-  
19 ment affected and the scope of any shutdown.

20 (3) The reason for any shutdown, including  
21 whether the shutdown is planned or unplanned.

22 (4) The date on which any shutdown began or  
23 is expected to begin and the anticipated duration.

24 (5) The number and types of surgical proce-  
25 dures, bed days, and encounters affected.



1           (6) A description of mitigation measures to en-  
2           sure continuity of care, including use of other mili-  
3           tary medical treatment facilities or civilian providers.

4           (7) An assessment of the impact on patient  
5           safety and access to care.

6           (8) The cost and funding source of any needed  
7           repairs and maintenance.

8           (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than May 1,  
9           2027, and not less frequently than quarterly thereafter for  
10          the following three years, the Secretary shall provide to  
11          the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
12          House of Representatives a briefing on—

13               (1) for the period covered by the briefing, the  
14               aggregated data on notifications provided under sub-  
15               section (a);

16               (2) the funding and source of funding available  
17               to mitigate material failures in military medical  
18               treatment facilities; and

19               (3) such recommendations for legislative  
20               changes or other pertinent matters as the Secretary  
21               considers appropriate.

22   **SEC. 765. STUDY ON MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM.**

23           (a) STUDY.—

24               (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1,  
25               2027, the Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter

1 into a contract or other agreement with a federally  
2 funded research and development center pursuant to  
3 which the center shall carry out a study on the mili-  
4 tary health system.

5 (2) ELEMENTS.—The study required under  
6 paragraph (1) shall include—

7 (A) an analysis of the sufficiency of the  
8 military health system—

9 (i) to provide combat casualty care  
10 and force health protection to ensure the  
11 preservation of the joint force;

12 (ii) to achieve its goals of ensuring the  
13 health and fitness of members of the  
14 Armed Forces;

15 (iii) to meet the needs of the combat-  
16 ant commands in a large scale combat op-  
17 eration;

18 (iv) to conduct pandemic response;

19 (v) through military and civilian med-  
20 ical doctors and other health care providers  
21 and administrators, to provide forward-de-  
22 ployed medical care during sustained  
23 armed conflict; and

24 (vi) to provide a world-class health  
25 care benefit to members of the Armed

1 Forces, former members of the Armed  
2 Forces, and their dependents.

3 (B) an in-depth analysis of future options  
4 for the military health system, including—

5 (i) maintaining the TRICARE pro-  
6 gram with its structure as of the date of  
7 the enactment of this Act using large man-  
8 aged care support contractors offering pro-  
9 vider networks under the military health  
10 system;

11 (ii) creating a marketplace of plans  
12 under the TRICARE program analogous  
13 to the Federal Employee Health Benefit  
14 Plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United  
15 States Code;

16 (iii) eliminating large managed care  
17 support contracts and requiring health  
18 care providers to accept beneficiaries en-  
19 rolled in the TRICARE program as a con-  
20 dition of participating in the Medicare pro-  
21 gram under title XVIII of the Social Secu-  
22 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) or di-  
23 rectly establishing a network of providers  
24 without the use of a managed care support  
25 contractor;

1 (iv) the integration of the military  
2 health system managed care support con-  
3 tract with the community care model of  
4 the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

5 (v) any other viable model for health  
6 coverage that accomplishes the goals in  
7 subparagraph (A); and

8 (C) recommendations for the future of the  
9 military health system, including policy and  
10 statutory changes.

11 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—Each option assessed under  
12 subsection (a)(2)(B) shall include—

13 (1) an analysis of the viability of incorporating  
14 such option into the direct care system of health  
15 care facilities and providers of the Department of  
16 Defense, and any possible risks to the effectiveness  
17 of such direct care system;

18 (2) cost assessments; and

19 (3) the application of game theory and other  
20 strategic analytical methods to model and assess the  
21 anticipated behavior and incentives of key stake-  
22 holders, including health care providers, bene-  
23 ficiaries, managed care contractors, and Federal  
24 health programs, under such option.

1       (c) REPORT TO SECRETARY.—The federally funded  
2 research and development center that carries out the study  
3 under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary of De-  
4 fense a report on the results of such study.

5       (d) REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS TO CONGRESS.—Not  
6 later than March 1, 2028, the Secretary of Defense  
7 shall—

8           (1) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
9 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
10 an unaltered copy of the report received by the Sec-  
11 retary under subsection (c), which shall include—

12               (A) a detailed explanation of the strategy,  
13 methodology, assumptions, and economic anal-  
14 ysis used to conduct the study under subsection  
15 (a), including any force shaping constructs, sce-  
16 narios, and assumptions used as a part of such  
17 study; and

18               (B) an assessment of operational risk  
19 based on the risk management classifications of  
20 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff set  
21 forth in the Joint Risk Analysis and Method-  
22 ology on October 12, 2021 (Joint Staff Manual  
23 3105.01A), or successor manual; and

1           (2) provide to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
2       ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
3       a briefing on the results of such study.

4 **SEC. 766. ESTABLISHMENT OF WARFIGHTER PERFORM-**  
5 **ANCE OPTIMIZATION INITIATIVE, TOTAL**  
6 **FORCE FITNESS.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in con-  
8       sultation with the Secretaries concerned, shall establish a  
9       comprehensive initiative for warfighter performance opti-  
10      mization to be known as the “Warfighter Performance Op-  
11      timization Initiative” (in this section referred to as the  
12      “Initiative”), within which the Total Force Fitness (TFF)  
13      program shall serve as the foundational framework for im-  
14      proving readiness, resilience, and lethality across the  
15      Armed Forces. The Initiative shall be housed under the  
16      Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

17      (b) DEFINITIONS.—

18           (1) WARFIGHTER PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZA-  
19      TION; WPO.—The terms “Warfighter Performance  
20      Optimization” and “WPO” mean a Department-wide  
21      initiative to integrate human performance, safety,  
22      and resilience programs into a unified strategy that  
23      enhances readiness and lethality.

24           (2) TOTAL FORCE FITNESS.—The term “Total  
25      Force Fitness” means the leadership-driven program

1        nested within WPO that optimizes human perform-  
2        ance through proactive, holistic approaches across  
3        interconnected domains of fitness, including the fol-  
4        lowing activities:

5                (A) PHYSICAL FITNESS.—Activities to re-  
6                duce musculoskeletal injuries, accelerate reha-  
7                bilitation, improve nutrition and sleep, and  
8                mitigate occupational and environmental expo-  
9                sures.

10              (B) PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL FIT-  
11              NESS.—Activities to strengthen resilience, re-  
12              duce stress injuries, prevent suicides and sub-  
13              stance abuse, and enhance peer and family sup-  
14              port.

15              (C) SPIRITUAL FITNESS.—Activities to fos-  
16              ter meaning, ethical decision-making, and resil-  
17              ience under combat and operational stress.

18              (D) COGNITIVE FITNESS.—Activities to en-  
19              hance decision-making, adaptability, memory,  
20              and problem-solving under operational condi-  
21              tions, supported by evidence-based training and  
22              emerging technologies.

23        (c) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Initiative are  
24        as follows:

1           (1) Improve overall health, readiness, resilience,  
2           and lethality of service members.

3           (2) Reduce musculoskeletal injuries and accel-  
4           erate rehabilitation timelines.

5           (3) Enhance warfighter performance in nutri-  
6           tion, sleep, financial literacy, conflict resolution,  
7           stress management, and life skills.

8           (4) Reduce incidence of harmful behaviors.

9           (5) Advance cognitive readiness through meas-  
10          urable improvements in decision-making, adapt-  
11          ability, and operational effectiveness.

12         (d) QUARTERLY REPORTING.—Not later than 90  
13         days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every  
14         90 days thereafter for three years, the Secretary of De-  
15         fense shall submit a report to Congress on the implemen-  
16         tation and effectiveness of the Initiative.

17         (e) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this sec-  
18         tion, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning  
19         given that term in section 101 of title 10, United States  
20         Code.

21         **SEC. 767. MILITARY FAMILY LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIF-**  
22                 **ERENCE SUPPORT PROGRAM.**

23         (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Beginning in fiscal year  
24         2028, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a program,  
25         to be known as the “Military Family Limb Loss and Limb



1 Difference Support Program” (in this section referred to  
2 as the “Program”), to augment the holistic rehabilitative  
3 care for covered beneficiaries with limb loss or limb dys-  
4 function through peer mentoring, education, and commu-  
5 nity outreach.

6 (b) ACTIVITIES.—The Program shall include—

7 (1) peer mentorship and family support serv-  
8 ices;

9 (2) education related to limb loss care and serv-  
10 ices;

11 (3) community reintegration supports;

12 (4) coordination of non-clinical resources;

13 (5) outreach and awareness activities; and

14 (6) such other activities as the Secretary con-  
15 sider appropriate.

16 (c) PARTNERSHIPS.—In carrying out the Program,  
17 the Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement or  
18 contract with one or more organizations that have dem-  
19 onstrated experience in carrying out the activities de-  
20 scribed in subsection (b) in virtual or in-person settings  
21 to support individuals with limb loss or limb difference,  
22 including individuals belonging to pediatric, military, or  
23 veteran populations.

24 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 180  
25 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1   retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services  
2   of the Senate and the House of Representatives a plan  
3   for implementing the Program that—

4           (1) describes the process for selecting and en-  
5           tering into cooperative agreements or contracts with  
6           organizations under subsection (c);

7           (2) estimates the costs and staffing needs of  
8           implementing the Program;

9           (3) assesses the extent to which existing re-  
10          sources and programs of the Department of Defense  
11          can support the Program;

12          (4) includes performance metrics the Secretary  
13          will use to evaluate the effectiveness of the Program;  
14          and

15          (5) requires integration of the Program with re-  
16          search efforts of the military health system to im-  
17          prove healthcare quality, access and outcomes for  
18          members of the Armed Forces and their families.

19       (e) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than one year  
20   after the date on which the Program is implemented, and  
21   annually for three years thereafter, the Secretary shall  
22   submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-  
23   ate and the House of Representatives a report that in-  
24   cludes, for the year preceding submission of the report—

1           (1) the number and demographics characteris-  
2           tics of covered beneficiaries served by the Program;

3           (2) a description of services provided and part-  
4           nerships established under the Program;

5           (3) an assessment of gaps in services or geo-  
6           graphic coverage of the Program; and

7           (4) recommendations for legislative or adminis-  
8           trative action to improve support for military fami-  
9           lies affected by limb loss or limb difference.

10          (f) COVERED BENEFICIARY DEFINED.—In this sec-  
11       tion, the term “covered beneficiary” means—

12           (1) an individual who has experienced limb loss  
13           or limb difference; and

14           (2) is—

15                (A) a dependent of a member or retired  
16                member of the Armed Forces; or

17                (B) otherwise eligible for health care under  
18                chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, as  
19                determined appropriate by the Secretary.

20       **SEC. 768. BRIEFING ON PRIMARY CARE PROVIDED AT MILI-**  
21                       **TARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES ON**  
22                       **INSTALLATIONS OF THE AIR FORCE.**

23           (a) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
24       date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the De-  
25       fense Health Agency, in consultation with the Secretary

1 of the Air Force, shall provide to the Committees on  
2 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
3 atives a briefing that contains—

4 (1) an assessment of the force mix of active  
5 duty and civilian medical providers at military med-  
6 ical treatment facilities located on installations of  
7 the Air Force; and

8 (2) an accompanying plan to address any pri-  
9 mary care shortfalls that could result from a mobili-  
10 zation of the Air Force for military operations, par-  
11 ticularly in locations that are remote or medically  
12 underserved.

13 (b) BRIEFING COMPONENTS.—The briefing required  
14 under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the fol-  
15 lowing:

16 (1) A plan of action for each military medical  
17 treatment facility at which a primary care shortfall  
18 is identified under such subsection—

19 (A) to improve access to, and the quality  
20 of, primary care for members of the Armed  
21 Forces and their families by creating a sup-  
22 portive, team-based clinical environment;

23 (B) to enhance recruitment and retention  
24 of qualified medical personnel of the Depart-  
25 ment of Defense, including physicians, nurse

1 practitioners, physician assistants, registered  
2 nurses, mental health nurse practitioners, li-  
3 censed practical nurses, and medical assistants;  
4 and

5 (C) to increase the medical readiness of  
6 the Armed Forces through improved health out-  
7 comes, proactive health management, and en-  
8 suring health care providers of the Department  
9 maintain clinical skills.

10 (2) Recommendations on the most effective use  
11 of—

12 (A) hiring authorities, including temporary  
13 excepted service appointments and direct hire  
14 authorities, consistent with applicable law and  
15 regulations;

16 (B) recruitment, relocation, and retention  
17 incentives, such as student loan repayment pro-  
18 grams for certain highly qualified civilian can-  
19 didates; and

20 (C) appropriate licensing and credentialing  
21 flexibilities and authorities.

22 (3) A description of objectives and quality  
23 metrics, including the number of providers hired and  
24 retained, patient load, patient wait times for ap-  
25 pointments, and other information as determined ap-

1       appropriate by the Director of the Defense Health  
2       Agency and the Secretary of the Air Force.

3           (4) An assessment of the feasibility and advis-  
4       ability of conducting a pilot program under which  
5       the Air Force Medical Service hires civilian health  
6       care workers to support the operational require-  
7       ments of military medical treatment facilities de-  
8       scribed in subsection (a).

9   **SEC. 769. ASSESSMENT OF ACCESS, FAIRNESS, AND TRANS-**  
10                   **PARENCY UNDER TRICARE PHARMACY BENE-**  
11                   **FITS PROGRAM.**

12       (a) COMPTROLLER GENERAL AUDIT.—Not later than  
13   one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
14   not later than one year after the effective date of the first  
15   new contract or agreement entered into by the Secretary  
16   of Defense for the administration of the pharmacy benefits  
17   program after such date of enactment, the Comptroller  
18   General of the United States shall—

19           (1) conduct an audit of—

20                   (A) data reported by the contractor re-  
21       sponsible for the administration of the phar-  
22       macy benefits program relating to—

23                           (i) rates of reimbursement and any  
24       price concessions, including direct and in-

1 direct remuneration fees, bonuses, and  
2 clawbacks;

3 (ii) any discrepancies between average  
4 reimbursements to various types of phar-  
5 macies disaggregated by retail, mail order,  
6 specialty pharmacies, and any pharmacy  
7 owned by or affiliated with such con-  
8 tractor; and

9 (iii) the difference between what the  
10 contractor charges the TRICARE program  
11 for a pharmaceutical agent and what the  
12 contractor pays to pharmacies for the same  
13 pharmaceutical agent, disaggregated by re-  
14 tail, mail order, and specialty pharmacies;

15 (B) prior authorizations required by the  
16 TRICARE program for prescription drug treat-  
17 ments and services;

18 (C) the timeliness of dispensing prescrip-  
19 tion drugs from the various types of phar-  
20 macies, disaggregated by retail, mail order, and  
21 specialty pharmacies; and

22 (D) the adequacy of the retail pharmacy  
23 network under the TRICARE program and ac-  
24 cess by eligible covered beneficiaries to such  
25 network, including with respect to continuity of

1 care, geographic accessibility (taking into ac-  
2 count factors in addition to travel time to and  
3 from a pharmacy, with special consideration for  
4 rural and underserved areas), and the extent to  
5 which elections by such beneficiaries reflect per-  
6 sonal preference; and

7 (2) submit the results of such audit to the  
8 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
9 the House of Representatives.

10 (b) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, as a condi-  
12 tion of any contract entered into for the administra-  
13 tion of the pharmacy benefits program, and notwith-  
14 standing any other provision of law, or any contract,  
15 subcontract, agreement, or confidentiality provision  
16 to the contrary, shall ensure that the contractor pro-  
17 vides the Comptroller General full access to any in-  
18 formation the Comptroller General determines nec-  
19 essary to conduct the audit under subsection (a)(1)  
20 not later than 30 days after the request for such in-  
21 formation by the Comptroller General.

22 (2) INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED.—Informa-  
23 tion required under paragraph (1) shall include the  
24 following:

25 (A) Claims-level data.



1 (B) Information on reimbursement meth-  
2 odologies and payment rates.

3 (C) An identification of all price conces-  
4 sions, including rebates, fees, discounts, and re-  
5 muneration of any kind from manufacturers,  
6 pharmacies, or other entities.

7 (D) Information on amounts charged to  
8 the Department of Defense and amounts paid  
9 to pharmacies for the same drug.

10 (E) An identification of contracts, sub-  
11 contracts, and other arrangements with manu-  
12 facturers, pharmacies, or third parties relevant  
13 to the administration of the pharmacy benefits  
14 program.

15 (3) PROHIBITION ON WITHHOLDING OF INFOR-  
16 MATION.—Information required to be provided under  
17 this paragraph may not be withheld, redacted, or  
18 limited on the basis of claims relating to proprietary  
19 information, trade secrets, or confidential commer-  
20 cial information, except that the Comptroller Gen-  
21 eral shall protect such information from public dis-  
22 closure in accordance with applicable law.

23 (4) FORM, DETAIL, AND FREQUENCY.—The  
24 Comptroller General may determine the form, level

1 of detail, and frequency of data submissions required  
2 under paragraph (1).

3 (5) TREATMENT AS BREACH.—Failure to pro-  
4 vide information required under this subsection shall  
5 constitute a material breach of contract.

6 (c) ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT.—If the audit conducted  
7 under subsection (a)(1) finds that reimbursement rates  
8 paid to retail pharmacies under the pharmacy benefits  
9 program are, on average or in a systemic manner, less  
10 than the documented acquisition cost to such pharmacies  
11 for outpatient prescription drugs covered by such audit,  
12 the Comptroller General shall include with the results of  
13 such audit submitted under subsection (a)(1) an assess-  
14 ment of the impact of such reimbursement rates on retail  
15 pharmacy participation, beneficiary access, network ade-  
16 quacy, and continuity of care.

17 (d) ACCESS METRICS.—In conducting oversight of  
18 the pharmacy benefit program, the Secretary of Defense  
19 shall ensure that measures of access to such program in-  
20 clude—

21 (1) continuity of care and beneficiary pref-  
22 erence, including the ability of beneficiaries to re-  
23 main with their pharmacy of choice; and

1           (2) meaningful geographic access standards be-  
2       yond drive-time calculations, with special consider-  
3       ation for rural and underserved areas.

4       (e) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
5       of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
6       shall submit to the congressional defense committees a  
7       plan for the implementation of this section.

8       (f) APPLICABILITY TO EXISTING CONTRACTS.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall apply to  
10      any contract, agreement, or other arrangement in ef-  
11      fect on or after the date of the enactment of this  
12      Act, including any contract, agreement, or arrange-  
13      ment entered into before such date.

14          (2) MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS.—Not later  
15      than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this  
16      Act, the Secretary of Defense shall modify any exist-  
17      ing contract or agreement as necessary to ensure  
18      compliance with the requirements of this section.

19          (3) LIMITATION ON EXTENSION OR RE-  
20      NEWAL.—The Secretary may not exercise any option  
21      to extend or renew an existing contract or agreement  
22      for the administration of the pharmacy benefits pro-  
23      gram unless the contractor is in full compliance with  
24      the requirements of this section.

25      (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) ELIGIBLE COVERED BENEFICIARY; PHARMA-  
 2           CEUTICAL AGENT; PRESCRIPTION DRUG.—The terms  
 3           “eligible covered beneficiary”, “pharmaceutical  
 4           agent”, and “prescription drug” have the meanings  
 5           given those terms in section 1074g of title 10,  
 6           United States Code.

7           (2) PHARMACY BENEFITS PROGRAM.—The term  
 8           “pharmacy benefits program” means the pharmacy  
 9           benefit program of the TRICARE program under  
 10          section 1074g of title 10, United States Code.

11          (3) TRICARE PROGRAM.—The term  
 12          “TRICARE program” has the meaning given that  
 13          term in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

14   **SEC. 770. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF INFLUENZA**  
 15                   **VACCINE REQUIREMENTS OF DEPARTMENT**  
 16                   **OF DEFENSE.**

17          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
 18          United States shall conduct a review of the influenza vac-  
 19          cine requirements of the Department of Defense and the  
 20          considerations that led to recent policy changes with re-  
 21          spect to such requirements as of the date of the enactment  
 22          of this Act.

23          (b) ELEMENTS.—The review required under sub-  
 24          section (a) shall include the following:

1           (1) A description of previous and current influ-  
2       enza vaccination requirements, as of the date of the  
3       enactment of this Act, described in—

4                   (A) Department of Defense Instruction  
5       6205.02 relating to the Department of Defense  
6       Immunization Program;

7                   (B) updated guidance on influenza vaccina-  
8       tion issued by the Secretary of Defense in an  
9       April 20, 2026, memorandum; and

10                  (C) relevant implementing guidance for  
11       any such requirements or guidance.

12           (2) An analysis of any risks, benefits, or other  
13       matters considered by the Secretary of Defense with  
14       respect to the updated guidance specified in para-  
15       graph (1)(B).

16           (3) The impact of such updated guidance on  
17       the ability of the Department to meet medical readi-  
18       ness goals established in Department of Defense In-  
19       struction 6025.19 relating to the Individual Medical  
20       Readiness Program.

21           (4) Such other matters as the Comptroller Gen-  
22       eral determines relevant.

23       (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than September 30, 2027,  
24       the Comptroller General shall provide to the Committees  
25       on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-

1 representatives a briefing on the results of the review con-  
 2 ducted under subsection (a), with a report to follow at a  
 3 mutually agreed upon time and in a mutually agreed upon  
 4 format.

## 5 **TITLE VIII—ACQUISITION POL-** 6 **ICY, ACQUISITION MANAGE-** 7 **MENT, AND RELATED MAT-** 8 **TERS**

### 9 **Subtitle A—Acquisition Policy and** 10 **Management**

#### 11 **SEC. 801. MULTI-YEAR PROCUREMENT FOR CERTAIN MUNI-** 12 **TIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 3501 of title  
 14 10, United States Code, the head of an agency is author-  
 15 ized to enter into one or more multi-year contracts, begin-  
 16 ning in fiscal year 2027, for the procurement of any of  
 17 the following systems:

18 (1) Joint Strike Missile (JSM) systems (and  
 19 products, services, and logistics support associated  
 20 with JSM systems or a subsystem that performs a  
 21 critical function of the missile system).

22 (2) Naval Strike Missile (NSM) systems (and  
 23 products, services, and logistics support associated  
 24 with NSM systems, including systems procured for  
 25 the Navy Marine Expeditionary Ship Interdiction

1       System (NMESIS), or a subsystem that performs a  
2       critical function of the missile system).

3           (3) Precision Strike Missile (PrSM) systems  
4       (and products, services, and logistics support associ-  
5       ated with PrSM systems or a subsystem that per-  
6       forms a critical function of the missile system).

7           (4) Mk 48 Heavyweight Torpedo (Mk 48) sys-  
8       tems (and products, services, and logistics support  
9       associated with Mk48 systems or a subsystem that  
10      performs a critical function of the torpedo system).

11          (5) Mk 54 Lightweight Torpedo (Mk 54) sys-  
12      tems (and products, services, and logistics support  
13      associated with Mk54 systems or a subsystem that  
14      performs a critical function of the torpedo system).

15          (6) Clandestine-Delivered Mine, Quickstrike  
16      Mine, and Hammerhead Mine systems (and prod-  
17      ucts, services, and logistics support associated with  
18      Clandestine-Delivered Mine, Quickstrike Mine, and  
19      Hammerhead Mine systems or a subsystem that per-  
20      forms a critical function of the mine system).

21          (7) Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) sys-  
22      tems (and products, services, and logistics support  
23      associated with JDAM systems or a subsystem that  
24      performs a critical function of the munition system).

1           (8) Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System  
2           (GMLRS) systems (and products, services, and lo-  
3           gistics support associated with GMLRS systems or  
4           a subsystem that performs a critical function of the  
5           munition system).

6           (9) 6.8mm ammunition (and products, services,  
7           and logistics support associated with 6.8mm ammu-  
8           nition that performs a critical function of the muni-  
9           tion system).

10          (10) Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System  
11          (APKWS) (AGR-20 A/B) systems (and products,  
12          services, and logistics support associated with  
13          APKWS systems or a subsystem that performs a  
14          critical function of the munition system).

15          (11) Fixed-Wing, Air Launched, Counter-Un-  
16          manned Aircraft Systems Ordnance (FALCO)  
17          (AGR-20F) systems (and products, services, and lo-  
18          gistics support associated with FALCO systems or a  
19          subsystem that performs a critical function of the  
20          munition system).

21          (12) Small Diameter Bomb II (SDB II) sys-  
22          tems (and products, services, and logistics support  
23          associated with SDB II systems or a subsystem that  
24          performs a critical function of the munition system).



1           (13) Air Intercept Missile-9X (AIM-9X) sys-  
2           tems (and products, services, and logistics support  
3           associated with JDAM systems or a subsystem that  
4           performs a critical function of the munition system).

5           (14) Javelin CLU (Command Launch Unit)  
6           systems (and products, services, and logistics sup-  
7           port associated with Javelin CLU systems or a sub-  
8           system that performs a critical function of the  
9           launch unit system).

10          (15) FGM-148 Javelin systems (and products,  
11          services, and logistics support associated with Jav-  
12          elin systems or a subsystem that performs a critical  
13          function of the munition system).

14          (16) Coyote Block 2C interceptor systems (and  
15          products, services, and logistics support associated  
16          with Coyote systems or a subsystem that performs  
17          a critical function of the munition system).

18          (17) Sonobuoys, inclusive of SSQ- 36, SSQ-53,  
19          SSQ-62, SSQ-101, SSQ1125, systems (and prod-  
20          ucts, services, and logistics support associated with  
21          Sonobuoys systems or a subsystem that performs a  
22          critical function of the sonobuoy system).

23          (18) RIM-162 Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile  
24          (ESSM) systems (and products, services, and logis-  
25          tics support associated with ESSM systems or a

1 subsystem that performs a critical function of the  
2 munition system).

3 (19) RIM-116 Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM)  
4 systems (and products, services, and logistics sup-  
5 port associated with RAM systems or a subsystem  
6 that performs a critical function of the munition sys-  
7 tem).

8 (b) PROCUREMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH EXIST-  
9 ING CONTRACTS.—The systems and subsystems described  
10 in subsection (a) may be procured through modifications  
11 or extensions to any existing contract for such systems  
12 and subsystems.

13 (c) AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—The  
14 head of an agency may enter into one or more contracts  
15 for advance procurement, beginning in fiscal year 2027,  
16 associated with a system or subsystem described in sub-  
17 section (a) for which authorization to enter into a multi-  
18 year procurement contract is provided under such sub-  
19 section, which may include procurement of economic order  
20 quantities of material and equipment when cost savings  
21 are achievable.

22 (d) CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAY-  
23 MENTS.—A contract entered into under subsection (a)  
24 shall provide that any obligation of the United States to  
25 make a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after

1 fiscal year 2027 is subject to the availability of appropria-  
 2 tions for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

3 (e) HEAD OF AN AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section,  
 4 the term “head of an agency” means—

- 5 (1) the Secretary of Defense;
- 6 (2) the Secretary of the Army;
- 7 (3) the Secretary of the Navy; or
- 8 (4) the Secretary of the Air Force.

9 **SEC. 802. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**  
 10 **ING REPORT ON AND REVISIONS OF SOFT-**  
 11 **WARE ACQUISITION PATHWAY IMPLEMENTA-**  
 12 **TION.**

13 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds described in sub-  
 14 section (c), not more than 95 percent may be obligated  
 15 or expended until the date on which the Secretary of De-  
 16 fense submits the report required under subsection (b).

17 (b) REPORT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
 19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
 20 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense  
 21 committees a report on implementation of the soft-  
 22 ware acquisition pathway (in this section referred to  
 23 as the “Software Pathway”).

24 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under  
 25 paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

1 (A) The implementation plan outlined in  
2 the March 6, 2025, memo by the Office of the  
3 Secretary of Defense titled “Directing Modern  
4 Software Acquisition to Maximize Lethality”.

5 (B) A description of progress on the adop-  
6 tion by the Department of Defense components  
7 and military departments of the Software Path-  
8 way as the preferred pathway for all software  
9 development components of business and weap-  
10 on system programs.

11 (C) A description of progress on making  
12 commercial solutions openings and other trans-  
13 actions authority the default solicitation and  
14 contracting award approaches for acquiring ca-  
15 pabilities under the Software Pathway.

16 (c) FUNDS DESCRIBED.—The funds described in this  
17 subsection are funds authorized to be appropriated by this  
18 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
19 the Department of Defense and available for travel ex-  
20 penses for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense  
21 for Acquisition and Sustainment.

22 **SEC. 803. REPORT ON MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.**

23 (a) INCLUSION OF MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT IN  
24 BUDGET JUSTIFICATION MATERIALS.—The Secretary of  
25 Defense, acting through the Secretary of Defense for Ac-

1   quisition and Sustainment and in coordination with the  
2   Secretaries of the military departments and the portfolio  
3   acquisition executives of each military department, shall  
4   include in the budget justification materials submitted to  
5   Congress in support of the Department of Defense budget  
6   for the fiscal year (as submitted with the President's  
7   budget under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States  
8   Code) a comprehensive report and centralized summary  
9   display on critical multiyear procurement requirements for  
10  that fiscal year.

11       (b) CONTENTS OF SUMMARY DISPLAY.—The central-  
12  ized summary display submitted under subsection (a) shall  
13  detail the multiyear procurement activities of the Depart-  
14  ment of Defense and include, at a minimum, the following  
15  information for each affected program:

16           (1) Each active multiyear procurement author-  
17  ity currently utilized by the Department, including  
18  all utilizations under \$500,000,000 that require con-  
19  gressional notification and all utilizations over  
20  \$500,000,000 that require congressional notification.

21           (2) The specific fiscal years covered by each ac-  
22  tive multiyear authority.

23           (3) The total cost and annual funding incre-  
24  ments allocated to each authority.

1           (4) The annual and total production amounts,  
2           if applicable, associated with each contract.

3           (5) A comprehensive list of all multiyear pro-  
4           curement authorities planned for by the Department  
5           over the current Future Years Defense Program  
6           cycle.

7           (6) A concise description of any industrial base  
8           stabilization, cost-avoidance, any efficiency benefits  
9           that justifies each current or planned multiyear re-  
10          quest.

11          (c) **LEVERAGE EXISTING MECHANISMS.**—To the ex-  
12       tent possible, the Secretary of Defense shall leverage exist-  
13       ing program acquisition executive mechanisms and office  
14       assessment mechanisms to generate the data required by  
15       this section, rather than creating new administrative of-  
16       fices or entities.

17       **SEC. 804. MODIFICATIONS TO TECHNICAL DATA RIGHTS.**

18       (a) **MODIFICATIONS TO RIGHTS IN TECHNICAL**  
19       **DATA.**—Section 3771(b) of title 10, United States Code,  
20       is amended—

21           (1) in paragraph (3)(C), by inserting “, and for  
22       which the United States shall have government pur-  
23       pose rights, unless the Government and the con-  
24       tractor negotiate different license rights” after  
25       “component)”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (4)(A)—

2 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “; or” and in-  
3 serting a semicolon;

4 (B) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause  
5 (iv); and

6 (C) by inserting after clause (ii) the fol-  
7 lowing new clause:

8 “(iii) is a release, disclosure, or use of  
9 detailed manufacturing or process data—

10 “(I) that is necessary for oper-  
11 ation, maintenance, installation, or  
12 training and shall be used only for op-  
13 eration, maintenance, installation, or  
14 training purposes supporting wartime  
15 operations or contingency operations;  
16 and

17 “(II) for which the head of an  
18 agency determines that the original  
19 supplier of such data will be unable to  
20 satisfy military readiness or oper-  
21 ational requirements for such oper-  
22 ations; or”.

23 (b) REFORM OF TECHNICAL DATA AND SOFTWARE  
24 RIGHTS TO SUPPORT COMPETITION, SUSTAINMENT, AND  
25 READINESS.—

1           (1) DEFAULT GOVERNMENT PURPOSE RIGHTS  
 2           FOR DELIVERABLES.—Chapter 239 of title 10,  
 3           United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
 4           section 3775 the following new section:

5   **“§ 3776. Default government purpose rights for**  
 6                   **deliverables under Department of De-**  
 7                   **fense contracts**

8           “(a) DEFAULT RIGHTS.—Except as provided in sub-  
 9           section (b), any technical data, computer software, or com-  
 10          puter software documentation delivered under a contract,  
 11          subcontract, or other agreement entered into by the De-  
 12          partment of Defense for the acquisition of noncommercial  
 13          products or services shall be provided with government  
 14          purpose rights unless the contractor establishes, through  
 15          clear and convincing evidence, entitlement to more restric-  
 16          tive rights.

17          “(b) CONTRACTOR BURDEN.—A contractor asserting  
 18          less-than-government purpose rights shall provide—

19               “(1) a compliant assertions table identifying  
 20               each specific item of data or software claimed;

21               “(2) factual documentation of private develop-  
 22               ment funding;

23               “(3) clause-specific unlimited-rights exclusions  
 24               applied at the lowest practicable segregable level;  
 25               and



1           “(4) corresponding portion markings on the  
2 deliverables.

3           “(c) FAILURE TO SUBSTANTIATE.—Any failure by a  
4 contractor to comply with subsection (b) shall result in  
5 the deliverable being treated as provided with government  
6 purpose rights.”.

7           (2) IMPROPER MARKINGS OF CRITICAL  
8 ITEMS.—For any critical readiness items of supply  
9 (as that term is defined in section 4324(d)(4) of title  
10 10, United States Code) that are noncommercial  
11 items, if the Secretary of Defense determines that a  
12 contractor—

13                 (A) applied an incorrect restrictive mark-  
14 ing;

15                 (B) failed to exclude unlimited- or unre-  
16 stricted-rights categories;

17                 (C) failed to portion-mark at the required  
18 segregable level; or

19                 (D) submitted an incomplete or invalid as-  
20 sertions table;

21 then all affected technical data, computer soft-  
22 ware, and documentation shall be deemed as  
23 government purpose rights.

24           (3) CLAWBACK OF EXCESSIVE PAYMENTS ARISING FROM IMPROPER RESTRICTIONS.—  
25

1           (A) INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS.—The Sec-  
2           retary shall obtain an independent engineering  
3           and cost analysis to determine the fair and rea-  
4           sonable price for any item procured under cir-  
5           cumstances where improper restrictive markings  
6           contributed to an unjustified sole-source envi-  
7           ronment.

8           (B) GOVERNMENT CLAIM.—If the amount  
9           paid by the Government exceeds the amount de-  
10          termined under paragraph (1), the difference  
11          shall constitute a contract debt owed to the  
12          United States under chapter 71 of title 41,  
13          United States Code (commonly known the  
14          “Contract Disputes Act”).

15          (C) INTEREST.—Any amount owed under  
16          this paragraph shall accrue interest from the  
17          date of overpayment in accordance with section  
18          7109 of title 41, United States Code.

19          (4) ENFORCEMENT AND REMEDIES.—A con-  
20          tractor found to have repeatedly mismarked data or  
21          submitted invalid assertions tables shall be ineligible  
22          for award of contracts requiring the delivery of tech-  
23          nical data or software for a period determined by the  
24          Secretary.

1 **SEC. 805. ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRAINING FOR DEFENSE**

2 **ACQUISITION.**

3 (a) STANDARDIZATION FOR PROGRAM ACQUISITION

4 EXECUTIVES.—

5 (1) PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR PROGRAM

6 ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES.—The Secretary of De-

7 fense shall develop key performance indicators to be

8 used by all program acquisition executives, which

9 shall address the following:

10 (A) The portfolio cost variance from base-  
11 line estimates.

12 (B) Milestone delivery performance and  
13 turnaround time across different phases of ac-  
14 quisition.

15 (C) Market research and competition.

16 (D) Use of Modular Open System Archi-  
17 tecture.

18 (E) Supply chain and workforce risk miti-  
19 gation.

20 (F) Authority utilization, including other  
21 transaction authority, commercial solutions  
22 opening, middle tier acquisition, and software  
23 acquisition pathway.

24 (G) Derisking activity, including capital  
25 market involvement.

1 (H) Any other metric the Secretary con-  
2 siders relevant.

3 (2) DATA DASHBOARD.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-  
5 fense shall develop and implement a phased  
6 rollout plan for a centralized, enterprise-grade  
7 data dashboard, designed to provide real-time  
8 visibility into the operational health, strategic  
9 growth, and efficiency of each program acquisi-  
10 tion executive portfolio.

11 (B) CONTENTS.—The dashboard described  
12 in subparagraph (A) shall automatically track  
13 and visualize performance across the following  
14 four critical performance pillars:

15 (i) Financial and budgeting health.

16 (ii) Schedule and operational delivery.

17 (iii) Industrial base and workforce  
18 growth.

19 (iv) Innovation and agility metrics.

20 (3) WORKFORCE DEFICIENCY ANALYSIS.—The  
21 Secretary of Defense shall conduct a comprehensive  
22 human capital market analysis of each program ac-  
23 quisition executive portfolio to identify—

24 (A) immediate and projected workforce de-  
25 ficiencies; and

1 (B) the staffing ratios required to support  
2 expanded portfolios, with a focus on recruiting  
3 specialized talent from the private sector, such  
4 as data scientists, industrial base analysts, and  
5 commercial finance experts.

6 (4) REPORT ON PERFORMANCE INDICATORS.—

7 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-  
9 mit to Congress a report that includes the perform-  
10 ance indicators developed under paragraph (1), the  
11 phased rollout plan developed under paragraph (2),  
12 and the analysis conducted under paragraph (3).

13 (b) PILOT PROGRAM ON COMMERCIAL ACQUISITION  
14 PRACTICES.—

15 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.—Not  
16 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment  
17 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, acting through  
18 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and  
19 Sustainment, shall establish a pilot program (re-  
20 ferred to in this section as the “Pilot Program”) to  
21 enhance the use of commercial acquisition practices  
22 within the Department of Defense by appointing  
23 highly qualified experts to serve in senior decision-  
24 making roles for covered acquisitions.

1           (2) SENIOR COMMERCIAL ACQUISITION EXECU-  
2 TIVES PIPELINE.—

3           (A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the  
4 Pilot Program, the Secretary of Defense shall  
5 appoint not less than 10 and not more than 30  
6 highly qualified experts as “Senior Commercial  
7 Acquisition Executives”—

8           (i) to actively assist the Secretary in  
9 the development, instruction, and contin-  
10 uous refinement of the Gold Tier Capital  
11 Certification Training Program established  
12 under subsection (c); and

13           (ii) to align commercial and public  
14 practices for defense acquisitions and con-  
15 tracts.

16           (B) QUALIFICATIONS.—In appointing indi-  
17 viduals as Senior Commercial Acquisition Ex-  
18 ecutives under subparagraph (A), the Secretary  
19 shall—

20           (i) select individuals with significant  
21 experience in commercial acquisition, in-  
22 cluding—

23           (I) not fewer than 8 years of ex-  
24 perience in procuring or managing

1 large-scale commercial products or  
2 services; and

3 (II) demonstrated responsibility  
4 for acquisition decisions in competitive  
5 commercial markets that involve fund-  
6 ing or a project value of more than  
7 \$50,000,000; and

8 (ii) prioritize the appointment of indi-  
9 viduals with experience in industries such  
10 as advanced technology, manufacturing, lo-  
11 gistics, or any other sector characterized  
12 by large-scale commercial procurement.

13 (C) APPOINTMENT TERM.—A Senior Com-  
14 mercial Acquisition Executive shall be ap-  
15 pointed for a term of four years.

16 (D) HIRING AUTHORITY AND COMPENSA-  
17 TION.—The Secretary may—

18 (i) appoint individuals under this sec-  
19 tion as highly qualified experts pursuant to  
20 section 9903 of title 5, United States  
21 Code, or any other applicable authority;  
22 and

23 (ii) fix the pay of an individual ap-  
24 pointed under this section at the highest  
25 rate authorized for highly qualified experts

1 under section 9903 of title 5, United  
2 States Code, and may use any available  
3 flexibility under such section to recruit in-  
4 dividuals with the expertise required under  
5 this section.

6 (E) DUTIES.—Each Senior Commercial  
7 Acquisition Executive shall—

8 (i) be assigned to a military depart-  
9 ment, defense agency, or other component  
10 of the Department of Defense and report  
11 to the senior acquisition executive, or any  
12 other official the Secretary considers ap-  
13 propriate, of the assigned department,  
14 agency, or component;

15 (ii) lead or participate in the develop-  
16 ment and approval of acquisition strategies  
17 for covered acquisitions;

18 (iii) advise and support contracting  
19 officers and program officials in the use of  
20 commercial acquisition procedures, includ-  
21 ing—

22 (I) commercial solution openings;

23 (II) fixed-price contracting; and

24 (III) price-based evaluation meth-

25 ods;



1 (iv) promote the use of commercial  
2 practices consistent with the objectives of  
3 section 3102 of title 10, United States  
4 Code; and

5 (v) provide input and recommenda-  
6 tions for the Gold Tier Capital Certifi-  
7 cation Training Program.

8 (F) COVERED ACQUISITIONS.—For covered  
9 acquisitions, the Secretary shall ensure that a  
10 Senior Commercial Acquisition Executive either  
11 serves as the lead acquisition official or provides  
12 oversight for the acquisition strategy, which  
13 shall include meaningful participation in deci-  
14 sions relating to the contract structure, the  
15 pricing approach, and the source selection  
16 methodology.

17 (3) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

18 (A) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than two  
19 years after the date of the enactment of this  
20 Act, and annually thereafter, the Under Sec-  
21 retary of Defense for Acquisition and  
22 Sustainment shall submit to the congressional  
23 defense committees a report that—

24 (i) provides the number of Senior  
25 Commercial Acquisition Executives and the

1 portfolio and service assignment of each  
2 such executive;

3 (ii) describes the types of acquisitions  
4 in which such executives were involved;

5 (iii) describes the extent to which the  
6 executives influenced acquisition strategy,  
7 contract structure, and pricing approaches;

8 (iv) provides an assessment of the ef-  
9 fectiveness of the Pilot Program in improv-  
10 ing the use of commercial acquisition prac-  
11 tices, including any impacts on cost, speed,  
12 and participation by nontraditional defense  
13 contractors; and

14 (v) includes recommendations regard-  
15 ing whether the authority of the Secretary  
16 to appoint Senior Commercial Acquisition  
17 Executives under this section should be ex-  
18 tended, modified, or made permanent.

19 (B) FINAL REPORT.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
21 days prior to the termination date de-  
22 scribed in paragraph (4), the Secretary of  
23 Defense shall submit to the congressional  
24 defense committees a comprehensive report  
25 that evaluates the Pilot Program.

1 (ii) CONTENTS.—The report shall in-  
2 clude an assessment of total cost avoid-  
3 ance, accelerated acquisition timelines, in-  
4 dustry feedback, and a formal rec-  
5 ommendation on whether to permanently  
6 codify the authorities granted under this  
7 section.

8 (4) SUNSET.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The authority of the  
10 Secretary to appoint individuals under para-  
11 graph (2)(A) shall terminate 5 years after the  
12 date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (B) INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BEFORE  
14 TERMINATION DATE.—An individual appointed  
15 under paragraph (2)(A) before the termination  
16 date described in subparagraph (A) of this  
17 paragraph may continue to serve for the dura-  
18 tion of the individual’s appointment, subject to  
19 applicable law.

20 (5) COVERED ACQUISITIONS DEFINED.—In this  
21 subsection, the term “covered acquisitions” means  
22 an acquisition—

23 (A) not designated as a major defense ac-  
24 quisition program, as defined in section 4201 of  
25 title 10, United States Code; and

1 (B) for a product or service that includes,  
2 as a significant component or purpose—

3 (i) software or software-intensive sys-  
4 tems;

5 (ii) autonomous systems, including  
6 unmanned platforms and associated ena-  
7 bling technologies;

8 (iii) artificial intelligence, machine  
9 learning, or data analytics capabilities;

10 (iv) cloud computing, data infrastruc-  
11 ture, or digital platforms;

12 (v) cyber capabilities, including cyber-  
13 security and cyber defense tools;

14 (vi) space-based services or commer-  
15 cially provided space capabilities;

16 (vii) advanced sensing, networking, or  
17 communications technologies; or

18 (viii) such other technology areas as  
19 the Secretary of Defense determines can be  
20 effectively acquired using commercial ac-  
21 quisition procedures, including where such  
22 procedures would improve speed, cost,  
23 competition, or access to innovative sup-  
24 pliers.

1       (c) PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR GOLD TIER CAP-  
2   ITAL CERTIFICATION.—

3           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days  
4       after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5       retary of Defense, acting through the Under Sec-  
6       retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment,  
7       shall establish a pilot training program (referred to  
8       in this subsection as the “Training Program”) to es-  
9       tablish, evaluate, and refine within the Department  
10      of Defense the training and qualifications necessary  
11      for an elite advanced financial certification, which  
12      shall be known as the “Gold Tier Capital Certifi-  
13      cation”.

14           (2) PARTICIPANT NOMINATION AND SELEC-  
15      TION.—

16           (A) ANNUAL NOMINATIONS.—For each fis-  
17      cal year during which the Training Program is  
18      active, each service acquisition executive shall  
19      nominate not fewer than 10 and not more than  
20      15 contracting officers from their respective  
21      military department to participate in the Train-  
22      ing Program.

23           (B) SELECTION CRITERIA.—Nominations  
24      shall be based on demonstrated technical com-

petence, leadership potential, and aptitude for advanced commercial acquisition practices.

(3) CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) CORE COMPETENCIES.—The Training Program shall feature a rigorous, advanced curriculum focused on commercial capital markets and corporate and alternative defense financing, including the following instructional areas:

(i) Capital structure fundamentals, including debt, equity, and hybrid financial instruments.

(ii) Risk allocation models and corporate financial incentive alignment.

(iii) Deal structuring and creative financing mechanisms.

(iv) Commercial valuation methodologies and return-on-investment analysis.

(v) Public-private partnership models and execution frameworks.

(vi) Operational and structural distinctions between venture capital, private equity, internal corporate investment, and traditional commercial banking.

(B) EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS.—The curriculum described in subparagraph (A) shall be

developed and delivered in coordination with partner institutions and Senior Commercial Acquisition Executives (appointed in subsection (b)), including top-tier graduate business and economic schools, investment banking firms, venture capital firms, and private equity firms.

(C) ROTATIONAL IMMERSIONS AND INDUSTRY EXCHANGE PROGRAM.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The curriculum described in subparagraph (A) will include a formalized industry exchange program, through which contracting officers in the Training Program may complete temporary operational rotations with venture capital firms, defense prime contractors, commercial technology startups, and investment banks.

(ii) EXCHANGE PERIOD.—A temporary operational rotation shall last between six and 12 months.

(iii) PURPOSE.—These rotations will provide contracting officers with firsthand experience in commercial business operations, rapid scaling methodologies, and private-sector risk allocation.

1           (4) ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE OF DEFENSE ACQUI-  
2           SITION UNIVERSITY.—The Defense Acquisition Uni-  
3           versity shall serve the Training Program in a strictly  
4           administrative and coordinating capacity, to include  
5           the funding and management of travel, lodging, and  
6           enabling logistics for participants.

7           (5) PERFORMANCE METRICS FOR GOLD TIER  
8           CAPITAL CERTIFICATION.—

9           (A) IN GENERAL.—Any contracting officer  
10          who successfully completes the Training Pro-  
11          gram shall be awarded the Gold Tier Capital  
12          Certification.

13          (B) MAINTENANCE OF DESIGNATION.—To  
14          maintain the Gold Tier Capital Certification, an  
15          individual who completes the Training Program  
16          must meet or exceed the annual performance  
17          metrics, as set and evaluated by the relevant  
18          portfolio acquisition executive and Senior Com-  
19          mercial Acquisition Executive.

20          (C) FORFEITURE AND REPLACEMENT.—  
21          Any officer who fails to meet the metrics de-  
22          scribed under subparagraph (B) for two or  
23          more evaluation periods shall immediately for-  
24          feit the Gold Tier Capital Certification.



1           (D) REPLACEMENT OF OFFICER.—Not  
2           later than 60 days after the forfeiture of a Gold  
3           Tier Capital Certification under subparagraph  
4           (C), the relevant service acquisition executive  
5           shall nominate a qualified replacement for the  
6           Training Program.

7           (6) PERSONNEL INCENTIVES AND AUTHORI-  
8           TIES.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that  
9           contracting officers holding a valid Gold Tier Capital  
10          Certification receive the incentives and operational  
11          authorities described in this paragraph.

12          (A) PROMOTION CONSIDERATIONS.—In  
13          procedures for military and civilian personnel  
14          evaluations, the Secretary shall consider the  
15          possession of a Gold Tier Capital Certification  
16          as an advanced professional qualification and  
17          give such certification positive weight for pro-  
18          motion and leadership selection.

19          (B) STREAMLINED APPROVALS.—The Sec-  
20          retary shall establish expedited, streamlined ad-  
21          ministrative review and approval pathways for  
22          non-traditional financing mechanisms executed  
23          by any officer with a Gold Tier Capital Certifi-  
24          cation.

1 (C) LIAISON STATUS.—Any officer with a  
2 Gold Tier Capital Certification shall possess di-  
3 rect liaison status with the Economic Defense  
4 Unit.

5 (D) INDUSTRY IMMERSIONS.—The Sec-  
6 retary shall provide officers with a Gold Tier  
7 Capital Certification with priority access to offi-  
8 cial operational immersion opportunities within  
9 industry, including financial and investment en-  
10 tities and commercial startups.

11 (7) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

12 (A) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than  
13 two years after the date of the enactment of  
14 this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide  
15 to the congressional defense committees a brief-  
16 ing on the initial implementation of the Train-  
17 ing Program, metrics achieved by the partici-  
18 pants, and curriculum efficacy.

19 (B) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than two  
20 years after the date of the enactment of this  
21 Act, and annually thereafter, the Under Sec-  
22 retary of Defense for Acquisition and  
23 Sustainment shall submit to the congressional  
24 defense committees a report that—

1 (i) provides the number contracting  
2 officers that participated in the Training  
3 Program, and the portfolio and service des-  
4 ignation of each such officer;

5 (ii) describes the types of acquisitions  
6 in which such officers were involved;

7 (iii) describes the extent to which the  
8 Training Program influenced acquisition  
9 strategy, contract structure, and pricing  
10 approaches;

11 (iv) provides an assessment of the ef-  
12 fectiveness of the Training Program in im-  
13 proving the use of commercial acquisition  
14 practices, including any impacts on cost,  
15 speed, and participation by nontraditional  
16 defense contractors; and

17 (v) includes recommendations as to  
18 whether the authority under this section  
19 should be extended, modified, or made per-  
20 manent.

21 (C) FINAL REPORT.—

22 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
23 days prior to the termination date de-  
24 scribed in paragraph (8), the Secretary of  
25 Defense shall submit to the congressional

1 defense committees a comprehensive report  
2 that evaluates the Training Program.

3 (ii) CONTENTS.—The report shall in-  
4 clude an assessment of total cost avoid-  
5 ance, accelerated acquisition timelines, in-  
6 dustry feedback, and a formal rec-  
7 ommendation on whether to permanently  
8 codify the certification program.

9 (8) SUNSET.—The Training Program shall ter-  
10minate on the date that is five years after the date  
11of the enactment of this Act.

12 **Subtitle B—Amendments to Gen-**  
13 **eral Contracting Authorities,**  
14 **Procedures, and Limitations**

15 **SEC. 811. CONSOLIDATION AND RATIONALIZATION OF RE-**  
16 **STRICTIONS ON PROCUREMENT FROM CER-**  
17 **TAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CHAPTER IN TITLE  
19 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—Subpart I of part V of title  
20 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
21 the following new chapter:

1 **“CHAPTER 390—RESTRICTIONS ON PRO-**  
2 **CUREMENT FROM CERTAIN FOREIGN**  
3 **COUNTRIES**

4 **“§ 4991. Definitions**

5 “In this chapter:

6 “(1) The term ‘Commerce Control List’ means  
7 the list maintained by the Bureau of Industry and  
8 Security and set forth in Supplement No. 1 to part  
9 774 of the Export Administration Regulations (as  
10 defined in section 1742 of the Export Control Re-  
11 form Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801).

12 “(2) The term ‘commercial product’ has the  
13 meaning given the term in section 103 of title 41.

14 “(3) The term ‘commercially available off-the-  
15 shelf item’ (COTS) has the meaning given the term  
16 in section 104 of title 41.

17 “(4) The term ‘covered country’ means—

18 “(A) the Democratic People’s Republic of  
19 Korea (North Korea);

20 “(B) the People’s Republic of China;

21 “(C) the Russian Federation; and

22 “(D) the Islamic Republic of Iran.

23 “(5) The term ‘covered entity’ means—

24 “(A) an entity domiciled in a covered coun-  
25 try or subject to the influence or control of the

1 government of a covered country, as determined  
2 by the Secretary of Defense;

3 “(B) an entity identified as a Communist  
4 Chinese military company under section 1260H  
5 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National  
6 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
7 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note);

8 “(C) an entity on the Non-SDN Chinese  
9 Military-Industrial Complex Companies List  
10 maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets  
11 Control of the Department of the Treasury;

12 “(D) Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE  
13 Corporation, Hytera Communications Corpora-  
14 tion, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology  
15 Company, Dahua Technology Company, or any  
16 subsidiary or affiliate of such entities; or

17 “(E) any other entity designated by the  
18 Secretary of Defense as posing a national secu-  
19 rity risk due to its ties to a covered country.

20 “(6) The term ‘covered item’ means goods,  
21 services, or materials identified in this chapter as  
22 subject to procurement restrictions, including chem-  
23 ical materials, munitions, strategic and critical mate-  
24 rials, telecommunications equipment, unmanned air-

1 craft systems, printed circuit boards, personal pro-  
2 tective equipment, and batteries.

3 “(7) The term ‘covered telecommunications  
4 equipment or services’ means—

5 “(A) telecommunications equipment pro-  
6 duced by Huawei Technologies Company or  
7 ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affil-  
8 iate);

9 “(B) telecommunications or video surveil-  
10 lance equipment used for public safety, security  
11 of government facilities, physical security sur-  
12 veillance of critical infrastructure, or other na-  
13 tional security purposes, that is produced by  
14 Hytera Communications Corporation,  
15 Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Com-  
16 pany, or Dahua Technology Company (or any  
17 subsidiary or affiliate);

18 “(C) telecommunications or video surveil-  
19 lance services provided by the entities described  
20 in subparagraphs (A) and (B) or using equip-  
21 ment produced by such entities; and

22 “(D) telecommunications or video surveil-  
23 lance equipment or services produced or pro-  
24 vided by an entity that the Secretary of De-  
25 fense, in consultation with the Director of Na-

1           tional Intelligence or the Director of the Fed-  
 2           eral Bureau of Investigation, reasonably be-  
 3           lieves to be owned or controlled by, or otherwise  
 4           unduly influenced by, the government of a cov-  
 5           ered country.

6           “(8) The term ‘simplified acquisition threshold’  
 7           has the meaning given the term in section 134 of  
 8           title 41.

9   **“§ 4992. Prohibition on procurement from covered**  
 10           **countries and entities**

11           “(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in this chap-  
 12           ter, the Secretary of Defense may not—

13           “(1) procure, renew, or extend a contract for  
 14           the procurement of any covered item that is, or con-  
 15           tains materials or components that are mined, re-  
 16           fined, processed, manufactured, or assembled, in  
 17           whole or in part, by a covered country or covered en-  
 18           tity;

19           “(2) enter into, renew, or extend a contract  
 20           with an entity that uses a covered item as a substan-  
 21           tial or essential component of any system or as crit-  
 22           ical technology as part of any system; or

23           “(3) enter into, renew, or extend a contract  
 24           with an entity that uses any equipment, system, or  
 25           service that itself uses covered telecommunications



1 equipment or services as a substantial or essential  
2 component of any system, or as critical technology  
3 as part of any system, regardless of whether such  
4 use is in performance of a Department of Defense  
5 contract.

6 “(b) APPLICABILITY.—(1) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of  
7 subsection (a) apply to prime contracts and subcontracts  
8 at any tier under such contracts.

9 “(2) Subsection (a)(3) applies only to the prime con-  
10 tractor with whom the Department of Defense enters into  
11 a contract.

12 “(3) Federal bidders and contractors—

13 “(A) may reasonably rely on certifications of  
14 compliance from covered entities and subcontractors  
15 when providing proposals to the Department of De-  
16 fense; and

17 “(B) are not required to conduct independent  
18 third-party audits or other formal reviews related to  
19 such certifications.

20 “(4) Nothing in this section shall permit the Sec-  
21 retary to apply the prohibitions in subsection (a) to exist-  
22 ing contracts for goods, services, or technology, including  
23 when such contracts are modified, extended, or renewed,  
24 entered into prior to the effective date of the relevant pro-  
25 hibited good or service.

1       “(c) COVERED ITEMS.—This section applies to the  
2 following items:

3           “(1) Chemicals listed under the heading ‘Task  
4 1: Domestic Production of Critical Chemicals’ in sec-  
5 tion 3.0E of the document of the Department of De-  
6 fense titled ‘Statement of Objectives (SOO) for Crit-  
7 ical Chemicals Production’ (FOA: FA8650–19–S–  
8 5010, Appendix VI, Call: 012) and dated December  
9 5, 2022, or any successor document.

10          “(2) Goods, services, or technology provided by  
11 an entity identified in the annual list published in  
12 the Federal Register by the Department of Defense  
13 of Chinese military companies operating in the  
14 United States pursuant to section 1260H of the Wil-  
15 liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-  
16 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–  
17 283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note), except that the prohibi-  
18 tion shall not apply to—

19           “(A) goods, services, or technology to pro-  
20 vide a service that connects to the facilities of  
21 a third party, including backhaul, roaming, or  
22 interconnection arrangements; or

23           “(B) components (as defined in section  
24 105 of title 41).

25          “(3)(A) Goods and services—

1           “(i) on the munitions list of the Inter-  
2           national Traffic in Arms Regulations;

3           “(ii) on the Commerce Control List that—

4               “(I) are classified in the 600 series; or

5               “(II) contain strategic and critical  
6           materials, rare earth elements, or energetic  
7           materials used to manufacture missiles or  
8           munitions.

9           “(B) The prohibition pursuant to this para-  
10          graph does not apply in connection with a visit by  
11          a vessel or an aircraft of the United States Armed  
12          Forces to the People’s Republic of China.

13          “(4) Strategic and critical materials, including  
14          specialty metals and rare earth elements (as ref-  
15          erenced in sections 4863 and 4872 of this title, and  
16          section 857 of the James M. Inhofe National De-  
17          fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Pub-  
18          lic Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 4811 note)).

19          “(5) Unmanned aircraft systems (as referenced  
20          in section 848 of the National Defense Authorization  
21          Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10  
22          U.S.C. 4871 note)).

23          “(6) Printed circuit boards (as referenced in  
24          section 4873 of the National Defense Authorization

1 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10  
2 U.S.C. )).

3 “(7) Personal protective equipment (as ref-  
4 erenced in section 4875 of this title).

5 “(8) Batteries from specified companies (as ref-  
6 erenced in section 154 of the National Defense Au-  
7 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law  
8 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 4651 note prec.)).

9 “(9) Covered telecommunications equipment or  
10 services (as referenced in section 889 of the John S.  
11 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
12 cal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C.  
13 3901 not prec.)).

14 **“§ 4993. National security waiver**

15 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense may  
16 waive the prohibitions under section 4992 of this title if  
17 the Secretary determines in writing that such waiver is  
18 necessary to the national security interests of the United  
19 States.

20 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—A written determination  
21 under subsection (a)—

22 “(1) shall specify the quantity or scope of cov-  
23 ered items or materials or the scope of covered tele-  
24 communications equipment or services to which the

1 waiver applies and the time period over which the  
2 waiver applies; and

3 “(2) shall be provided to the congressional de-  
4 fense committees not later than 15 days before  
5 issuing the waiver, except that in the case of an ur-  
6 gent national security requirement, such certification  
7 may be provided up to 7 days after the waiver is  
8 issued.

9 “(c) DELEGATION.—The authority under subsection  
10 (a)—

11 “(1) may be delegated to either the senior ac-  
12 quisition executive of a military department or the  
13 official responsible for all acquisition functions of  
14 such other element or organization of the Depart-  
15 ment of Defense concerned, for a waiver applicable  
16 to one or more acquisition programs or procure-  
17 ments within that military department or element of  
18 the Department of Defense; or

19 “(2) may be delegated to the Deputy Secretary  
20 of Defense or the Under Secretary of Defense for  
21 Acquisition and Sustainment for a waiver applicable  
22 to more than one military department.

23 **“§ 4994. Exceptions for commercial products, COTS**  
24 **items, and thresholds**

25 “(a) COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COTS ITEMS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
2           graph (2), this chapter applies to the procurement of  
3           commercial products and COTS items.

4           “(2) EXCEPTION.—This chapter only applies to  
5           COTS items that are—

6                   “(A) specialty metals, including mill prod-  
7                   ucts, that have not been incorporated into end  
8                   items, subsystems, assemblies, or components;

9                   “(B) forgings or castings of specialty met-  
10                  als, unless incorporated into COTS end items,  
11                  subsystems, or assemblies; or

12                  “(C) covered items or covered tele-  
13                  communications equipment or services that per-  
14                  form a mission-critical function and are not in-  
15                  corporated into end items, subsystems, assem-  
16                  blies, or components.

17           “(b) SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD.—Sec-  
18           tion 4992 of this title does not apply to acquisitions in  
19           amounts below the simplified acquisition threshold.

20           “(c) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Section 4992  
21           of this title does not apply to procurements outside the  
22           United States in support of contingency operations or for  
23           use outside the United States.”.

24           (b) IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1           (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
2           by this section shall take effect on January 1, 2028.

3           (2) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense  
4           shall prescribe regulations to implement chapter 390  
5           of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-  
6           section (a), including updates to the Defense Fed-  
7           eral Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS).

8   **SEC. 812. REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION RELATING**  
9                           **TO SUPPLY CHAIN RISK.**

10          Section 3252 of title 10, United States Code, is  
11   amended—

12           (1) in subsection (b)—

13                   (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “offi-  
14                   cials, general counsels,” after “procurement”;

15                   (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking  
16                   “measures are not reasonably available to re-  
17                   duce” and inserting “measures have been taken  
18                   and are not reasonably expected to reduce”;

19           (C) in paragraph (3)—

20                   (i) in subparagraph (A)—

21                           (I) by inserting “, including the  
22                           nature of the supply chain risk,” after  
23                           “risk assessment”; and

24                           (II) by striking “; and” and in-  
25                           serting a semicolon; and

1 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (I) by striking “measures that  
3 were considered and why they were  
4 not reasonably available to reduce”  
5 and inserting “measures that were  
6 taken and why they were not reason-  
7 ably expected to reduce”; and

8 (II) by striking the period at the  
9 end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
11 lowing new subparagraph:

12 “(C) a legal opinion from the Department  
13 of Defense Office of General Counsel that the  
14 determination required in paragraph (2), as  
15 well as the analysis required in subparagraphs  
16 (A) and (B) of this paragraph, meets the statu-  
17 tory requirements of this section;”; and

18 (D) by adding at the end the following new  
19 paragraphs:

20 “(4) determining and certifying to the appro-  
21 priate congressional committees that a foreign entity  
22 of concern in the supply chain has carried out nefar-  
23 ious, malicious, or concerning actions warranting  
24 such exercise of authority; and



1           “(5) the Inspector General of the Department  
2           of Defense conducts a review and determines that all  
3           requirements under this subsection have been met.”;

4           (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

5                 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)  
6                 and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D), respec-  
7                 tively; and

8                 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)  
9                 the following new subparagraph:

10                 “(B) allow the appropriate parties of a  
11                 covered procurement action a 30-day window to  
12                 address the Department’s concerns or take  
13                 other remedial actions;”;

14           (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
15           section (e); and

16           (4) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
17           lowing new subsection:

18           “(d) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORITY.—(1) Unless a  
19           complete and detailed notification has been received by the  
20           appropriate congressional committees within 5 days of a  
21           determination under this section, the determination shall  
22           have no effect for purposes of this section until the notifi-  
23           cation has been so received.

24           “(2) A determination under this section shall not be  
25           invoked for contract disputes or as a negotiating tool and

1 shall only be invoked to protect critical defense systems  
2 from adversary exploitation by screening out suppliers who  
3 pose unacceptable risks of sabotage or malicious subver-  
4 sion in the procurement process.”.

5 **SEC. 813. LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN MISSILE CONTRACTS**  
6 **OR OTHER AGREEMENTS.**

7 (a) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds appro-  
9 priated by this Act or any previous Act, or otherwise  
10 made available to the Department of Defense may  
11 be obligated or expended on a covered contract or  
12 other agreement unless the Secretary of Defense cer-  
13 tifies to the congressional defense committees, in  
14 writing, that such contract or other agreement does  
15 not contain any clause or provision that would au-  
16 thorize the Secretary to—

17 (A) remove or install personnel at any  
18 prime contractor or subcontractor; or

19 (B) direct the internal resources of any  
20 prime contractor or subcontractor, including  
21 independent research and development or cap-  
22 ital expenditures, regardless of whether such  
23 term is a condition of award, as a penalty for  
24 delinquency, or for any other reason, unless the  
25 Department of Defense paid for such resources

1 as a direct cost under the contract or other  
2 agreement.

3 (2) REMOVAL OF NON-CONFORMING CLAUSE.—

4 If the Secretary determines that any covered con-  
5 tract or other agreement awarded prior to the date  
6 of the enactment of this Act does not conform to the  
7 requirements of paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
8 seek to enter into bilateral negotiations with the con-  
9 tractor to modify such contract or other agreement  
10 to remove the non-conforming clause or provision  
11 without consideration.

12 (b) PROHIBITION ON CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as may be necessary  
14 to comply with subsection (a)(2), the Secretary of  
15 Defense may not make any modification or change  
16 to any term of a covered contract or other agree-  
17 ment that is entered into using funds authorized to  
18 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made avail-  
19 able for fiscal year 2027, to alleviate contractor per-  
20 formance issues, including delinquency, cost over-  
21 runs, schedule delays, technical performance issues,  
22 or any other performance-related grounds, and shall  
23 strictly enforce all such terms as written.

24 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
25 apply to a modification or change to a covered con-

1       tract or other agreement if such modification is  
2       made pursuant to the extraordinary contractual re-  
3       lief authorities provided in the Act entitled “An Act  
4       to authorize the making, amendment, and modifica-  
5       tion of contracts to facilitate the national defense”,  
6       approved August 28, 1958 (50 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.)  
7       and complies with all applicable regulations and pro-  
8       cedures implementing such authorities.

9       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “covered  
10      contract or other agreement” means any of the following  
11      contract or other agreement entered into using multiyear  
12      procurement authorities authorized in section 804 of the  
13      National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026  
14      (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.):

- 15           (1) Patriot Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3).
- 16           (2) Tomahawk Cruise Missile.
- 17           (3) Joint Air-to-Air Standoff Missile (JASSM).
- 18           (4) Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile (LRASM).
- 19           (5) Standard Missile-6 (SM-6).
- 20           (6) Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IB.
- 21           (7) Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile  
22      (AMRAAM).
- 23           (8) Terminal High Altitude Area Defense  
24      (THAAD).
- 25           (9) Low-Cost Hypersonic Strike Systems.

1           (10) Family of Affordable Mass Munitions  
2           (“FAMM”), Extended-Range Attack Munition  
3           (“ERAM”), Enterprise Test Vehicle (“ETV”), or  
4           ground-launched low-cost cruise missile systems.

5 **SEC. 814. LIMITATIONS ON THE CENTRALIZED COMMER-**  
6 **CIAL ITEM CAPABILITY.**

7           (a) LIMITATION.—No funds authorized to be appro-  
8           priated for fiscal year 2027, or otherwise made available  
9           to the Department of Defense, may be obligated or ex-  
10          pended for the centralized commercial item capability re-  
11          quired by section 3456(a) of title 10, United States Code,  
12          until the conditions described in subsection (b) are satis-  
13          fied.

14          (b) CONDITIONS.—The conditions referred to in sub-  
15          section (a) are the following:

16               (1) The Secretary of Defense certifies that the  
17          Department of Defense has—

18                       (A) issued comprehensive Department-wide  
19                       guidance implementing subtitle C of title XVIII  
20                       of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
21                       Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139  
22                       Stat. 1245); and

23                       (B) amended the Defense Federal Acquisi-  
24                       tion Regulation Supplement to fully implement  
25                       such subtitle.

1           (2) The Secretary of Defense has developed and  
2           issued stricter guidance, including higher standards  
3           and criteria of evidence, for the approval of non-  
4           commercial item determinations (or commercial item  
5           exceptions) with respect to the following capabilities:

6                   (A) Software or software-intensive systems.

7                   (B) Autonomous systems, including un-  
8           manned platforms and associated enabling tech-  
9           nologies.

10                  (C) Artificial intelligence, machine learn-  
11           ing, or data analytics capabilities.

12                  (D) Cloud computing, data infrastructure,  
13           or digital platforms.

14                  (E) Cyber capabilities, including cybersecu-  
15           rity and cyber defense tools.

16                  (F) Other technology areas as the Sec-  
17           retary of Defense determines are characterized  
18           by significant commercial market participation.

19           (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW AND CERTIFI-  
20   CATION REQUIREMENT.—

21                   (1) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 180  
22           days after the date on which the Secretary of De-  
23           fense notifies the congressional defense committees  
24           that the conditions in subsection (b) have been met,

1 the Comptroller General of the United States shall  
2 conduct and complete—

3 (A) a review of the guidance issued pursu-  
4 ant to subsection (b)(1) to determine whether  
5 such guidance provides adequate implementa-  
6 tion of subtitle C of title XVIII of the National  
7 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
8 2026; and

9 (B) a review of a representative sample of  
10 noncommercial item determinations (or com-  
11 mercial item exceptions) made under the strict-  
12 er guidance required by subsection (b)(2) to as-  
13 sess whether such determinations are supported  
14 by sufficient evidence and are not being ap-  
15 proved through an insufficiently rigorous proc-  
16 ess.

17 (2) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall  
18 submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
19 port on the findings of the reviews required by para-  
20 graph (1), including an assessment of the adequacy  
21 and rigor of the guidance and determination proc-  
22 esses.

1 **SEC. 815. LIMITATIONS RELATING TO CAPITAL DISTRIBU-**  
2 **TIONS FOR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
4 (b), beginning on June 15, 2027, the Secretary of Defense  
5 may not enter into a contract for the procurement of  
6 goods or services, unless the contractor agrees in writing  
7 that the entity shall not—

8 (1) purchase an equity security of such entity,  
9 or any parent entity of such entity, that is listed on  
10 a national securities exchange; or

11 (2) pay dividends or make any other capital dis-  
12 tribution with respect to the equity securities of the  
13 entity.

14 (b) WAIVER FOR QUALIFYING DEFENSE INVEST-  
15 MENT.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the limita-  
16 tion in subsection (a) for the purpose of rewarding con-  
17 tractors that agree to a qualifying defense investment plan  
18 that is approved by the Secretary.

19 (c) REVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT.—

20 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL REVIEW  
21 PROCESS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of  
22 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
23 shall establish a formal review mechanism for identi-  
24 fying, on a continuing basis, the Department of De-  
25 fense contractors that are in violation of the require-  
26 ments of subsection (a).



1           (2) EVIDENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF VIOLA-  
2           TION.—

3           (A) IN GENERAL.—If a contracting officer  
4           of the Department of Defense finds, or receives  
5           and substantiates, an allegation described in  
6           subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall imme-  
7           diately notify the contractor of the violation in  
8           writing.

9           (B) ALLEGATION DESCRIBED.—An allega-  
10          tion described in this subparagraph is any alle-  
11          gation relating to—

12               (i) a contractor of the Department en-  
13               gaging in an activity prohibited under sub-  
14               section (a), if the requirements of such  
15               subsection have not been waived under  
16               subsection (b); or

17               (ii) a contractor who received a waiver  
18               under subsection (b) is underperforming  
19               with respect to prioritization, investment,  
20               or production such that the contractor no  
21               longer meets the requirements of the quali-  
22               fying defense investment plan approved by  
23               the Secretary pursuant to subsection (b).

24           (C) CONTENTS OF NOTICE.—The notice  
25           issued under subparagraph (A) shall include,

1 depending on the basis of the violation, a de-  
2 scription of—

3 (i) the conduct of the contractor that  
4 is prohibited under subsection (a); or

5 (ii) the nature of the underperform-  
6 ance or insufficient prioritization, invest-  
7 ment, or production speed of the con-  
8 tractor that fails to meet the requirements  
9 described in the qualifying defense invest-  
10 ment plan under subsection (b).

11 (3) REMEDIATION.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days  
13 after the date on which the contractor receives  
14 the notice of a violation under paragraph  
15 (3)(A), the contractor may submit to the Sec-  
16 retary a remediation plan, approved by the  
17 board of directors of the contractor, for review  
18 by the Secretary.

19 (B) CONTENT OF PLAN.—The remediation  
20 plan submitted under subparagraph (A) shall  
21 include a description of the manner by which  
22 the contractor shall remedy the violation, in-  
23 cluding, if applicable, a strategy for meeting the  
24 requirements described in the qualifying defense

1 investment plan under subsection (b) or an up-  
2 date of such a plan.

3 (C) IDENTIFICATION OF DEFICIENCIES.—

4 If the Secretary identifies deficiencies in the re-  
5 mediation plan submitted under subparagraph  
6 (A), the Secretary shall engage with the con-  
7 tractor as needed to resolve such deficiencies.

8 (4) PENALTIES.—If a contractor engages in an  
9 activity prohibited under subsection (a) and was not  
10 granted a waiver under subsection (b) or if the con-  
11 tractor was granted a waiver under subsection (b)  
12 but no longer meets the requirements of the quali-  
13 fying defense investment plan, the contracting offi-  
14 cer of the Department of Defense may take one or  
15 more of the following actions against the contractor  
16 for any contract entered into on or after the date  
17 specified in subsection (a):

18 (A) Suspend payment under the contract.

19 (B) Revoke the waiver issued under sub-  
20 section (b) for the contractor as a whole or for  
21 any defined business segment.

22 (C) Determine that the contractor lacks  
23 requisite responsibility for award of competitive  
24 contracts or other agreements.

1 (D) Terminate the eligibility of the con-  
2 tractor to receive progress payments under sec-  
3 tion 3804 of title 10, United States Code.

4 (E) Refer the matter to the Secretary for  
5 other administrative actions.

6 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
9 nually thereafter until the date specified in sub-  
10 section (e), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to  
11 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and  
12 the Committee on Armed Services of the House of  
13 Representatives a report that includes, for the one-  
14 year period preceding submission of the report—

15 (A) a list of all contractors granted a waiv-  
16 er under subsection (b) and the justification for  
17 each waiver; and

18 (B) a list of all entities that have violated  
19 agreements made pursuant to subsection (a) or  
20 diverged from the practices that justified the  
21 granting of a waiver under subsection (b).

22 (2) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 30 days  
23 after the date of submission of a report under para-  
24 graph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall make such  
25 report publicly available.

1 (e) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to have effect  
 2 on January 1, 2031.

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) EQUITY SECURITY.—The term “equity secu-  
 5 rity” has the meaning given such term in section  
 6 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15  
 7 U.S.C. 78c(a)).

8 (2) NATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE.—The  
 9 term “national securities exchange” means an ex-  
 10 change registered as a national securities exchange  
 11 in accordance with section 6 of the Securities Ex-  
 12 change Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f).

13 (3) QUALIFYING DEFENSE INVESTMENT.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualifying  
 15 defense investment” means an expenditure by a  
 16 contractor that is directly related to increasing  
 17 the capacity or capability of its defense business  
 18 segment, including—

19 (i) construction, expansion, or mod-  
 20 ernization of manufacturing facilities, ship-  
 21 yards, or production lines dedicated to de-  
 22 fense programs;

23 (ii) acquisition of machine tools, cap-  
 24 ital equipment, and production technology  
 25 for defense systems;

1 (iii) applied non-reimbursable research  
2 and development directly supporting de-  
3 fense programs;

4 (iv) establishment or expansion of  
5 workforce training programs and facilities  
6 for defense manufacturing skills; and

7 (v) strategic stockpiling of raw mate-  
8 rials and components critical to defense  
9 production.

10 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—A qualifying defense  
11 investment does not include—

12 (i) an allowable cost for reimburse-  
13 ment under any contract; or

14 (ii) an expenditure used under any  
15 contract or other agreement as the basis  
16 for the Department of Defense to provide  
17 contract financing or advance payments.

18 **SEC. 816. PROHIBITION OF PROCUREMENT OF MOLYB-**  
19 **DENUM, GALLIUM, OR GERMANIUM FROM**  
20 **NON-ALLIED FOREIGN NATIONS AND AU-**  
21 **THORIZATION FOR PRODUCTION FROM RE-**  
22 **COVERED MATERIAL.**

23 Section 844 of the National Defense Authorization  
24 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
25 976) is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) of sub-  
 2           section (b) as subsection (c) and moving such sub-  
 3           section, as so redesignated, two ems to the left; and  
 4           (2) in subsection (c), as redesignated by para-  
 5           graph (1) of this section, by striking “amendments  
 6           made by paragraphs (1) and (2)” and inserting  
 7           “amendments made by this section”.

8   **SEC. 817. OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY REPORTING.**

9           Any project carried out by the Department of De-  
 10          fense using other transaction authority under section 4021  
 11          of title 10, United States Code, shall be reported in the  
 12          same manner as other Department of Defense expendi-  
 13          tures for inclusion in the searchable public website estab-  
 14          lished by the Federal Funding Accountability and Trans-  
 15          parency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note; Public Law  
 16          109–282).

17   **SEC. 818. LIMITATION ON PROCUREMENT OF CUT FLOW-**  
 18                           **ERS AND CUT GREENS.**

19          (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20               (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-  
 21               tity” means—

22                       (A) a foreign government; and

23                       (B) an agent of a foreign principal (as de-  
 24               fined section 1 of the Foreign Agents Registra-  
 25               tion Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C 611)).

1           (2) CUT FLOWER.—The term “cut flower”  
2 means a flower removed from a living plant for deco-  
3 rative use.

4           (3) CUT GREEN.—The term “cut green” means  
5 a green, foliage, or branch removed from a living  
6 plant for decorative use.

7           (4) QUALIFYING AREA.—The term “qualifying  
8 area” means—

9                   (A) a State;

10                   (B) the District of Columbia;

11                   (C) a territory or possession of the United  
12 States; or

13                   (D) an area subject to the jurisdiction of  
14 a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

15       (b) REQUIREMENT.—

16           (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds authorized to be ap-  
17 propriated or otherwise made available to the De-  
18 partment of Defense may only be used for the pro-  
19 curement of a cut flower or cut green if the cut flow-  
20 er or cut green is grown in a qualifying area.

21           (2) APPLICABILITY.—This subsection shall  
22 apply to a procurement made or contracted for—

23                   (A) in the United States; and

24                   (B) on or after the date that is 1 year  
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act.



1 (c) GIFTS FOR DISPLAYS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Defense  
3 may only accept a gift of a cut flower or cut green  
4 that is not grown in a qualifying area from a cov-  
5 ered entity for the purpose of displaying the cut  
6 flower or cut green if the origin of the cut flower or  
7 cut green is clearly displayed at the time of delivery.

8 (2) REQUIREMENT.—If the Department of De-  
9 fense accepts a gift of a cut flower or cut green from  
10 a covered entity under paragraph (1), it shall clearly  
11 display the origin of the cut flower or cut green dur-  
12 ing the period of display of the cut flower or cut  
13 green.

14 **SEC. 819. AUDIT AND MITIGATION OF COVERED CELLULAR**  
15 **MODULES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
16 **SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE.**

17 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUDIT.—

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 initiate a Department-wide  
21 audit to identify the presence of covered cellular  
22 modules within covered systems.

23 (2) SCOPE.—The audit required under para-  
24 graph (1) shall—

1 (A) cover all military departments, combat-  
2 ant commands, defense agencies, and Depart-  
3 ment of Defense activities or programs;

4 (B) prioritize covered systems critical to  
5 military mobility, logistics, and installation se-  
6 curity;

7 (C) include both government-owned and  
8 contractor-operated covered systems connected  
9 to Department of Defense networks or access-  
10 ing Department of Defense information;

11 (D) identify to the maximum extent prac-  
12 ticable, the manufacturer, model, firmware  
13 version, and host product for each covered cel-  
14 lular module identified; and

15 (E) assess the cybersecurity risk posed by  
16 each identified covered cellular module, includ-  
17 ing data flows, network exposure, and potential  
18 for remote access.

19 (b) MITIGATION AND REPORTING.—

20 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year  
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and bi-  
22 ennially thereafter for a period not to exceed 6  
23 years, the Secretary shall submit to the congres-  
24 sional defense committees a report on the audit and  
25 mitigation activities carried out under this section.

1           (2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under  
2 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

3           (A) The preliminary or updated findings of  
4 the audit required under subsection (b).

5           (B) A description of ongoing and planned  
6 mitigation measures, including—

7                 (i) rip-and-replace programs;

8                 (ii) accelerated divestiture or retire-  
9 ment of legacy assets;

10                (iii) network segmentation, isolation,  
11 or compensating cybersecurity or engineer-  
12 ing controls;

13                (iv) firmware or software remediation;

14                and

15                (v) supply-chain substitution with  
16 trusted alternatives.

17           (C) Cost estimates, timelines, and resource  
18 requirements for each category of mitigation  
19 measure described in subparagraph (B).

20           (D) An identification of any statutory, reg-  
21 ulatory, or acquisition barriers to completing  
22 mitigation.

23           (E) Recommendations for additional legis-  
24 lative authorities, if any, needed to complete  
25 mitigation.

1           (3) FORM.—Each report submitted under para-  
2           graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,  
3           but may include a classified annex.

4           (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later  
5           than 180 days after the submission of the report required  
6           in subsection (b), the Comptroller General of the United  
7           States shall submit to the congressional defense commit-  
8           tees a report on the implementation and effectiveness of  
9           the activities described in subsection (b).

10          (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11           (1) CELLULAR MODULE.—The term “cellular  
12           module” means a modular transmitter, as described  
13           in section 15.212 of title 47, Code of Federal Regu-  
14           lations, that provides cellular connectivity to a host  
15           product, including an Internet of things device.

16           (2) COVERED CELLULAR MODULE.—The term  
17           “covered cellular module” means any cellular module  
18           produced, manufactured, or provided by—

19                   (A) an entity identified under section 889  
20                   of the John S. McCain National Defense Au-  
21                   thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public  
22                   Law 115–232; 41 U.S.C. 3901 note prec.);

23                   (B) an entity that is owned by, controlled  
24                   by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of  
25                   the People’s Republic of China; or

1 (C) any other entity determined by the  
2 Secretary of Defense to present an unacceptable  
3 supply-chain risk.

4 (3) COVERED SYSTEM.—The term “covered sys-  
5 tem” means any item of infrastructure owned,  
6 leased, operated, or controlled by the Department of  
7 Defense.

8 (4) INTERNET OF THINGS DEVICE.—The term  
9 “Internet of things device” has the meaning given to  
10 such term in NIST Special Publication 1800–16.

11 **SEC. 820. IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY OF FOREIGN INFLU-**  
12 **ENCE ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CON-**  
13 **TRACTORS.**

14 Section 847(a)(3) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
15 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10  
16 U.S.C. 4819 note) is amended by striking “in excess of  
17 \$5,000,000” and inserting “in excess of \$500,000”.

18 **SEC. 821. REPORTING OF PRICE INCREASES.**

19 (a) REPORTING OF INCREASES ABOVE SPECIFIED  
20 PRICES.—Chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code, is  
21 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

22 **“§ 3710. Reporting of increases above specified prices**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—An offeror shall be required to  
24 report to the relevant contracting officer not later than

1 30 days after becoming aware that the price of a product  
 2 or service under a covered contract reaches or exceeds—

3 “(1) 25 percent above the price specified in the  
 4 contract bid or the government paid for that product  
 5 or service the previous calendar year; or

6 “(2) 50 percent above the price paid for such  
 7 a product or service 5 years earlier.

8 “(b) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this sec-  
 9 tion, the term ‘covered contract’ means a cost-plus con-  
 10 tract awarded without competition under section 3204 of  
 11 this title and as defined under section 6.302 of the Federal  
 12 Acquisition Regulation.”.

13 (b) INCLUSION OF NONCOMPLIANCE INFORMATION  
 14 IN FAPIIS.—Chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code,  
 15 as amended by subsection (a), is further amended by add-  
 16 ing at the end the following new section:

17 **“§ 3711. Inclusion of noncompliance information in**  
 18 **Federal Awardee Performance and Integ-**  
 19 **riety Information System**

20 “The Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency  
 21 or the relevant service acquisition executive shall report  
 22 in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Infor-  
 23 mation System (FAPIIS) housed within the System for  
 24 Award Management the following information:

1 “(1) Contractors who fail to report price in-  
2 creases as required under 3705(a)(2) of this title.

3 “(2) Updated findings from audits conducted  
4 by the Agency regarding noncompliance with the re-  
5 quirement.

6 “(3) With respect to unreported product or  
7 service price increases, the product or service’s Na-  
8 tional Stock Number, order quantity, unit cost, total  
9 cost, purchasing or reimbursing entity, and date of  
10 the order.”.

11 **SEC. 822. LATE SUBMISSION OF COST AND PRICING DATA**  
12 **AS INVALID DEFENSE TO CONTRACT PRICE**  
13 **REDUCTIONS FOR DEFECTIVE COST OR PRIC-**  
14 **ING DATA.**

15 Section 3706(c) of title 10, United States Code, is  
16 amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “; or” and in-  
18 serting a semicolon;

19 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period and  
20 inserting “; or”; and

21 (3) by adding at the end of the following:

22 “(5) the cost or pricing data were submitted by  
23 the prime contractor or subcontractor after the date  
24 of agreement on the price of the contract or, if ap-

1 plicable consistent with subsection (a)(2), such other  
 2 date agreed upon between the parties.”.

## 3 **Subtitle C—Industrial Base** 4 **Matters**

### 5 **SEC. 831. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN RISK** 6 **MANAGEMENT INTEGRATION CELL.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than March 1,  
 8 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a Supply  
 9 Chain Risk Management Integration Cell (in this section  
 10 referred to as “the Cell” ) within the Office of the Assist-  
 11 ant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy.

12 (b) DUTIES DESCRIBED.—For the purposes of oper-  
 13 ating the Cell described in subsection (a), the Secretary  
 14 shall delegate or otherwise assign to the Assistant Sec-  
 15 retary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy the authori-  
 16 ties and duties to—

17 (1) direct and conduct oversight of all Depart-  
 18 ment of Defense Supply Chain Risk Management ac-  
 19 tivities, programs, tools, and datasets;

20 (2) manage and make determinations regarding  
 21 lists and other restrictions relating to Department of  
 22 Defense Supply Chain Risk Management, including  
 23 those authorized in—

24 (A) section 889 of the John S. McCain  
 25 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal



1 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 41 U.S.C.  
2 3901 note prec.);

3 (B) section 1260H of the William M.  
4 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-  
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law  
6 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note); and

7 (C) section 805 of the National Defense  
8 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public  
9 Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 4651 note prec.);

10 (3) manage and make determinations regarding  
11 supply chain transparency programs, incentives, and  
12 other activities, including those authorized in—

13 (A) section 849 of the Servicemember  
14 Quality of Life Improvement and National De-  
15 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025  
16 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 3241 note  
17 prec.);

18 (B) section 856 of the National Defense  
19 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public  
20 Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 3241 note prec.); and

21 (C) subsection (a)(3) of section 857 of the  
22 James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-  
23 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law  
24 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 4811 note);

1           (4) oversee data and databases related to De-  
2       partment of Defense Supply Chain Risk Manage-  
3       ment and the integration of such data and databases  
4       across the Department of Defense, to include inte-  
5       gration with commercial data sources;

6           (5) select and assign a sufficient number of  
7       dedicated staff necessary for the Cell to effectively  
8       manage the duties described in paragraphs (1)  
9       through ( 4);

10          (6) consult with the Supply Chain Risk Man-  
11       agement Threat Analysis Center at the Defense In-  
12       telligence Agency; and

13          (7) any other authorities or duties necessary to  
14       manage, direct, or otherwise coordinate Supply  
15       Chain Risk Management activities and programs.

16       (c) EXCEPTIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
17       not delegate or assign to the Assistant Secretary of De-  
18       fense for Industrial Base Policy authorities or duties that  
19       explicitly relate to cybersecurity.

20       (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 90 days after  
21       the date on which the Cell described in subsection (a) is  
22       established, the Secretary shall amend the Defense Fed-  
23       eral Acquisition Regulation Supplement to support the es-  
24       tablishment of the Cell and to implement the changes in  
25       authorities and duties described in subsection (b).

1 (e) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days  
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
3 shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense com-  
4 mittees describing—

5 (1) estimated staffing and resources require-  
6 ments to establish and operate the Cell;

7 (2) plans to reorganize existing offices and  
8 functions throughout the Department to ensure the  
9 Cell can carry out the authorities and duties de-  
10 scribed in subsection (b);

11 (3) plans to provide resources to the Office of  
12 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial  
13 Base Policy for the purposes of establishing and op-  
14 erating the Cell; and

15 (4) estimated timelines to consolidate in the  
16 Cell the various authorities and duties described in  
17 subsection (b).

18 **SEC. 832. EXPANSION OF REVERSE ENGINEERING AUTHOR-**  
19 **ITY FOR PROTOTYPE PROJECTS.**

20 Section 4022(e)(5)(B) of title 10, United States  
21 Code, is amended by striking “to address obsolescence”.

22 **SEC. 833. COMPETITION REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN MU-**  
23 **NITIONS.**

24 (a) PAC-3 ALTERNATIVE SOURCING.—Of the funds  
25 authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise

1 made available for fiscal year 2027 for the Patriot Ad-  
 2 vanced Capability-3 (“PAC-3”) multiyear procurement  
 3 authorized by section 804(b) of the National Defense Au-  
 4 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119-  
 5 60), not more than 50 percent may be obligated or ex-  
 6 pended unless the Secretary of Defense certifies that at  
 7 least 40 percent of fiscal year 2027 procurement of the  
 8 Missile Segment Enhancement (MSE) solid rocket motors  
 9 is sourced from a secondary or additional qualified sup-  
 10 plier.

11 (b) STANDARD MISSILE-6 ALTERNATIVE  
 12 SOURCING.—The Secretary of Defense shall require the  
 13 Standard Missile-6 multiyear procurement authorized by  
 14 this Act and by section 804(b) of the National Defense  
 15 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119-  
 16 60) to source Mark 72 and Mark 104 solid rocket motors  
 17 from more than one vendor by the following deadlines:

18 (1) Beginning in fiscal year 2028, 20 percent or  
 19 more solid rocket motors shall be ordered by the  
 20 prime contractor from a secondary or additional  
 21 qualified supplier.

22 (2) Beginning in fiscal year 2029, 30 percent or  
 23 more solid rocket motors shall be ordered by the  
 24 prime contractor from a secondary or additional  
 25 qualified supplier.

1           (3) Beginning in fiscal year 2030, 40 percent or  
2       more solid rocket motors shall be ordered by the  
3       prime contractor from a secondary or additional  
4       qualified supplier.

5   **SEC. 834. ANALYSES OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES FOR ACTION**  
6                   **TO ADDRESS SOURCING AND INDUSTRIAL CA-**  
7                   **PACITY.**

8       (a) ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense,  
10       acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for  
11       Acquisition and Sustainment and other appropriate  
12       officials, shall review the list of items under sub-  
13       section (b) to determine and develop appropriate ac-  
14       tions to maintain access to critical defense industry  
15       components and materials, including—

16           (A) restricting procurement, with appro-  
17       priate waivers for cost, emergency require-  
18       ments, and nonavailability of suppliers, includ-  
19       ing restricting procurement to—

20                   (i) suppliers in the United States;

21                   (ii) suppliers in the national tech-  
22       nology and industrial base (as defined in  
23       section 4801 of title 10, United States  
24       Code);

1 (iii) suppliers in other allied or part-  
2 ner nations; or

3 (iv) other suppliers;

4 (B) increasing investment through use of  
5 research and development procurement activi-  
6 ties and acquisition authorities, including the  
7 Defense Production Act and the Industrial  
8 Base Analysis and Sustainment program to—

9 (i) expand production capacity;

10 (ii) diversify sources of supply; or

11 (iii) promote alternative approaches  
12 for addressing military requirements;

13 (C) prohibiting procurement from selected  
14 sources or nations;

15 (D) taking a combination of actions de-  
16 scribed under subparagraphs (A),(B), and (C);

17 or

18 (E) taking no action.

19 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The analyses conducted  
20 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall consider national se-  
21 curity, economic, and treaty implications, as well as  
22 impacts on current and potential suppliers of goods  
23 and services.

1 (b) LIST OF HIGH-PRIORITY GOODS AND SERVICES  
2 FOR ANALYSES, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ACTIONS.—

3 The items described in this subsection are the following:

4 (1) Boron carbide.

5 (2) Copper foil, copper clad laminates, glass, or  
6 any other copper-containing inputs for printed cir-  
7 cuit boards.

8 (3) Synthetic diamond.

9 (4) Silicon carbide.

10 (c) BRIEFING ON ANALYSES, RECOMMENDATIONS,  
11 AND ACTIONS.—Not later than February 1, 2027, the  
12 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on  
13 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
14 atives—

15 (1) a summary of the findings of the analyses  
16 undertaken for each item pursuant to subsection (a);

17 (2) relevant recommendations resulting from  
18 the analyses, including any proposed statutory  
19 changes to implement sourcing restrictions; and

20 (3) descriptions of specific activities undertaken  
21 as a result of the analyses, including schedule and  
22 resources allocated for any planned actions.

1 **SEC. 835. REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO WEARING OP-**  
2 **TIONAL COMBAT BOOTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years after the  
4 date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of De-  
5 fense shall issue regulations requiring that any optional  
6 combat boots being sold at military exchanges be certified  
7 by the combat boot quality assurance program conducted  
8 by the relevant military service, to ensure combat boots  
9 meet uniform regulations regarding durability, quality,  
10 and uniform standards.

11 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may provide  
12 a military service a waiver for subsection (a) for 90 days  
13 until the combat boot quality assurance program is imple-  
14 mented.

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “combat boot quality assurance  
17 program” means the requirement in section 865(f)  
18 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
19 Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 4811  
20 note).

21 (2) The term “optional combat boots”, with re-  
22 spect to a member of the Armed Forces, means com-  
23 bat boots not furnished to such member of the  
24 Armed Forces by the Secretary of Defense.



1           (3) The term “required uniform” means a uni-  
2           form a member of the Armed Forces is required to  
3           wear as a member of the Armed Forces.

4 **SEC. 836. REPORT ON DOMESTIC NONAVAILABILITY DETER-**  
5 **MINATIONS GRANTED FOR CRITICAL MATE-**  
6 **RIALS.**

7           Not later than May 1, 2027, the Under Secretary of  
8           Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall submit to  
9           the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
10          House of Representatives a report on the issuance of do-  
11          mestic nonavailability determinations (DNADs) for stra-  
12          tegic and critical materials covered by sections 4863 and  
13          4872 of title 10, United States Code. The report shall—

14               (1) identify all DNADs issued over the previous  
15          5 years;

16               (2) identify whether DNADs were granted for  
17          a specific program or end item or granted for a class  
18          of material;

19               (3) assess the Department of Defense’s review  
20          process for DNADs, including timeframes for ap-  
21          proval and communication with industry; and

22               (4) describe any other matters the Under Sec-  
23          retary determines relevant for issuing DNADs for  
24          strategic and critical materials.

1 **SEC. 837. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**  
2 **ING INFORMATION ON THE SMALL UN-**  
3 **MANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM INDUSTRIAL**  
4 **BASE.**

5 Not more than 80 percent of the funds authorized  
6 to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available  
7 for fiscal year 2027 and available to the Defense Autono-  
8 mous Warfare Group, and not more than 95 percent of  
9 the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made  
10 available for fiscal year 2027 for operation and mainte-  
11 nance, defense-wide, for the Office of the Secretary of De-  
12 fense for travel expenses, may be obligated or expended  
13 until—

14 (1) the report required under section 914(e)(1)  
15 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
16 Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 4811  
17 note) is submitted to the congressional defense com-  
18 mittees; and

19 (2) the report required under section 162(c) of  
20 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
21 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 4871  
22 note) is submitted to the Committees on Armed  
23 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
24 tives.

1 **SEC. 838. ENERGETICS INDUSTRIAL BASE ROADMAP.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2027, the  
3 Director of the Joint Energetics Transition Office, in co-  
4 ordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for In-  
5 dustrial Base Policy and the Secretaries of the military  
6 departments, shall submit to the congressional defense  
7 committees a roadmap for the future desired state for the  
8 energetics industrial base.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—The roadmap under subsection (a)  
10 shall include the following elements:

11 (1) An assessment of the capacity and capa-  
12 bility of the energetics industrial base to support the  
13 demands of existing munitions programs of record.

14 (2) An assessment of the capacity and capa-  
15 bility of the energetics industrial base to support  
16 planned future demands of munitions programs.

17 (3) Identification of current and potential  
18 shortfalls in common precursors and chemicals for  
19 energetic materials.

20 (4) An assessment of emerging technologies or  
21 manufacturing processes that would support the  
22 modernization or evolution of the energetics indus-  
23 trial base.

24 (5) A description of United States Government  
25 funding to date for the energetics industrial base,  
26 whether through programs of record or through De-

1        fense Production Act (DPA) or Industrial Base  
2        Analysis and Sustainment (IBAS) programs, broken  
3        out by fiscal year and purpose.

4        (c) **ENERGETIC MATERIALS DEFINED.**—In this sec-  
5        tion, the term “energetic materials” means critical chemi-  
6        cals and formulations that—

7                (1) release large amounts of stored chemical en-  
8        ergy; and

9                (2) are capable of being used as explosives, pro-  
10        pellants, pyrotechnics, and reactive materials that—

11                (A) create lethal effects in warheads in ki-  
12        netic weapons components and systems; or

13                (B) increase propellant performance in a  
14        weapon propulsion system as related to lethal  
15        effects, range, or speed.

16        **SEC. 839. SUPPLY CHAIN, CAPABILITY, AND CAPACITY**  
17                **STUDY OF HIGH-DEMAND ITEMS IN THE TEX-**  
18                **TILE INDUSTRIAL BASE.**

19        (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall  
20        contract with a federally funded research and development  
21        center to conduct a detailed assessment of the textile in-  
22        dustrial base providing uniform items to the military serv-  
23        ices. The review shall include—

1           (1) a description of coordination between indus-  
2           try and the military services to understand shortfalls  
3           in the textile industrial base over the last five years;

4           (2) a description of the ability of the military  
5           services to provide annual or long-term data for in-  
6           creased stability in long-term contracting for textile  
7           manufacturing;

8           (3) any requested domestic non-availability de-  
9           terminations made to the Defense Logistics Agency  
10          or the services and the rationale for the absence of  
11          available domestic options;

12          (4) a review of Defense Logistics Agency con-  
13          tracting processes, including the ability to provide  
14          industry with long-term demand, Berry amendment  
15          compliance, and responsiveness to the needs of the  
16          military services;

17          (5) an assessment of the supply chains of all  
18          Berry-compliant textiles and footwear options, in-  
19          cluding current challenges, potential for surge capac-  
20          ity, any investments in capital expenditures in the  
21          last 10 years, data on sales over the last 10 years,  
22          quality assurance procedures, testing, and qualifica-  
23          tion procedures;

24          (6) a review of the military services specifica-  
25          tions for textiles and footwear, including where spec-

1       ifications are the limiting factor to higher quality  
2       items or if changes in specification can improve  
3       manufacturing timelines;

4           (7) a review of any allied or Trade Agreement  
5       Act-compliant partnerships that could be expanded  
6       to improve supply chain resilience;

7           (8) an assessment of the efficacy of the invest-  
8       ments made under the automated textile manufac-  
9       turing program under the Industrial Base Analysis  
10      and Sustainment program, including any improve-  
11      ments or best practices that could be implemented;

12          (9) an assessment of the importance of having  
13      multiple supply lines in the textile industrial base  
14      and the consequences of single points of failure; and

15          (10) any other matters determined to be rel-  
16      evant to the review.

17      (b) DEADLINES.—

18          (1) FINAL ASSESSMENT.—Not later than Sep-  
19      tember 30, 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-  
20      mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
21      Senate and the House of Representatives the final  
22      review required under subsection (a).

23          (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than May 1, 2027,  
24      the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Com-  
25      mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the

1 House of Representatives a briefing with an initial  
2 review of the scope of the assessment required under  
3 subsection (a).

4 (c) **AUTHORITY TO USE RELEVANT SUPPLY CHAIN**  
5 **TECHNOLOGIES.**—The federally funded research and de-  
6 velopment center conducting the review under subsection  
7 (a) may utilize any relevant supply chain technologies for  
8 in-depth review of the textile industrial base.

9 **SEC. 840. PILOT PROGRAM ON PROVIDING SUBSIDIES FOR**  
10 **COMBAT BOOTS.**

11 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than June 1, 2027, the  
12 Secretary of the Army shall establish and implement a  
13 pilot program to provide subsidies for the cost of certain  
14 combat boots to members of the Army that receive a uni-  
15 form allowance.

16 (b) **SUBSIDY.**—

17 (1) **PAYMENT OF SUBSIDY.**—Under the pilot  
18 program required by subsection (a), the Secretary  
19 shall establish a subsidy for an eligible member for  
20 the purchase of combat boots that comply with the  
21 requirements of section 4862 of title 10, United  
22 States Code, in an amount that is equal to 30 per-  
23 cent of the price of such boots.

24 (2) **USE OF SUBSIDY.**—A member who receives  
25 the subsidy under paragraph (1) shall use the sub-

1       sidy to purchase from the Army and Air Force Ex-  
2       change Service not more than one pair of combat  
3       boots that comply with the requirements of section  
4       4862 of title 10, United States Code.

5       (c) ROLE OF EXCHANGE STORES.—

6           (1) SELECTION OF LOCATIONS.—The Secretary  
7       shall select three military installations at which ex-  
8       change stores operated by the Army and Air Force  
9       Exchange Service are located to carry out the pilot  
10      program required by subsection (a).

11          (2) PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO ARMY AND  
12      AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE.—The Secretary  
13      shall provide information on eligible members to the  
14      exchange stores at the installations selected under  
15      paragraph (1).

16          (3) NOTICE; IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary  
17      shall—

18           (A) in collaboration with the exchange  
19      stores at the installations selected under para-  
20      graph (1), provide appropriate notice to eligible  
21      members with respect to the subsidy under sub-  
22      section (b); and

23           (B) under the authority provided by sec-  
24      tion 2491 of title 10, United States Code, reim-  
25      burse each such store for—



1 (i) the cost of the subsidies under sub-  
2 section (b) provided by the store; and

3 (ii) any incidental marketing costs as-  
4 sociated with the pilot program required by  
5 subsection (a) incurred by the store.

6 (4) DATA COLLECTION.—

7 (A) COLLECTION BY SECRETARY.—The  
8 Secretary shall collect data on—

9 (i) the total population of eligible  
10 members; and

11 (ii) the overall cost of providing the  
12 subsidy under subsection (b).

13 (B) COLLECTION BY EXCHANGE  
14 STORES.—The Secretary shall collect data from  
15 the exchange stores at the installations selected  
16 under paragraph (1) on—

17 (i) the rates of use of the subsidy  
18 under subsection (b) on a quarterly and  
19 annual basis; and

20 (ii) which combat boots are being pur-  
21 chased with the subsidy.

22 (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program required by  
23 subsection (a) shall terminate on December 31, 2029.

24 (e) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

1           (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than March  
2       1, 2027, the Secretary of the Army shall brief the  
3       Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
4       the House of Representatives on—

5           (A) a plan to establish and implement the  
6       pilot program required by subsection (a); and

7           (B) the three military installations selected  
8       under subsection (c)(1) to carry out the pilot  
9       program.

10       (2) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one  
11      year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
12      annually thereafter until the termination under sub-  
13      section (d) of the pilot program required by sub-  
14      section (a), the Secretary shall brief the Committees  
15      on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of  
16      Representative on—

17           (A) the use of the subsidy provided under  
18      subsection (b); and

19           (B) the data collected under subsection  
20      (c)(4).

21      (f) ELIGIBLE MEMBER DEFINED.—The term “eligi-  
22      ble member” means a member of the Army authorized to  
23      receive a cash clothing replacement allowance under chap-  
24      ter 29 of volume 7A of the Department of Defense Finan-  
25      cial Management Regulation.

1 **SEC. 841. CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAM FOR THE TEXTILE IN-**  
2 **DUSTRIAL BASE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1, 2027, the  
4 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries  
5 of the military departments, shall institute a cross-func-  
6 tional team on the textile industrial base to improve supply  
7 chain stability and resiliency. The cross-functional team  
8 shall meet not less than quarterly.

9 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The cross-functional team shall  
10 include representatives from—

- 11 (1) each military service;  
12 (2) the Defense Logistics Agency; and  
13 (3) the Office of the Secretary of Defense for  
14 Industrial Base Policy.

15 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The cross-functional team  
16 instituted under subsection (a) shall map the textile indus-  
17 trial base for the service specific requirements and deter-  
18 mine which, if any, resiliency measures need to be taken.

19 (d) COMPETITIVE PILOT PROGRAM.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,  
21 2028, the cross-functional team shall establish a  
22 competitive pilot program to revitalize supply chains  
23 in the domestic textile industrial base.

24 (2) COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION.—The program  
25 established under paragraph (1) shall establish com-

1       petitive solicitation for industrial base analysis and  
2       sustainment funding to encourage—

3               (A) surge capacity as required by supply  
4       chain mapping;

5               (B) modernization of relevant textile indus-  
6       trial facilities for vertical integration or flexible  
7       manufacturing;

8               (C) expansion and qualification of second  
9       or alternative sources of supply where single  
10      points of failure exist in the industrial base;

11              (D) prioritization of urgent service uniform  
12      requirements; and

13              (E) expansion of competition to ensure  
14      higher quality products and improved pricing.

15       (3) BRIEFING.—The Office of the Secretary of  
16      Defense for Industrial Base Policy, in coordination  
17      with the members of the cross-functional team insti-  
18      tuted under subsection (a), shall brief the congres-  
19      sional defense committees—

20              (A) not later than 60 days after initial  
21      stand up of the cross-functional team, on mem-  
22      bership, meeting schedule, and priorities;

23              (B) not later than 90 days after the com-  
24      pletion of initial supply chain mapping, on sin-  
25      gle points of failure, opportunities for surge ca-

1           capacity, and concerns regarding foreign invest-  
2           ment or influence; and

3           (C) annually, on the resources required to  
4           create competition and supply chain resiliency  
5           necessary in the competitive pilot program,  
6           progress made on supply chain mapping, and  
7           any other matters relevant to the cross-func-  
8           tional team.

9   **SEC. 842. ASSESSING AND ADDRESSING RISK RELATED TO**  
10           **ADVERSARIAL CAPITAL.**

11       (a) DESIGNATION.—Not later than March 1, 2027,  
12 the Secretary of Defense shall designate, within the As-  
13 sistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy,  
14 an office with primary responsibility for identifying, as-  
15 sessing, monitoring, and mitigating risks related to adver-  
16 sarial capital in the defense industrial base and broader  
17 defense innovation base. The Secretary shall ensure the  
18 office assigned is responsible for carrying out the following  
19 functions:

20           (1) COLLABORATION TO IDENTIFY AND MITI-  
21       GATE RISKS OF ADVERSARIAL CAPITAL.—The fol-  
22       lowing activities related to collaborating to identify  
23       and mitigate risks of adversarial capital:

24           (A) Promoting robust collaboration across  
25       the Department of Defense, other Federal

1 agencies, industry, and academia by coordi-  
2 nating, deconflicting, and synchronizing, adver-  
3 sarial capital risk management activities, in-  
4 cluding mitigations.

5 (B) Promulgating and enforcing Depart-  
6 ment-wide policy related to the monitoring and  
7 assessment of adversarial capital in the defense  
8 industrial base ecosystem, including the devel-  
9 opment of risk matrices to support decision  
10 making.

11 (C) Facilitating timely sharing of threat  
12 information, vulnerability assessments, and risk  
13 indicators with covered defense industrial base  
14 entities.

15 (D) Establishing cooperative research and  
16 development agreements to support joint sup-  
17 plier mapping and mitigation research.

18 (E) Working through the Office of Stra-  
19 tegic Capital and service and component acqui-  
20 sition executives to provide targeted support to  
21 small and medium-sized defense industrial base  
22 entities in implementing effective supply chain  
23 risk management measures.

1           (2) ADVERSARIAL CAPITAL IDENTIFICATION.—

2           The following activities related adversarial capital  
3           identification:

4                   (A) Mapping adversarial capital flows for  
5                   mission-critical weapons systems, technologies,  
6                   and materials.

7                   (B) Identifying and monitoring depend-  
8                   encies on foreign adversaries across the defense  
9                   industrial base by identifying foreign adversary-  
10                  controlled nodes, single points of failure, and  
11                  critical chokepoints and tactics, techniques, and  
12                  procedures.

13                  (C) Providing specific recommendations to  
14                  Secretary of Defense on actions or policies nec-  
15                  essary to reduce adversarial capital flows for  
16                  mission-critical weapons systems, technologies,  
17                  and materials.

18           (3) DATA SHARING AND PROTECTION PATH-  
19           WAYS.—The following activities related to data shar-  
20           ing and protection pathways:

21                   (A) Working with industry to develop clear  
22                   legal, contractual, and technical procedures to  
23                   support and enable contractor disclosures of  
24                   sub-tier sourcing and beneficial ownership data  
25                   relevant to national security.

1 (B) Protecting this data ensuring appro-  
2 priate liability protections for contractors mak-  
3 ing good-faith disclosures.

4 (C) Implementing a voluntary risk-sharing  
5 framework, modeled on the protections provided  
6 under section 104 of the Cybersecurity Infor-  
7 mation Sharing Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1503),  
8 under which industry partners may share sup-  
9 plier risk information and receive validated risk  
10 assessments in return, with safeguards for pro-  
11 prietary data.

12 (4) ECONOMIC SECURITY RISK ASSURANCE CA-  
13 PABILITY.—The establishment, not later than Janu-  
14 ary 1, 2028, and maintenance of a capability to be  
15 known as the “Economic Security Risk Assurance”  
16 capability, which shall—

17 (A) consolidate and analyze information re-  
18 lated to adversarial capital flows, materials,  
19 supplier identifiers, sourcing data, program-  
20 supplier linkages, and other information as de-  
21 termined by the office, including the synthesis  
22 of commercially available information and,  
23 where appropriate, classified information;



1           (B) develop intelligence reporting and col-  
2           lection requirements for the defense intelligence  
3           community;

4           (C) support analysis of entities to deter-  
5           mine when tactics are used to obfuscate the  
6           ownership relationships to hide adversarial cap-  
7           ital flows;

8           (D) provide risk visualization;

9           (E) enable federated access by authorized  
10          program offices and acquisition decision au-  
11          thorities, and supply chain illumination pro-  
12          grams across the Department; and

13          (F) enable the office to better perform the  
14          responsibilities outlines in paragraphs (1)  
15          through (3) of this section.

16          (5) AUTOMATED RISK MANAGEMENT.—The fol-  
17          lowing activities related to automated risk manage-  
18          ment:

19                (A) Implementing and maintaining contin-  
20                uous automated monitoring for changes in cor-  
21                porate control, beneficial ownership, geographic  
22                sourcing, and supply chain structure.

23                (B) Issuing automated alerts to con-  
24                tracting authorities, program leadership, and

1 affected industry upon detection of significant  
2 risk indicators.

3 (C) Applying corroboration protocols re-  
4 quiring validation of significant risk findings  
5 across not fewer than two independent data  
6 sources before forming the basis for risk-tier  
7 elevation, mitigation action, or referral to ap-  
8 propriate law enforcement or regulatory au-  
9 thorities.

10 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

11 (1) INITIAL ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary  
12 shall provide the congressional defense committees  
13 notification of the designation of office with primary  
14 responsibility in accordance with subsection (a) and  
15 the establishment of the Economic Security Risk As-  
16 surance tool in accordance with subsection (a)(4).

17 (2) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Beginning on Decem-  
18 ber 1, 2027, and each year after for the next three  
19 years, the Secretary shall provide the congressional  
20 defense committees an annual report on activities,  
21 analysis, and findings of the office with primary re-  
22 sponsibility for assessing and mitigating risks re-  
23 lated to adversarial capital. The report may be pro-  
24 vided in classified form and may include any rec-  
25 ommendations the Secretary may have to reduce or

1 further mitigate risks related to adversarial capital  
2 in the defense industrial base and broader defense  
3 innovation base.

4 **SEC. 843. MODIFICATIONS TO REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC**  
5 **REPORTING OF CHINESE MILITARY COMPA-**  
6 **NIES OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES.**

7 Section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry  
8 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
9 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “, based on  
11 the most recent information available,”;

12 (2) in subsection (b)—

13 (A) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking  
14 “based on the latest information available”; and

15 (B) by striking paragraph (4);

16 (3) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-  
17 lows:

18 “(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
19 prescribe regulations to implement this section.”; and

20 (4) in subsection (g)—

21 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3),  
22 (4), and (5) as paragraphs (4), (11), (16), and  
23 (20), respectively;

24 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
25 following new paragraphs:

1           “(2) ASSISTANCE.—The term ‘assistance’  
2 means the provision of any benefit, including mone-  
3 tary compensation in the form of grants, loans, sub-  
4 sidies, tax benefits, real property, tangible or intan-  
5 gible property, discounts, employees, sponsored re-  
6 search, or any other preferential treatment.

7           “(3) ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘association’  
8 means a group of two or more entities connected for  
9 a common interest.”;

10           (C) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by  
11 subparagraph (A), by amending subparagraph  
12 (C) to read as follows:

13           “(C) includes a wholly owned or wholly  
14 controlled subsidiary or wholly owned or wholly  
15 controlled affiliate of a parent entity or an enti-  
16 ty described in subparagraph (B).”;

17           (D) by inserting after paragraph (4), as so  
18 redesignated, the following new paragraphs:

19           “(5) CONTRIBUTOR TO CHINESE DEFENSE IN-  
20 DUSTRIAL BASE.—The term ‘contributor to the Chi-  
21 nese defense industrial base’—

22           “(A) means an entity that manufactures,  
23 produces, exports, or provides materials, prod-  
24 ucts, or services that—

1 “(i) can supply, service, or expand  
2 China’s military-civil fusion strategy; or

3 “(ii) could be used for military or de-  
4 fense purposes by—

5 “(I) Chinese military and para-  
6 military elements, security forces, po-  
7 lice, law enforcement, border control,  
8 the People’s Armed Police, or the  
9 Ministry of State Security; or

10 “(II) any other organization sub-  
11 ordinate to the Central Military Com-  
12 mission of the Chinese Communist  
13 Party, the Chinese Ministry of Indus-  
14 try and Information Technology, the  
15 State-Owned Assets Supervision and  
16 Administration Commission of the  
17 State Council, or the State Adminis-  
18 tration of Science, Technology, and  
19 Industry for National Defense; and

20 “(B) may include manufacturing, pro-  
21 ducing, exporting, or providing materials, prod-  
22 ucts, or services that have a substantial military  
23 application, even if—

24 “(i) the particular technology, prod-  
25 uct, or service is not directly supplied to or

1                   used by an entity described in subclause  
2                   (I) or (II) of subparagraph (A)(ii); and  
3                   “(ii) the particular technology, prod-  
4                   uct, or service also has commercial uses.

5                   “(6) DIRECTLY CONTROLLED BY.—The term  
6                   ‘directly controlled by’, with respect to an entity,  
7                   means that another entity exercises power over, in-  
8                   fluences, manages, or guides the business decisions  
9                   or operations of the entity.

10                  “(7) FORMAL ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘formal  
11                  association’ includes established or recognized rela-  
12                  tionships between entities, such as joint ventures,  
13                  standardization or working groups, task forces, con-  
14                  sortiums, or partnerships and projects.

15                  “(8) INDIRECTLY CONTROLLED BY.—The term  
16                  ‘indirectly controlled by’, with respect to an entity,  
17                  means that another entity exercises power, influence,  
18                  management, or guidance over the business decisions  
19                  or operations of the entity through an intermediate  
20                  entity, subsidiary, or affiliate entity.

21                  “(9) INDIRECTLY OWNED BY.—The term ‘indi-  
22                  rectly owned by’, with respect to an entity, means  
23                  ownership of the entity achieved through investment  
24                  in, or the purchase of shares or economic or voting

rights in, the entity through an intermediate entity,  
subsidiary, or affiliate entity, without regard to—

“(A) the percentage of ownership or number of shares owned; or

“(B) whether such ownership results in control of the entity.

“(10) INFORMAL ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘informal association’ means a lesser recognized, short-term relationship between entities, such as participation in exhibitions, competitions, or joint demonstrations.”;

(E) in paragraph (11), as redesignated by subparagraph (A)—

(i) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (H) as subparagraphs (C) through (I), respectively; and

(ii) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following new paragraphs:

“(A) Entities knowingly receiving assistance or that knowingly received assistance from the Government of China or the Chinese Communist Party through science, technology, research, and industrial efforts that may constitute efforts initiated, granted, or created by, provided under, or related to, the Chinese mili-

tary industrial planning apparatus, or in furtherance of Chinese military industrial planning objectives. ‘Single Champion’ or ‘Little Giant’ designations associated with Chinese industrial planning, or any other successor selection or designation as an enterprise associated with Chinese industrial planning, may constitute knowing receipt of assistance through science, technology, research, and industrial efforts initiated, granted, or created by, provided under, or related to, the Chinese military industrial planning apparatus or in furtherance of Chinese military industrial planning objectives or military-civil fusion efforts.

“(B) Entities that knowingly contract with, or provide services or components to (including as lower tier suppliers and subcontractors)—

“(i) the People’s Liberation Army, Chinese military and paramilitary elements, security forces, police, law enforcement, border control, the People’s Armed Police, or the Ministry of State Security; or



1 “(ii) any other organization subordi-  
 2 nate to the Central Military Commission of  
 3 the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese  
 4 Ministry of Industry and Information  
 5 Technology, the State-Owned Assets Su-  
 6 pervision and Administration Commission  
 7 of the State Council, or the State Adminis-  
 8 tration of Science, Technology, and Indus-  
 9 try for National Defense.”;

10 (F) by inserting after paragraph (11), as  
 11 so redesignated, the following new paragraphs:

12 “(12) MILITARY-CIVIL FUSION ENTERPRISE  
 13 ZONE.—The term ‘military-civil fusion enterprise  
 14 zone’ means a section of territory established by the  
 15 Government of China for the purpose of advancing  
 16 China’s policy of military-civil fusion through eco-  
 17 nomic activity.

18 “(13) MILITARY EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT  
 19 PLATFORM.—The term ‘military equipment procure-  
 20 ment platform’ means a digital marketplace that ad-  
 21 vertises or sells equipment, supplies, or services to  
 22 the military or military suppliers and that are ulti-  
 23 mately used by the Chinese military or the Chinese  
 24 defense industrial base, without regard to whether

1 the platform is established, sponsored, or run by a  
2 private entity or the Government of China.

3 “(14) MILITARY INDUSTRIAL PLANNING APPA-  
4 RATUS.—The term ‘military industrial planning ap-  
5 paratus’ means efforts or policies initiated by the  
6 Government of China to expand the Chinese defense  
7 industrial base, including military-civil fusion inte-  
8 gration of dual-use products, technologies, or serv-  
9 ices.

10 “(15) MILITARY INDUSTRIAL PLANNING OBJEC-  
11 TIVE.—The term ‘military industrial planning objec-  
12 tive’ means a line of effort (such as a plan, mission,  
13 or goal) outlined by the Government of China to ex-  
14 pand the Chinese defense industrial base, including  
15 by integrating dual-use products, technologies, or  
16 services into military equipment, programs, or sys-  
17 tems.”; and

18 (G) by inserting after paragraph (16), as  
19 redesignated by subparagraph (A), the following  
20 new paragraphs:

21 “(17) OPERATIONAL DIRECTION; POLICY GUID-  
22 ANCE.—The terms ‘operational direction’ and ‘policy  
23 guidance’ mean instructions, decisions, proposals,  
24 plans, guidance, or requirements on how an entity  
25 should conduct operations.

1           “(18) OWNED BY.—The term ‘owned by’, with  
 2           respect to an entity, mean ownership of the entity  
 3           achieved through investment in, or the purchase of  
 4           shares or economic or voting rights in, the entity,  
 5           without regard to—

6                   “(A) the percentage of ownership or num-  
 7                   ber of shares owned; or

8                   “(B) whether such ownership results in  
 9                   control of the entity.

10           “(19) PARENT ENTITY.—The term ‘parent enti-  
 11           ty’, with respect to an entity, means another entity  
 12           that directly or indirectly holds at least 50 percent  
 13           of the economic interest or at least 50 percent of the  
 14           voting interest in the entity.”.

15 **SEC. 844. AMENDMENTS TO REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING**  
 16 **TO PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS.**

17           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4873 of title 10, United  
 18           States Code, is amended—

19                   (1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “, copper  
 20                   clad laminate, copper foil, or glass” after “printed  
 21                   circuit board”; and

22                   (2) in subsection (c)—

23                           (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “that—  
 24                           ” and inserting “containing copper foil, copper

1 clad laminates, glass, or any other copper-con-  
 2 taining inputs that—”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
 4 paragraphs:

5 “(7) COPPER CLAD LAMINATE.— The term  
 6 ‘copper clad laminate’ means a composite material  
 7 consisting of copper foil bonded to a dielectric sub-  
 8 strate used in the manufacture of printed circuit  
 9 boards.

10 “(8) COPPER FOIL.—The term ‘copper foil’  
 11 means thin sheets of copper used as a conductive  
 12 layer in copper clad laminates or printed circuit  
 13 boards.

14 “(9) GLASS.—The term ‘glass’ means glass fi-  
 15 bers used as a dielectric in copper clad laminates or  
 16 printed circuit boards.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 18 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2029.

19 **SEC. 845. REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY**  
 20 **OF ESTABLISHING A STRATEGIC PARTNER-**  
 21 **SHIP ON DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL PRIORITIES**  
 22 **BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later March 30, 2027, the  
 24 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on  
 25 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-

1 atives a report with a plan for the establishment of a part-  
2 nership between the Department of Defense and appro-  
3 priate counterparts of the Government of Israel in order—

4 (1) to enhance market opportunities for United  
5 States-based and Israeli-based defense technology  
6 companies;

7 (2) to increase interoperability through dual-use  
8 and emerging technologies;

9 (3) to counter adversarial development of dual-  
10 use defense technologies; and

11 (4) in coordination with appropriate counter-  
12 part offices of the Israeli Ministry of Defense—

13 (A) to enable coordination on defense in-  
14 dustrial priorities and set tangible goals for in-  
15 dustrial base participation by both nations;

16 (B) to highlight partnering opportunities  
17 for programs in both nations, and to help navi-  
18 gate country-specific acquisition regulations for  
19 partners unfamiliar with the regulatory environ-  
20 ment of the other;

21 (C) to streamline emerging defense tech-  
22 nology research and development;

23 (D) to create more effective pathways to  
24 market for defense technology startups that  
25 allow increased participation in industrial part-

1           ners from each nation in the industrial bases of  
2           the other;

3           (E) to collaborate on the development of  
4           dual-use defense capabilities through coordina-  
5           tion; and

6           (F) to leverage other private capital, equity  
7           on venture funding opportunities to augment  
8           government funds for technology deployment or  
9           scaling;

10          (5) to create programs that incentivize defense  
11         technology companies from both nations to address  
12         defense priorities outside of the Middle East; and

13          (6) to explore innovative mentor-protégé ar-  
14         rangements that partner companies from each na-  
15         tion to help navigate the acquisition regulatory envi-  
16         ronment of each nation.

17         (b) FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT.—The report required  
18         under subsection (a) shall include an assessment of the  
19         feasibility of implementing the plan.

20         (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the sub-  
21         mission of the report required under subsection (a), the  
22         Secretary of Defense shall brief the Committees on Armed  
23         Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
24         on the report's recommendations on feasibility of a part-  
25         nership on defense industrial base priorities.

1 **SEC. 846. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CHINESE-MANU-**  
2 **FACTURED OPTICAL FIBER BY THE DEPART-**  
3 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may  
5 not procure, obtain, or use optical fiber and optical fiber  
6 cable that are produced, manufactured, or assembled by  
7 an entity that is owned by, controlled by, or subject to  
8 the jurisdiction or direction of the People’s Republic of  
9 China for use in Department of Defense information net-  
10 works or communications systems.

11 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This section applies to—

12 (1) the Department of Defense; and

13 (2) any contractor or subcontractor at any tier  
14 that procures or uses covered optical fiber in the  
15 performance of a contract with the Department of  
16 Defense.

17 (c) COVERED OPTICAL FIBER DEFINED.—In this  
18 section, the term “covered optical fiber” means single-  
19 mode or multi-mode optical fiber and optical fiber cable.

20 (d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days  
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
22 of Defense shall amend the Defense Federal Acquisition  
23 Regulation Supplement to require contractor certification  
24 and supply-chain disclosure with respect to covered optical  
25 fiber.

26 (e) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
2           may grant a waiver to the prohibition under sub-  
3           section (a) on a case-by-case basis if the Secretary  
4           determines that—

5                   (A) the waiver is necessary for the national  
6                   security interests of the United States; and

7                   (B) no practicable alternative exists from a  
8                   source not described in subsection (a).

9           (2) LIMITATION.—A waiver granted under this  
10          subsection shall be time limited and scoped to the  
11          minimum extent necessary.

12          (3) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after  
13          granting a waiver, the Secretary shall submit written  
14          notice to the congressional defense committees de-  
15          scribing—

16                   (A) the justification for the waiver;

17                   (B) the duration and scope of the waiver;

18                   and

19                   (C) the plan to transition to compliant ma-  
20                   terials.

21          (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to  
22          contracts awarded on or after October 1 of the first fiscal  
23          year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.



1 **SEC. 847. PROMOTING THE UNITED STATES DRONE INDUS-**  
2 **TRIAL BASE.**

3 Section 848(a)(1) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
4 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10  
5 USC 4871 note) is amended—

6 (1) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as  
7 follows:

8 “(B) uses flight controllers, radios, com-  
9 munication devices, navigation systems, data  
10 transmission devices, cameras and sensors, or  
11 gimbals manufactured in a covered foreign  
12 country or by an entity domiciled in a covered  
13 foreign country;”;

14 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and  
15 (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively;

16 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
17 lowing new subparagraph:

18 “(C) uses batteries, battery cells, battery  
19 management systems, motors, or electronic  
20 speed controllers developed in a covered foreign  
21 country or by an entity domiciled in a covered  
22 foreign country;”;

23 (4) in subparagraph (D), as so redesignated, by  
24 striking “; or” and inserting a semicolon; and

25 (5) by inserting after subparagraph (E), as so  
26 redesignated, the following new subparagraph:

“(F) beginning one year after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph, uses any subcomponents or raw materials, as part of a component listed in subsections (B) through (E) of this section, sourced from, processed in, or manufactured in a covered foreign country or by an entity domiciled in a covered foreign country; or”.

**SEC. 848. PILOT PROGRAM FOR DOMESTIC ANTIMONY AND  
COPPER PRODUCTION FOR DEFENSE APPLI-  
CATIONS.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pilot program to support the recovery of antimony and copper as byproducts of mineral production in the United States.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The pilot program required by subsection (a) shall include methods—

(1) to evaluate multiple processes and techniques for recovery of antimony and copper as byproducts of mineral production;

(2) to develop process design plans necessary for scaling recovery of antimony and copper to demonstration-level production;

1           (3) to generate sample material for independent  
2       testing to verify suitability for defense applications;  
3       and

4           (4) to produce qualified antimony material that  
5       meets specifications provided by the Defense Logis-  
6       tics Agency.

7       (c) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may  
8       enter into contracts, cooperative agreements, or other  
9       transactions with appropriate entities to implement the  
10      pilot program required by subsection (a).

11      (d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program required by  
12      subsection (a) shall terminate not later than five years  
13      after the date of the enactment of this Act.

14      (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
16      after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
17      nually thereafter for the next four years, the Sec-  
18      retary shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
19      mittees a report on the status and findings of the  
20      pilot program required by subsection (a).

21           (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-  
22      graph (1) shall include—

23           (A) a summary of the progress made  
24      under the pilot program required by subsection

(a) with respect to recovery and processing of antimony and copper;

(B) technical and economic assessments with respect to such recovery; and

(C) recommendations for expanding domestic antimony and copper production and reducing dependency on foreign sources of antimony and copper.

**SEC. 849. FULL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CHINESE MILITARY COMPANIES.**

Section 1260H of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “, based on the most recent information available, is operating directly or indirectly in the United States or any of its territories and possessions,”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2030” and inserting “2035”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (4);

(3) by amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations to implement this section.”; and

1 (4) in subsection (g)—

2 (A) by amending paragraph (2)(C) to read  
3 as follows:

4 “(C) includes a majority-owned or major-  
5 ity-controlled subsidiary or majority-owned or  
6 majority-controlled affiliate of a parent entity  
7 or an entity described in subparagraph (B);”;  
8 and

9 (B) in paragraph (3)—

10 (i) by amending subparagraph (A) to  
11 read as follows:

12 “(A) Entities knowingly receiving assist-  
13 ance or that knowingly received assistance from  
14 the Government of China or the Chinese Com-  
15 munist Party through science, technology, re-  
16 search, and industrial efforts that may con-  
17 stitute efforts initiated, granted, or created by,  
18 or provided under, or related to, the Chinese  
19 military industrial planning apparatus, or in  
20 furtherance of Chinese military industrial plan-  
21 ning objectives. ‘Single Champion’ or ‘Little  
22 Giant’ designations associated with Chinese in-  
23 dustrial planning, or any other successor selec-  
24 tion or designation as an enterprise associated  
25 with Chinese industrial planning, may con-

stitute knowing receipt of assistance through science, technology, research, and industrial efforts initiated, granted, or created by, or provided under, or related to, the Chinese military industrial planning apparatus, or in furtherance of Chinese military industrial planning objectives or military-civil fusion efforts.”;

(ii) by redesignating subparagraph (H) as subparagraph (J);

(iii) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (G) as subparagraphs (C) through (H);

(iv) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

“(B) Entities that knowingly contract with, or provide services or components, which can include lower tier suppliers and subcontractors, to the People’s Liberation Army, Chinese military and paramilitary elements, security forces, police, law enforcement, border control, the People’s Armed Police, the Ministry of State Security, or any other organization subordinate to the Central Military Commission of the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese Ministry of Industry and Information Tech-

nology, the State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council, or the State Administration of Science, Technology, and Industry for National Defense.”; and

(v) by inserting after subparagraph (H), as redesignated by clause (ii), the following new subparagraph:

“(I) Majority-owned or majority-controlled subsidiaries or majority-owned or majority-controlled affiliates of entities described in subparagraphs (A) through (G).”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(6) ASSISTANCE.—The term ‘assistance’ means benefits from the Government of China, including monetary compensation in the form of grants, loans, subsidies, tax benefits, real property, tangible or intangible property, discounts, employees, sponsored research, or any other preferential treatment.

“(7) ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘association’ means a group of two or more entities connected for a common interest.

1           “(8) CONTRIBUTOR TO CHINESE DEFENSE IN-  
2       DUSTRIAL BASE.—The term ‘contributor to the Chi-  
3       nese defense industrial base’—

4           “(A) means an entity that manufactures,  
5       produces, exports, or provides materials, prod-  
6       ucts, or services that can supply, service, or ex-  
7       pand China’s military-civil fusion strategy or  
8       that could be used by Chinese military and  
9       paramilitary elements, security forces, police,  
10      law enforcement, border control, the People’s  
11      Armed Police, the Ministry of State Security, or  
12      any other organization subordinate to the Cen-  
13      tral Military Commission of the Chinese Com-  
14      munist Party, the Chinese Ministry of Industry  
15      and Information Technology, the State-Owned  
16      Assets Supervision and Administration Commis-  
17      sion of the State Council, or the State Adminis-  
18      tration of Science, Technology, and Industry for  
19      National Defense for military or defense pur-  
20      poses; and

21          “(B) includes manufacturing, producing,  
22      exporting, or providing materials, products, or  
23      services that have a substantial military appli-  
24      cation, even if the particular technology, prod-  
25      uct, or service is not directly supplied to or used



1           by the Chinese military or defense and even if  
2           the particular technology, product, or service  
3           also has commercial uses.

4           “(9) DIRECTLY CONTROLLED BY.—The term  
5           ‘directly controlled by’ means exercising power over,  
6           influencing, managing, or guiding an entity’s busi-  
7           ness decisions or operations.

8           “(10) FORMAL ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘for-  
9           mal association’ includes established or recognized  
10          relationships, such as joint ventures, standardization  
11          or working groups, task forces, consortiums, or part-  
12          nerships and projects with an entity identified in  
13          subsection (b)(1).

14          “(11) INDIRECTLY CONTROLLED BY.—The  
15          term ‘indirectly controlled by’ means power, influ-  
16          ence, management, or guidance of an entity’s busi-  
17          ness decisions or operations through an intermediate  
18          entity, subsidiary, or affiliate entity.

19          “(12) INDIRECTLY OWNED BY.—The term ‘in-  
20          directly owned by’ means ownership achieved  
21          through investment in, or the purchase of, shares or  
22          economic or voting rights of an entity through an in-  
23          termediate entity, subsidiary, or affiliate entity, re-  
24          gardless of the percentage of ownership or number  
25          of shares owned. Indirect ownership by any entity

1 identified in subsection (b)(1) does not require that  
2 such entity hold control of another entity through its  
3 ownership.

4 “(13) INFORMAL ASSOCIATION.—The term ‘in-  
5 formal association’ means a lesser-recognized, short-  
6 term relationship, such as participation in exhibi-  
7 tions, competitions, or joint demonstrations with any  
8 entity identified in subsection (b)(1).

9 “(14) MILITARY-CIVIL FUSION ENTERPRISE  
10 ZONE.—The term ‘military-civil fusion enterprise  
11 zone’ means a section of territory established by the  
12 Government of China for the purpose of advancing  
13 China’s policy of military-civil fusion through eco-  
14 nomic activity.

15 “(15) MILITARY EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT  
16 PLATFORMS.—The term ‘military equipment pro-  
17 curement platforms’ means a digital marketplace  
18 that advertises or sells equipment, supplies, or serv-  
19 ices to the military or military suppliers. A digital  
20 marketplace can be established by, sponsored by, or  
21 run by private entities or the government of China  
22 to advertise and sell equipment, supplies, or services  
23 that are ultimately used by the Chinese military or  
24 the Chinese defense industrial base.

1           “(16) MILITARY INDUSTRIAL PLANNING APPA-  
2           RATUS.—The term ‘military industrial planning ap-  
3           paratus’ means efforts or policies initiated by the  
4           Chinese government to expand the Chinese defense  
5           industrial base, including military-civil fusion inte-  
6           gration of dual-use products, technologies, or serv-  
7           ices.

8           “(17) MILITARY INDUSTRIAL PLANNING OBJEC-  
9           TIVES.—The term ‘military industrial planning ob-  
10          jectives’ means lines of effort (such as plans, mis-  
11          sions, or goals) outlined by the Chinese government  
12          to expand the Chinese defense industrial base, in-  
13          cluding by integrating dual-use products, tech-  
14          nologies, or services into military equipment, pro-  
15          grams, or systems.

16          “(18) OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE; POLICY GUID-  
17          ANCE.—The terms ‘operational guidance’ and ‘policy  
18          guidance’ mean instructions, decisions, proposals,  
19          plans, guidance, or requirements on how an entity  
20          should conduct operations.

21          “(19) OWNED BY.—The term ‘owned by’ means  
22          ownership achieved through investment in, or the  
23          purchase of, shares or economic or voting rights in  
24          an entity, regardless of the percentage of ownership  
25          or number of shares owned. Ownership by any entity

1 identified in subsection (b)(1) does not require that  
 2 such entity hold control of another entity through its  
 3 ownership.

4 “(20) PARENT ENTITY.—The term ‘parent enti-  
 5 ty’ includes an entity that directly or indirectly holds  
 6 at least 50 percent of the economic interest or at  
 7 least 50 percent of the voting interest of an entity.”.

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

### 9 **SEC. 861. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MENTOR-PROTEGE** 10 **PROGRAM.**

11 Section 4902 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 12 amended—

13 (1) by striking “disadvantaged small business”  
 14 each place it appears and inserting “eligible small  
 15 business”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Defense  
 18 contracts and other contracts and sub-  
 19 contracts” and inserting “Defense contracts,  
 20 subcontracts, agreements, and sub-agree-  
 21 ments”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “sub-  
 23 contractors and suppliers” and inserting  
 24 “awardees, contractors, subcontractors, and  
 25 suppliers”;

1 (3) in subsection (d)(1)(B)(iii)(I)—

2 (A) by striking “Defense contracts” each  
3 places it appears and inserting “Defense con-  
4 tracts or agreements”; and

5 (B) by striking “the subcontracts” and in-  
6 serting “the subcontracts or sub-agreements”;

7 (4) in subsection (e)(1), by striking subpara-  
8 graph (B) and inserting the following new subpara-  
9 graph:

10 “(B) An agreement term for a period not  
11 to exceed five years.”;

12 (5) in subsection (f)(1)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;  
14 and” and inserting a semicolon;

15 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as  
16 subparagraph (D); and

17 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (B)  
18 the following new subparagraph:

19 “(C) security compliance matters, such as  
20 cybersecurity, export controls, and facility clear-  
21 ances; and”;

22 (6) in subsection (g)—

23 (A) by striking “Defense contract” each  
24 place it appears and inserting “Defense con-  
25 tract or agreement”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) by striking “unusual cir-  
3 cumstances” each place it appears and in-  
4 serting “mission needs”; and

5 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
6 “program participation” and all that fol-  
7 lows through the period and inserting  
8 “agreement term under the mentor-protege  
9 agreement.”;

10 (C) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking “con-  
11 cerns has declined” and inserting “concerns has  
12 declined in any relevant category of small busi-  
13 ness concern under the Small Business Act (15  
14 U.S.C. 631 et seq.)”;

15 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “would  
16 be a small business concern owned and con-  
17 trolled by socially and economically disadvan-  
18 taged individuals” and inserting “would qualify  
19 as a small business concern”;

20 (7) in subsection (k)—

21 (A) by striking paragraph (7) and insert-  
22 ing the following new paragraph:

23 “(7) any assistance obtained by the mentor  
24 firm for the protege firm from one or more—

1           “(A) business development, business out-  
2 reach, or assistance centers or networks for  
3 small business concerns established pursuant to  
4 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.);

5           “(B) entities providing procurement tech-  
6 nical assistance pursuant to chapter 388 of this  
7 title;

8           “(C) historically Black colleges or univer-  
9 sities, minority institutions of higher education,  
10 or other colleges, universities, or institutions of  
11 higher education, including innovation and eco-  
12 nomic development entities of such colleges,  
13 universities, or institutions;

14           “(D) entities providing manufacturing as-  
15 sistance pursuant to section 25 of the National  
16 Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15  
17 U.S.C. 278k(e)) or section 4841 of this title; or

18           “(E) entities providing research and devel-  
19 opment assistance pursuant to section 23 of the  
20 Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of  
21 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3715) or section 4124(f) of  
22 this title.”; and

23           (B) in paragraph (9), by striking “Defense  
24 contracts” and inserting “Defense contracts  
25 and agreements”; and

1 (8) in subsection (n)—

2 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2)  
3 through (9) as paragraphs (3) through (10), re-  
4 spectively;

5 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(2) Except when referring to a mentor-protege  
8 agreement entered into under subsection (e), the  
9 term ‘agreement’ means any cooperative agreement,  
10 grant, other transaction, prize, or other agreement  
11 related to acquisition or to assistance with research  
12 and development, production, or manufacturing.”;  
13 and

14 (C) in paragraph (3), as redesignated by  
15 subparagraph (A), by striking “its primary  
16 North American Industry Classification System  
17 code” and inserting “the North American In-  
18 dustry Classification System code pertinent to  
19 the objectives of the particular mentor-protege  
20 agreement”.

21 **SEC. 862. APEX ACCELERATOR FUNDING.**

22 Section 4955(a) of title 10, United States Code, is  
23 amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$1,500,000”  
25 and inserting “\$2,000,000”;



1           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$750,000”  
2           and inserting “\$1,000,000”; and  
3           (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “\$1,500,000”  
4           and inserting “\$2,000,000”.

5 **SEC. 863. TEST PROGRAM FOR NEGOTIATION OF COM-**  
6 **PREHENSIVE SMALL BUSINESS SUBCON-**  
7 **TRACTING PLANS.**

8           Section 834(e) of the National Defense Authorization  
9 Act for Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101–  
10 189; 15 U.S.C. 637 note) is amended by striking “Decem-  
11 ber 31, 2027” and inserting “December 31, 2037”.

12 **SEC. 864. APPLICATION OF THE BONA FIDE PLACE OF BUSI-**  
13 **NESS TO CERTAIN CONTRACTS.**

14           (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 8(a)(11)  
15 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(11)) and sec-  
16 tion 124.501(k) of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations,  
17 or any successor regulation, for purposes of a construction  
18 contract awarded by the Department of Defense under  
19 such section 8(a), such section 8(a)(11) shall be deemed  
20 satisfied if the Program Participant certifies to the Busi-  
21 ness Opportunity Specialist assigned to the Program Par-  
22 ticipant that the Program Participant will establish a  
23 staffed, physical office in the geographic area required  
24 under such section 124.501(k) not later than 60 days  
25 after the date of the contract award.

1 (b) SUNSET.—The authority under subsection (a)  
2 shall terminate on December 31, 2032.

3 (c) BRIEFING.—On an annual basis until the author-  
4 ity under subsection (a) terminates, the Secretary of De-  
5 fense shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the  
6 Senate and the House of Representatives on the use of  
7 the authority under subsection (a), which shall include—

8 (1) uses of the authority and in which geo-  
9 graphic location;

10 (2) data on the confirmation of the establish-  
11 ment of a physical office within 60 days, as required  
12 under subsection (a); and

13 (3) any other matters the Secretary of Defense  
14 determines relevant.

## 15 **Subtitle E—Other Matters**

### 16 **SEC. 871. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS RELATED TO NA-** 17 **TIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR** 18 **FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROVISIONS.**

19 (a) SECTION 805.—Section 805(e)(2)(A) of the Na-  
20 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026  
21 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 3771 note) is amended  
22 by striking “by the contractor for are commensurate” and  
23 inserting “by the contractor are commensurate”.

24 (b) FURTHER AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL DEFENSE  
25 AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.—The Na-

1 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025  
2 (Public Law 118–159) is amended—

3 (1) in section 164(f)(3) (10 U.S.C. 4651 note  
4 prec.), as amended by section 162(4) of the National  
5 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026  
6 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 769), by inserting  
7 “that” before “uses” both places it appears; and

8 (2) in section 1522(d)(2)(B)(vi), as amended by  
9 section 1521(5) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
10 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60;  
11 139 Stat. 1156), by striking “disaggregated each  
12 element of the” and inserting “disaggregated by  
13 each element of the”.

14 (c) FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10, UNITED  
15 STATES CODE.—Title 10 of the United States Code is  
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (d) of section 3453, as added  
18 by section 1822(a)(3) of the National Defense Au-  
19 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law  
20 119–60; 139 Stat. 1247)—

21 (A) by striking “(1) The head of an agency  
22 shall establish” and inserting the following:  
23 “The head of an agency shall—  
24 “(1) establish”;

1 (B) by moving subparagraphs (A) and (B)  
2 two ems to the right; and

3 (C) by moving paragraph (2) two ems to  
4 the right;

5 (2) in section 3459, as added by section 1824  
6 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
7 Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1248), by  
8 amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

9 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

10 “(1) The term ‘subcontract’ includes a transfer  
11 of commercial products and commercial services be-  
12 tween divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliates of a con-  
13 tractor or subcontractor and does not include other  
14 supply agreements; and

15 “(2) The term ‘other supply agreements’ does  
16 not include any agreement entered into by a con-  
17 tractor or subcontractor for the supply of products  
18 or services that are intended for use in the perform-  
19 ance of multiple contracts with the Department of  
20 Defense or with other parties, and that are not iden-  
21 tifiable to any particular contract.”;

22 (3) in section 3702(a), as amended by section  
23 1804(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act  
24 for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.

1       1234), by striking “\$2,000,000” in paragraph (4)  
2       and inserting “\$10,000,000”; and

3               (4) in section 4023(b), as amended by section  
4       1831 of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
5       Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
6       1253), is amended by striking “Chapter 137 of this  
7       title applies” and inserting “Legacy provisions of  
8       chapter 137 of this title apply”.

9   **SEC. 872. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**  
10                   **ING IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN RE-**  
11                   **QUIREMENTS RELATING TO MUNITIONS.**

12       (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-  
13       propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-  
14       cal year 2027 for operation and maintenance, defense-  
15       wide, and available for the Office of the Secretary of De-  
16       fense for travel expenses, not more than 90 percent may  
17       be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense  
18       submits to the congressional defense committees—

19               (1) the report required under section 364 of the  
20       National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
21       2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 834) detailing  
22       the stockpiles of critical munitions required to fight  
23       simultaneous conflicts in different theaters of oper-  
24       ation and a plan to implement critical munitions re-

quirements to fight simultaneous conflicts in the next budget cycle; and

(2) a certification that the requirement under paragraph (9) of section 222c of title 10, United States Code, as added by section 361 of such Act (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 833), to modify Out-Year Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirement and Out-Year inventory numbers to include an estimate of the annual aggregate demand from United States allies and partners has been met.

**SEC. 873. REPEAL OF AMENDMENTS PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION BY SUBCONTRACT OFFEROR OF RECENT PRICE HISTORY IN SATISFACTION OF COST OR PRICING DATA REQUIREMENTS.**

Section 3702(a)(3) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “(A) An offeror” and inserting “An offeror”;

(2) by striking subparagraph (B); and

(3) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively.

**SEC. 874. COMPETITIVE PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN PHARMACEUTICAL CONTRACTS.**

(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any contract awarded for the purpose of phar-

1 maceutical drug, active pharmaceutical ingredients, or  
2 other pharmaceutical materials stockpiling, manufac-  
3 turing, onshoring, or supply chain expansion, is awarded  
4 using competitive sourcing procedures.

5 (b) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Not later than  
6 15 days before awarding a contract described in sub-  
7 section (a), the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the  
8 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
9 House of Representatives a written notification includ-  
10 ing—

11 (1) a description of the scope of work to be per-  
12 formed under the contract;

13 (2) the anticipated value of the contract; and

14 (3) the statutory or regulatory authorities  
15 under which the contract will be awarded.

16 **SEC. 875. ENHANCEMENT OF DEFENSE SUPPLY CHAIN RE-**  
17 **SILIENCE AND SECONDARY SOURCE QUALI-**  
18 **FICATION.**

19 Subsection (f) of section 865 of the National Defense  
20 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–  
21 159; 10 U.S.C. 4811 note), is amended to read as follows:

22 “(f) EXPEDITED QUALIFICATION PANEL.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 30,  
24 2027, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with  
25 the secretaries of the military departments and the

1 Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, shall es-  
2 tablish a program to expedite the processing of cer-  
3 tain Source Approval Requests. The program shall  
4 provide that a Source Approval Request Package  
5 submitted by an applicant and meeting the require-  
6 ments under paragraph (2) shall be subject to the  
7 expedited source approval process set under para-  
8 graph (3) and may be eligible for the incentives de-  
9 scribed in paragraph (4) .

10 “(2) QUALIFYING SOURCE APPROVAL REQUEST  
11 PACKAGES.—Any Source Approval Request, regard-  
12 less of category, for an item of supply that is not a  
13 critical safety item shall be classified as a Qualifying  
14 Source Approval Request Package if it meets the fol-  
15 lowing requirements (as determined by the Secretary  
16 concerned):

17 “(A) MANUFACTURER OF RECORD.—The  
18 applicant is a manufacturer of record for the  
19 proposed subject item of supply.

20 “(B) APPROVED SOURCE APPROVAL RE-  
21 QUEST TEMPLATE.—The Source Approval Re-  
22 quest is submitted on a standardized template  
23 for expedited Source Approval Requests. The  
24 standardized templates shall be published by  
25 each military department not later than April 1,



2027, and shall include all information required for the supply chain risk management review referenced in subsection (f)(3)(D) of this section on an expedited basis.

“(C) QUALIFIED ENGINEERING DESIGNEE CERTIFICATION.—A Qualified Engineering Designee certifies in writing that the engineering data included in the applicable Source Approval Request, including the technical data Package, conforms to the applicable Technical Data Package or reverse engineering standards required of such item of supply.

“(D) MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATION.—The applicant, or the relevant majority-owned manufacturing subsidiary, holds a current AS9100 Rev D certification (or successor standard) issued by an accredited third-party certification body.

“(E) SMALL BUSINESS PARITY AND MARKET COMPETITION.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish mechanisms to ensure fair access for small businesses, such as subsidized engineering reviews or a waiver of designee fees for qualifying small businesses.

1           “(3) EXPEDITED SOURCE APPROVAL PROC-  
2           ESS.—Not later than 7 days after receiving a Source  
3           Approval Request purporting to be a Qualifying  
4           Source Approval Request Package, the Secretary  
5           concerned shall determine whether the Source Ap-  
6           proval Request qualifies for such treatment. A quali-  
7           fying Source Approval Request Package shall be  
8           subject to the following Expedited Source Approval  
9           Process:

10                 “(A) A qualifying Source Approval Re-  
11                 quest Package shall be referred to an Expedited  
12                 Qualification Panel for the military department,  
13                 which shall be established by the Secretary con-  
14                 cerned by not later than June 30, 2027.

15                 “(B) Absent the Expedited Qualification  
16                 Panel’s written determination to the applicant  
17                 that additional engineering evaluation is re-  
18                 quired solely based on either the criticality or  
19                 novelty and complexity of the item of supply,  
20                 the Qualified Engineering Designee’s certifi-  
21                 cation under paragraph (2)(C) shall constitute  
22                 the full engineering evaluation necessary for  
23                 such Expedited Qualification Panel’s review of  
24                 the Qualifying Source Approval Request Pack-  
25                 age.

1           “(C) Not later than 14 days after receipt  
2 of a Qualifying Source Approval Request Pack-  
3 age, the applicable Expedited Qualification  
4 Panel shall issue a determination on whether to  
5 grant approval or disapproval of the Source Ap-  
6 proval Request.

7           “(D)(i) The 14-day timeline for final de-  
8 termination shall be paused for a maximum of  
9 30 days to allow for the completion of a com-  
10 prehensive supply chain risk management and  
11 foreign ownership, control, or influence assess-  
12 ment.

13           “(ii) For qualifying items, particularly  
14 non-commercial items with an anticipated con-  
15 tract value exceeding \$5,000,000, this review  
16 timeframe shall align with standard Defense  
17 Counterintelligence and Security Agency review  
18 schedules to ensure the applicant poses no risk  
19 to the Department.

20           “(4) COMPLETE TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE IN-  
21 CENTIVES.—

22           “(A) IN GENERAL.—If a Qualifying Source  
23 Approval Request Package that meets the re-  
24 quirements of paragraph (2) also includes deliv-  
25 ery of a Complete Technical Data Package and

1 Government purpose rights to such Complete  
2 Technical Data Package, and such Qualifying  
3 Source Approval Request Package receives a  
4 determination of full approval pursuant to para-  
5 graph (3)(C), the Defense Logistics Agency, the  
6 Secretary concerned, or relevant head of con-  
7 tracting activity shall award to the manufac-  
8 turer of record a firm-fixed-price indefinite-de-  
9 livery indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) contract for  
10 the item of supply which is the subject of such  
11 qualifying Source Approval Request Package.

12 “(B) CONTRACT TERMS.—A contract  
13 awarded under subparagraph (A) shall include  
14 the following terms:

15 “(i) PRICING.—The unit price shall  
16 not exceed 90 percent of the weighted av-  
17 erage unit price paid by the Defense Logis-  
18 tics Agency for the item of supply during  
19 the two-year period preceding the date of  
20 receipt of the Qualifying Source Approval  
21 Request Package.

22 “(ii) MINIMUM QUANTITY.—A guaran-  
23 teed minimum annual order quantity of  
24 not less than 60 percent of the average an-  
25 nual quantity of the item of supply ordered

1 by the Defense Logistics Agency during  
2 the 3-year period preceding the date of re-  
3 ceipt of the Qualifying Source Approval  
4 Request Package.

5 “(iii) LENGTH.—A period of perform-  
6 ance of three years.

7 “(iv) DEVIATIONS.—Clauses (i), (ii),  
8 and (iii) may be deviated from at the dis-  
9 cretion of the contracting activity as nec-  
10 essary to establish the awardee as a viable  
11 source of supply if it is determined by the  
12 contracting activity to be in the best inter-  
13 est of the Government and is bilaterally  
14 negotiated with the awardee.

15 “(C) COMPETITION AUTHORITY.—The  
16 award of a contract under this subsection is au-  
17 thorized notwithstanding the requirements of  
18 section 3201 of title 10, United States Code,  
19 and no justification and approval under section  
20 3204(e) of title 10, United States Code, shall  
21 be required for such award.

22 “(5) REPORT.—Not later than January 1,  
23 2028, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with  
24 the Secretaries of the military departments and the  
25 Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, shall sub-

1       mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
2       Senate and the House of Representatives a report  
3       containing an evaluation of the program under this  
4       subsection, which shall include a quantitative evalua-  
5       tion of—

6               “(A) the number of Source Approval Re-  
7               quest Packages processed;

8               “(B) average time to qualification com-  
9               pared to prior to the inception of the program;

10              “(C) processing cost per Source Approval  
11              Request review;

12              “(D) impact on part unit cost; and

13              “(E) mission readiness.

14              “(6) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

15              “(A) The term ‘Complete Technical Data  
16              Package’ means a Technical Data Package that  
17              includes a complete set of engineering data,  
18              drawings, specifications, inspection criteria, test  
19              procedures, quality assurance provisions, and  
20              other technical information sufficient to enable  
21              a qualified manufacturer to produce an item of  
22              supply that conforms to the original design re-  
23              quirements.

24              “(B) The term ‘criticality’ means any item  
25              of supply which should be a critical safety item.

1           “(C) The term ‘critical safety item’ means  
2           any item of supply that is either an aviation  
3           critical safety item or ship critical safety item,  
4           as those terms are defined in section 3243 of  
5           title 10, United States Code.

6           “(D) The term ‘Government purpose  
7           rights’ has the meaning given that term in sec-  
8           tion 252.227–7013(a) of title 48, Code of Fed-  
9           eral Regulations.

10          “(E) The term ‘manufacturer of record’  
11          means an entity, or its majority-owned sub-  
12          sidiary, which shall directly, or indirectly  
13          through a majority-owned subsidiary, perform  
14          the fabrication or manufacture of the item of  
15          supply for which such Source Approval Request  
16          is being sought.

17          “(F) The term ‘novelty and complexity’  
18          means any Source Approval Request Package  
19          where the proposed Package introduces a mate-  
20          rial change in the form, fit, or function relative  
21          to the Technical Data Package or reverse engi-  
22          neering standards of such item of supply.

23          “(G) The term ‘Qualified Engineering Des-  
24          ignee’ means an individual who—

1           “(i) holds a current appointment as a  
2           Designated Engineering Representative  
3           issued by the Federal Aviation Administra-  
4           tion under part 183 of title 14, Code of  
5           Federal Regulations, in the technical dis-  
6           cipline for which the Source Approval Re-  
7           quest is being made; or

8           “(ii) holds an equivalent certification  
9           or certifications reflecting engineering com-  
10          petence in an applicable technical field and  
11          independence obligations substantially  
12          equivalent to the process by which the  
13          Federal Aviation Administration appoints  
14          Designated Engineering Representatives,  
15          as determined by the Secretary of Defense  
16          pursuant to an application and qualifica-  
17          tion process established not later than  
18          March 31, 2027, that includes, at a min-  
19          imum—

20               “(I) eight years of engineering  
21               experience in the technical discipline  
22               for which the Source Approval Re-  
23               quest is being made;

24               “(II) knowledge and experience  
25               relating to the processing of engineer-



ing data involving the qualification of parts or systems within such technical discipline; and

“(III) an engineering degree or equivalent relevant to such technical discipline.”.

**SEC. 876. LIMITATION PENDING ARMY CONFORMANCE  
WITH PORTFOLIO ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE  
REQUIREMENTS.**

Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for operation and maintenance, Army, and available for travel expenses for the Office of the Secretary of the Army, not more than 75 percent may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of the Army certifies to the congressional defense committees that all portfolio acquisition executives of the Army are certified acquisition officials in accordance with section 1732 of title 10, United States Code.

**SEC. 877. PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAL COUNTER-  
MEASURES FOR OVERSEAS PERSONNEL OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR ACUTE  
RADIATION SYNDROME AND THERMAL  
BURNS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary of Defense may procure, pre-posi-

1 tion, sustain, and maintain medical countermeasures that  
2 are determined to be requirements pursuant to section  
3 734(a) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement  
4 and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
5 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note).

6 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts subject to appropria-  
7 tion under subsection (a) may be used only for medical  
8 countermeasures that are identified by the Secretary of  
9 Defense, through the program established under sub-  
10 section (a) of section 734 of the Servicemember Quality  
11 of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization  
12 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C.  
13 1071 note), as requirements for covered personnel, as de-  
14 fined in subsection (c) of such section.

15 (c) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—Amounts subject to  
16 appropriation under subsection (a) may be used for—

17 (1) procurement and advanced procurement of  
18 medical countermeasures to diagnose, prevent, and  
19 treat acute radiation syndrome, cutaneous radiation  
20 injury, and thermal burns;

21 (2) stockpiling, pre-positioning, storage, and re-  
22 plenishment;

23 (3) lifecycle sustainment and maintenance; and

1           (4) activities necessary to ensure deployment  
2       readiness and effective operational use of such coun-  
3       termeasures.

4 **SEC. 878. PROCUREMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE DEPART-**  
5 **MENT OF DEFENSE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
6 **VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR PLANNING, DESIGN,**  
7 **AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.**

8       Section 801(d) of the National Defense Authorization  
9   Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 10 U.S.C.  
10   3201 note prec.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
11   lowing new paragraph:

12       “(3) In the case of the procurement of property or  
13   services on behalf of the Department of Defense by the  
14   Department of Veterans Affairs for planning, design, and  
15   construction projects, a certificate of compliance shall not  
16   be required.”.

17 **SEC. 879. LEASING OF VESSELS, AIRCRAFT, AND COMBAT**  
18 **VEHICLES.**

19       Section 3671(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code,  
20   is amended by amending subparagraph (D) to read as fol-  
21   lows:

22       “(D) the Secretary has certified to such com-  
23   mittees that—

24               “(i) entering into the proposed contract  
25       provides an accelerated delivery schedule or is

1 the most cost-efficient means of obtaining the  
2 vessel, aircraft, or combat vehicle; and

3 “(ii) the Secretary has determined that the  
4 lease complies with all applicable laws, Office of  
5 Management and Budget circulars, and Depart-  
6 ment of Defense regulations.”.

7 **SEC. 880. PROHIBITION ON MODEMS OR ROUTERS ACQUI-**  
8 **SITIONS INVOLVING ENTITIES OWNED OR CON-**  
9 **TROLLED BY CHINA.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may not  
11 acquire any modem or router if the manufacturer, bidder,  
12 or offeror is a covered Chinese entity.

13 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply only  
14 with respect to contracts or other agreements entered into,  
15 renewed, or extended after the date of the enactment of  
16 this Act.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) COVERED CHINESE ENTITY.—The term  
19 “covered Chinese entity” means an entity that the  
20 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Direc-  
21 tor of the National Intelligence or the Director of  
22 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, determines to  
23 be an entity owned, controlled, directed, or subcon-  
24 tracted by, affiliated with, or otherwise connected to,  
25 the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

1           (2) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-  
2 turer” means—

3           (A) the entity that transforms raw mate-  
4 rials, miscellaneous parts, or components into  
5 the end item;

6           (B) any entity that subcontracts with the  
7 entity described in subparagraph (A) for the en-  
8 tity described in such subparagraph to trans-  
9 form raw materials, miscellaneous parts, or  
10 components into the end item;

11          (C) any entity that otherwise directs the  
12 entity described in subparagraph (A) to trans-  
13 form raw materials, miscellaneous parts, or  
14 components into the end item; or

15          (D) any parent company, subsidiary, or af-  
16 filiate of the entity described in subparagraph  
17 (A).

18          (3) MODEM.—The term “modem” means a  
19 modulator-demodulator, digital-to-analog, and back,  
20 signal converter that allows computers to commu-  
21 nicate over telephone wires or cable TV cable.

22          (4) ROUTER.—The term “router” means a de-  
23 vice that connects two or more packet-switched net-  
24 works or subnetworks, serving the two primary func-  
25 tions of—

1 (A) managing traffic between these net-  
2 works by forwarding data packets to their in-  
3 tended IP addresses; and

4 (B) allowing multiple devices to use the  
5 same Internet connection.

6 **SEC. 881. PROHIBITION ON TELEVISION ACQUISITIONS IN-**  
7 **VOLVING ENTITIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED**  
8 **BY CHINA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may not  
10 acquire any television if the manufacturer, bidder, or of-  
11 feror is a covered Chinese entity.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply only  
13 with respect to contracts or other agreements entered into,  
14 renewed, or extended after the date of the enactment of  
15 this Act.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) COVERED CHINESE ENTITY.—The term  
18 “covered Chinese entity” means an entity that the  
19 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Direc-  
20 tor of the National Intelligence or the Director of  
21 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, determines to  
22 be an entity owned, controlled, directed, or subcon-  
23 tracted by, affiliated with, or otherwise connected to,  
24 the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

1           (2) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-  
2 turer” means an entity that—

3           (A) transforms raw materials, miscella-  
4 neous parts, or components into the end item;

5           (B) subcontracts with an entity described  
6 in subparagraph (A) for the entity described in  
7 such subparagraph to transform raw materials,  
8 miscellaneous parts, or components into the end  
9 item;

10          (C) otherwise directs an entity described in  
11 subparagraph (A) to transform raw materials,  
12 miscellaneous parts, or components into the end  
13 item; or

14          (D) is a parent company, subsidiary, or af-  
15 filiate of an entity described in subparagraph  
16 (A).

17       (3) TELEVISION.—The term “television” has  
18 the meaning given the term “Television set or TV”  
19 in section 430.2 of title 10, Code of Federal Regula-  
20 tions.

1 **SEC. 882. PROHIBITION FOR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS PRO-**  
2 **VIDING SENSITIVE INFORMATION RELATED**  
3 **TO SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY TO FOREIGN ENTI-**  
4 **TIES OF CONCERN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
6 prohibit a covered entity from providing to a foreign entity  
7 of concern a digital sequence of synthetic DNA or RNA  
8 or a synthetic protein designed by humans or artificial in-  
9 telligence systems.

10 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the prohibi-  
11 tion under subsection (a) if the Secretary—

12 (1) determines the waiver is in the national se-  
13 curity interests of the United States; and

14 (2) not less than 30 days before the waiver  
15 takes effect, notifies the congressional defense com-  
16 mittees with respect to the waiver and the deter-  
17 mination under paragraph (1).

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-  
20 tity” means any entity that does any work with the  
21 Department of Defense under a contract, grant, co-  
22 operative agreement, or other federally awarded ve-  
23 hicle, including an agreement authorized under sec-  
24 tion 4021 or 4022 of title 10, United States Code,  
25 a cooperative research and development agreement,  
26 or a material transfer agreement.



1           (2) DIGITAL SEQUENCE.—The term “digital se-  
2       quence” means a binary file or other digital rep-  
3       resentation containing symbols representing the  
4       identity, order, and any chemical modification for  
5       each position in a DNA, RNA, or protein molecule.

6           (3) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The  
7       term “foreign country of concern” has the meaning  
8       given that term in section 10612(a) of the Research  
9       and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act  
10      (42 U.S.C. 19221(a)).

11          (4) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term  
12      “foreign entity of concern” means—

13            (A) a government entity of a foreign coun-  
14      try of concern;

15            (B) a foreign person subject to the juris-  
16      diction of, or organized under the laws of, a for-  
17      eign country of concern; or

18            (C) a foreign person owned, directed, or  
19      controlled by an entity described in subpara-  
20      graph (A) or (B).

21          (5) SYNTHETIC DNA OR RNA.—The term “syn-  
22      thetic DNA or RNA” means—

23            (A) molecules that are constructed by join-  
24      ing nucleic acid molecules and can replicate in  
25      a living cell, such as recombinant nucleic acids;

1 (B) nucleic acid molecules that are chemi-  
2 cally or by other means synthesized, including  
3 such molecules that are chemically or otherwise  
4 modified but can base pair with naturally occur-  
5 ring nucleic acid molecules, such as synthetic  
6 nucleic acids; or

7 (C) molecules that result from the replica-  
8 tion or derivation of molecules described in sub-  
9 paragraph (A) or (B).

10 (6) SYNTHETIC PROTEIN.—The term “synthetic  
11 protein” means a non-naturally occurring sequence  
12 of amino acids, including short sequences that may  
13 combine natural and non-natural amino acids.

14 **SEC. 883. REPORTING ON CONTRACTOR OPERATIONS RE-**  
15 **LATED TO CHINA.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall re-  
17 quire any entity entering into a covered contract with the  
18 Department of Defense to submit a report on the entity’s  
19 operations related to China, including—

- 20 (1) sales revenue from China;
- 21 (2) profit attributable to its China business;
- 22 (3) assets held or located in China;
- 23 (4) liabilities associated with China business;
- 24 (5) investments in Chinese entities;
- 25 (6) loans from Chinese entities;

1           (7) the number of suppliers located in China  
2           down to the second tier of subcontracting; and

3           (8) the number of Chinese citizen employees,  
4           whether located in China or elsewhere and including  
5           both regular and contract employees.

6           (b) REPORTING TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of  
7   Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services  
8   of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of  
9   the House of Representatives a report aggregating the in-  
10   formation reported pursuant to subsection (a).

11          (c) COVERED CONTRACT DEFINED.—In this section,  
12   the term “covered contract” means a contract for a major  
13   defense acquisition program, as that term is defined in  
14   section 4201 of title 10, United States Code.

15   **SEC. 884. ENSURING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CON-**  
16                   **TRACTOR COMPLIANCE WITH DISABILITY**  
17                   **HIRING GOALS.**

18          (a) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal years 2026  
19   through 2029, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct an  
20   audit of the compliance of the contractors of the Depart-  
21   ment of Defense with the 7-percent utilization goal for em-  
22   ployment of qualified individuals with disabilities by con-  
23   tractors established by the Office of Federal Contract  
24   Compliance Programs of the Department of Labor under

1 section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C.  
2 793).

3 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 5 months after the  
4 end of a fiscal year for which the Secretary of Defense  
5 was required to conduct an audit under subsection (a),  
6 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees  
7 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives a report on the findings of such audit.

9 **TITLE IX—DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
10 **FENSE ORGANIZATION AND**  
11 **MANAGEMENT**

12 **Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary**  
13 **of Defense and Related Matters**

14 **SEC. 901. ECONOMIC DEFENSE UNIT.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 10, United  
16 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing new section:

18 **“§ 149a. Economic Defense Unit**

19 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
20 Department of Defense an Economic Defense Unit (in this  
21 section referred to as the ‘Unit’).

22 “(b) DIRECTOR.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of the Unit shall  
24 be the Director (in this section referred to as the  
25 ‘Director’).

1           “(2) APPOINTMENT.—The Director shall be ap-  
2           pointed by the Secretary of Defense from among—

3                   “(A) employees in Senior Executive Service  
4                   positions (as defined in section 3132 of title 5);  
5                   or

6                   “(B) individuals from outside the civil  
7                   service who have successfully held equivalent  
8                   positions with relevant experience in strategic  
9                   planning, economic planning and analysis, or  
10                  similar activities in the private sector, another  
11                  component of the Department of Defense, or  
12                  another Federal agency.

13           “(3) AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR.—The Direc-  
14           tor—

15                   “(A) shall serve as a principal staff assist-  
16                   ant to advise the Secretary on matters within  
17                   the responsibilities of the Unit;

18                   “(B) shall report directly to the Deputy  
19                   Secretary of Defense without intervening au-  
20                   thority; and

21                   “(C) may communicate views on matters  
22                   within the responsibilities of the Unit directly to  
23                   the Deputy Secretary without obtaining the ap-  
24                   proval or concurrence of any other official with-  
25                   in the Department of Defense.

1           “(4) LIMITATION ON HOLDING MULTIPLE OF-  
2           FICES.—The Director may not hold any other office  
3           or title.

4           “(c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—

5           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Unit shall be respon-  
6           sible for the following:

7                   “(A) Coordinating among, and harmo-  
8                   nizing economic competition activities by, com-  
9                   ponents of the Department of Defense, includ-  
10                  ing by serving as a co-chair of the National De-  
11                  fense Economic Competition Research Council.

12                  “(B) Developing and maintaining require-  
13                  ments for economic competition activities to re-  
14                  inforce military advantage, including require-  
15                  ments described in subsection (d).

16                  “(C) Developing and maintaining a cam-  
17                  paign plan for economic competition activities  
18                  to reinforce military advantage.

19                  “(D) Conducting or sponsoring analyses  
20                  and other net assessment activities to scope eco-  
21                  nomic competition activities, gaps, needs, or re-  
22                  quirements related to activities of the United  
23                  States, allies of the United States, or adver-  
24                  saries.

1           “(E) Directing the execution of economic  
2 competition activities.

3           “(F) Developing programming and budget  
4 submissions for economic competition activities.

5           “(G) Advising the Secretary and the Dep-  
6 uty Secretary with respect to economic competi-  
7 tion activities, including with respect to coordi-  
8 nating integration of economic competition re-  
9 quirements or programs into joint and inter-  
10 agency planning activities.

11           “(H) Acting as the principal interlocutor  
12 for interagency activities related to economic  
13 competition activities.

14           “(I) Leading outreach of the Department  
15 of Defense to relevant private actors engaged in  
16 economic competition activities, including by  
17 liaising with private actors under section 1047  
18 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Au-  
19 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public  
20 Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

21           “(J) Sponsoring or conducting regular ta-  
22 bletop exercises related to economic competition  
23 activities in order—

1 “(i) to assess the economic impacts of  
2 decisions of the Department of Defense  
3 during crises and conflicts;

4 “(ii) to evaluate the economic tools  
5 available to the United States Government  
6 to augment the capabilities of the Depart-  
7 ment of Defense in competition, crises, and  
8 conflicts; or

9 “(iii) to evaluate planning scenarios or  
10 concept development, including to test pro-  
11 posed doctrine, tactics, or other nonmate-  
12 rial approaches for economic competition  
13 activities that might be used by the De-  
14 partment of Defense.

15 “(K) Selecting economic competition activi-  
16 ties projects to be carried out using funds made  
17 available to the Unit, allocating funds to orga-  
18 nizations to carry out such projects, and moni-  
19 toring the execution of such projects.

20 “(L) Serving as the co-chair of the Na-  
21 tional Security Capital Forum.

22 “(M) Regularly updating the National Se-  
23 curity Council and relevant Federal agencies  
24 with respect to the economic competition activi-  
25 ties of the Department of Defense.



1           “(2) NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATING  
2 EQUITY INVESTMENTS.—The Unit—

3           “(A) shall not be responsible for negoti-  
4 ating or executing any agreements related to—

5           “(i) taking an equity interest in an  
6 entity; or

7           “(ii) using debt instruments, war-  
8 rants, options, and other rights to acquire  
9 an equity interest in an entity; and

10          “(B) shall work with and through existing  
11 entities within the Department established to  
12 negotiate and execute such agreements.

13          “(d) ECONOMIC COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS.—

14          “(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements for eco-  
15 nomic competition activities developed and main-  
16 tained by the Unit under subsection (c)(1)(B) may  
17 include requirements for—

18           “(A) access, basing, and overflight;

19           “(B) countering mobilization of adver-  
20 saries;

21           “(C) countering modernization of adver-  
22 saries;

23           “(D) countering defense industrial base ac-  
24 tivities by adversaries;

1           “(E) ensuring the access of the United  
2 States to critical materials and capabilities; and

3           “(F) such other matters as the Director  
4 considers appropriate.

5           “(2) CONSULTATIONS.—In developing require-  
6 ments for economic competition activities under sub-  
7 section (c)(1)(B), the Director shall consult—

8           “(A) integrated priorities lists from com-  
9 batant commanders derived from operational  
10 plans or theater campaign plans;

11           “(B) integrated priorities lists of defense  
12 industrial base shortfalls or investment opportu-  
13 nities; and

14           “(C) the outcomes of experimentation  
15 events, science and technology activities, and  
16 examinations of issues of economic competition  
17 by concept development organizations.

18           “(e) STAFFING.—In consultation with the Secretary  
19 and the Deputy Secretary, the Director shall ensure—

20           “(1) staffing of the Unit with individuals with  
21 relevant expertise and experience, including a diver-  
22 sified mix of individuals with expertise in—

23           “(A) financial analysis;

24           “(B) national security economics;

25           “(C) intelligence analysis;

1 “(D) international business or finance;

2 “(E) campaign planning;

3 “(F) military operations;

4 “(G) supply chain planning or risk man-  
5 agement; and

6 “(H) complex real estate or construction  
7 mega-projects; and

8 “(2) such individuals are vetted for and abide  
9 by conflict-of-interest regulations prescribed under  
10 subsection (f) specifically for the Unit to protect the  
11 significantly sensitive nature of the economic data  
12 and decision-making conducted by staff of the Unit.

13 “(f) CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST REGULATIONS.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall submit  
15 to the congressional defense committees—

16 “(A) not later than July 1, 2027, interim  
17 conflict-of-interest regulations required by sub-  
18 section (e)(2) applicable to the staff of the  
19 Unit; and

20 “(B) not later than January 31, 2028,  
21 final such regulations.

22 “(2) UPDATES.—The conflict-of-interest regula-  
23 tions prescribed under subparagraph (A) shall be  
24 updated not less frequently than once every three  
25 years.

1 “(g) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

2 “(1) QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS.—Not less fre-  
3 quently than quarterly, the Director shall provide to  
4 the Secretary and the congressional defense commit-  
5 tees a briefing on, for the quarter preceding the  
6 briefing—

7 “(A) the activities of the Unit;

8 “(B) the outcomes of and advances result-  
9 ing from such activities; and

10 “(C) work product of the Unit.

11 “(2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not less frequently  
12 than annually, the Director shall submit to the con-  
13 gressional defense committees a report on the mat-  
14 ters described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of  
15 paragraph (1) for the year preceding submission of  
16 the report.

17 “(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
18 tion shall be construed to confer upon the Director or the  
19 Unit any new authority beyond planning, coordinating,  
20 and advising the Department of Defense with respect to  
21 economic competition activities.

22 “(i) ECONOMIC COMPETITION ACTIVITIES DE-  
23 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘economic competition  
24 activities’ means actions that are taken to reinforce mili-

1 tary advantage in and through the economic domain, in-  
2 cluding such actions taken—

3 “(1) to leverage private capital and market ac-  
4 tors;

5 “(2) to acquire or procure items;

6 “(3) to protect or enhance the economic or  
7 technological advantage of the United States or al-  
8 lies of the United States;

9 “(4) in the information environment or cyber  
10 environment or as other sensitive operations; or

11 “(5) to leverage interagency authorities.”.

12 (b) PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY.—Sec-  
13 tion 4092(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
14 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

15 “(12) ECONOMIC DEFENSE UNIT.—The Direc-  
16 tor of the Economic Defense Unit may carry out a  
17 program of personnel management authority pro-  
18 vided in subsection (b) in order to facilitate recruit-  
19 ment of eminent experts described in section 149a(e)  
20 of this title.”.

21 (c) NATIONAL DEFENSE ECONOMIC COMPETITION  
22 RESEARCH COUNCIL.—Section 228(c) of the Servicemem-  
23 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense  
24 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–  
25 159; 10 U.S.C. 4001 note) is amended—

1           (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-  
2       lows:

3           “(1) CHAIR.—The Director of the Economic  
4       Defense Unit shall be the chair of the Council.”; and  
5       (2) in paragraph (2)—

6           (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)  
7       through (N) as clauses (i) through (xiv), respec-  
8       tively, and by moving such clauses, as so redes-  
9       ignated, two ems to the right; and

10          (B) by striking “The co-chairs” and all  
11       that follows through “the following:” and in-  
12       serting in the following: “The Council shall in-  
13       clude the following:

14               “(A) The Under Secretary of Defense for  
15       Policy.

16               “(B) The Under Secretary of Defense for  
17       Research and Engineering.

18               “(C) The Under Secretary of Defense for  
19       Acquisition and Sustainment.

20               “(D) Representatives from each of the fol-  
21       lowing:”.

22       (d) NATIONAL SECURITY CAPITAL FORUM.—Section  
23   1092(b) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-  
24   ment and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

1 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 149 note) is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 “(b) CO-CHAIRS.—The Director of the Office of Stra-  
4 tegic Capital and the Director of the Economic Defense  
5 Unit shall serve as co-chairs of the Forum established  
6 under subsection (a).”.

7 **SEC. 902. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM ON CAPITAL AS-**  
8 **SISTANCE OF OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAP-**  
9 **ITAL.**

10 Section 149(e)(9) of title 10, United States Code, is  
11 amended by striking “2028” each place it appears and  
12 inserting “2038”.

13 **SEC. 903. REQUIREMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CODE OF**  
14 **CONDUCT FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF**  
15 **DEFENSE POSITIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than August 1, 2027,  
17 the Secretary of Defense shall develop a professional code  
18 of conduct for individuals serving in positions in the De-  
19 partment of Defense specified in subsection (c), or adopt  
20 or modify an existing code of conduct to apply to those  
21 positions, to ensure that individuals in those positions  
22 have clear guidance on the ethics and standards governing  
23 their professional behavior.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—In developing, or adopting or modi-  
2 fying, a code of conduct under subsection (a), the Sec-  
3 retary shall ensure that the code—

4 (1) reinforces the need for integrity, com-  
5 petence, diligence, and exercise of care in profes-  
6 sional judgment by individuals serving in positions  
7 specified in subsection (c) in all actions representing  
8 the United States Government;

9 (2) ensures the integrity of decision-making by  
10 those individuals and of data generated by those in-  
11 dividuals that affects global capital markets;

12 (3) requires those individuals to avoid any ac-  
13 tion that would potentially distort markets or lead to  
14 the perception of distorting or manipulating mar-  
15 kets;

16 (4) requires those individuals to, as representa-  
17 tives of the United States Government, take all care  
18 and caution to avoid real or perceived conflicts of in-  
19 terest; and

20 (5) ensures those individuals conduct thorough  
21 documentation of—

22 (A) all actions taken by those individuals  
23 while serving in the positions specified in sub-  
24 section (c); and



1 (B) all communication between those indi-  
2 viduals and other government entities; and

3 (C) all communication between those indi-  
4 viduals and the private sector.

5 (c) POSITIONS SPECIFIED.—A position specified in  
6 this subsection is any position of an employee or con-  
7 tractor in any of the following components of the Depart-  
8 ment of Defense:

9 (1) The Economic Defense Unit.

10 (2) The Office of Strategic Capital.

11 (3) The Office of Expanded Competition.

12 (4) The Office of the Assistant Secretary of De-  
13 fense for Industrial Base Policy.

14 (d) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than Sep-  
15 tember 15, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall provide  
16 a briefing to the congressional defense committees regard-  
17 ing—

18 (1) the implementation of the code of conduct  
19 required by subsection (a);

20 (2) the number of employees and contractors  
21 covered by that code; and

22 (3) the process the Department of Defense will  
23 use to regulate breaches of that code.

1 **SEC. 904. REDESIGNATION OF UNDER SECRETARY OF DE-**  
 2 **FENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS; RE-**  
 3 **ORGANIZATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARIES**  
 4 **OF DEFENSE.**

5 (a) REDESIGATION OF UNDER SECRETARY OF DE-  
 6 FENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS AS UNDER SEC-  
 7 RETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND HEALTH AF-  
 8 FAIRS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 136 of title 10,  
 10 United States Code, is amended—

11 (A) in the section heading, by striking  
 12 “**Readiness**” and inserting “**Health Af-**  
 13 **fairs**”; and

14 (B) by striking “and Readiness” each  
 15 place it appears and inserting “and Health Af-  
 16 fairs”.

17 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law or  
 18 regulation to the Under Secretary of Defense for  
 19 Personnel and Readiness or the office of that Under  
 20 Secretary shall, on and after the effective date de-  
 21 scribed in subsection (d), be deemed to be a ref-  
 22 erence to Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel  
 23 and Health Affairs or the office of that Under Sec-  
 24 retary, as the case may be.

25 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 10,  
 26 United States Code, is amended—

1 (A) by striking “Under Secretary of De-  
2 fense for Personnel and Readiness” each place  
3 it appears and inserting “Under Secretary of  
4 Defense for Personnel and Health Affairs”; and

5 (B) by striking “Under Secretary for Per-  
6 sonnel and Readiness” each place it appears  
7 and inserting “Under Secretary of Defense for  
8 Personnel and Health Affairs”.

9 (b) REORGANIZATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARIES  
10 OF DEFENSE.—

11 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
12 OF DEFENSE FOR SUSTAINMENT AND READINESS.—

13 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 138(b) of  
14 title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
15 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

16 “(10) One of the Assistant Secretaries is the Assist-  
17 ant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment and Readiness,  
18 who shall report directly to the Under Secretary of De-  
19 fense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics. The As-  
20 sistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment and Readiness shall serve as the principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics and the Secretary of Defense on all matters relating  
23 to the sustainment and readiness of the armed forces.”.

1 (B) RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS OF  
2 ASSISTANT SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE FOR  
3 SUSTAINMENT AND FOR READINESS.—The As-  
4 sistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment  
5 and Readiness shall exercise—

6 (i) all functions vested in the Assist-  
7 ant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment  
8 before the date of the enactment of this  
9 Act, including responsibility for logistics,  
10 materiel readiness, maintenance policy,  
11 transportation, and related sustainment ac-  
12 tivities; and

13 (ii) all functions transferred from the  
14 Assistant Secretary of Defense for Read-  
15 iness under paragraph (3)(B), including re-  
16 sponsibility for military readiness report-  
17 ing, readiness policy, training support, and  
18 related readiness activities.

19 (2) REDESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
20 OF DEFENSE FOR SUSTAINMENT.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Sec-  
22 retary of Defense for Sustainment, within the  
23 Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for  
24 Acquisition and Sustainment (as in effect on  
25 the day before the date of the enactment of this

1 Act), is redesignated as the Assistant Secretary  
2 of Defense for Sustainment and Readiness, as  
3 established by paragraph (10) of section 138(b)  
4 of title 10, United States Code, as added by  
5 paragraph (1)(A).

6 (B) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any  
7 law, regulation, guidance, directive, or other  
8 document to the Assistant Secretary of Defense  
9 for Sustainment shall, on and after the effective  
10 date described in subsection (d), be deemed to  
11 refer to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
12 Sustainment and Readiness.

13 (3) ELIMINATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF  
14 DEFENSE FOR READINESS.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The position of Assist-  
16 ant Secretary of Defense for Readiness within  
17 the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense  
18 for Personnel and Readiness (as in effect on the  
19 day before the date of the enactment of this  
20 Act) is eliminated.

21 (B) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—All func-  
22 tions, duties, powers, and authorities of the As-  
23 sistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness are  
24 transferred to the Assistant Secretary of De-  
25 fense for Sustainment and Readiness estab-

1           lished by paragraph (10) of section 138(b) of  
2           title 10, United States Code, as added by para-  
3           graph (1)(A).

4           (C) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any  
5           law, regulation, guidance, directive, or other  
6           document to the Assistant Secretary of Defense  
7           for Readiness shall, on and after the effective  
8           date described in subsection (d), be deemed to  
9           refer to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
10          Sustainment and Readiness established by  
11          paragraph (10) of section 138(b) of title 10,  
12          United States Code, as added by paragraph  
13          (1)(A).

14          (4) ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
15          OF DEFENSE FOR HOUSING, PERSONNEL MOVE-  
16          MENT, AND TRAVEL POLICY.—Section 138(b) of title  
17          10, United States Code, as amended by paragraph  
18          (1)(A), is further amended by adding at the end the  
19          following new paragraph:

20          “(11)(A) One of the Assistant Secretaries is the As-  
21          sistant Secretary of Defense for Housing, Personnel Move-  
22          ment, and Travel Policy, who shall serve as a principal  
23          assistant secretary within the Office of the Under Sec-  
24          retary of Defense for Personnel and Health Affairs.

1       “(B) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Hous-  
2 ing, Personnel Movement, and Travel Policy shall be ap-  
3 pointed from among persons who have substantial experi-  
4 ence in military housing, personnel policy, or related fields.

5       “(C) Subject to the authority, direction, and control  
6 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and  
7 Health Affairs, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
8 Housing, Personnel Movement, and Travel Policy shall  
9 have, as the principal duties of the Assistant Secretary,  
10 the overall supervision of the policy and programs of the  
11 Department of Defense relating to—

12               “(D) privatized military housing under sub-  
13 chapter IV of chapter 169 of this title, including any  
14 privatized military family housing programs;

15               “(E) unaccompanied personnel housing, includ-  
16 ing the management, oversight, and policy for all  
17 unaccompanied housing programs of the Depart-  
18 ment;

19               “(F) travel regulations, including policies and  
20 entitlements with respect to permanent changes of  
21 station and related travel programs;

22               “(G) the Defense Travel Management Office  
23 and all Department-wide travel management pro-  
24 grams; and

1           “(H) the Defense Personal Property Program,  
2           including the household goods and personally pro-  
3           cured move programs.”.

4           (5) DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
5           OF DEFENSE FOR HOUSING, PERSONNEL MOVE-  
6           MENT, AND TRAVEL POLICY CHIEF HOUSING OFFI-  
7           CER.—

8           (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 2851a(a) of  
9           title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
10          striking “the Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
11          Energy, Installations, and Environment” and  
12          inserting “the Assistant Secretary of Defense  
13          for Housing, Personnel Movement, and Travel  
14          Policy”.

15          (B) TRANSFER OF CHIEF HOUSING OFFI-  
16          CER FUNCTIONS.—All functions, duties, and au-  
17          thorities vested in the Assistant Secretary of  
18          Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environ-  
19          ment in the capacity of Chief Housing Officer  
20          of the Department of Defense are transferred  
21          to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Hous-  
22          ing, Personnel Movement, and Travel Policy es-  
23          tablished by paragraph (11) of section 138(b)  
24          of title 10, United States Code, as added by  
25          paragraph (4).



1           (C) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any  
2           law, regulation, guidance, directive, or other  
3           document to the Chief Housing Officer or to  
4           the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy,  
5           Installations, and Environment acting in the ca-  
6           pacity of the Chief Housing Officer shall, on  
7           and after the effective date described in sub-  
8           section (d), be deemed to refer to the Assistant  
9           Secretary of Defense for Housing, Personnel  
10          Movement, and Travel Policy established by  
11          paragraph (11) of section 138(b) of title 10,  
12          United States Code, as added by paragraph (4).

13       (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 90 days after  
14       the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
15       Defense shall—

16           (1) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-  
17           ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives  
18           a plan for implementing this section and the amend-  
19           ments made by this section; and

20           (2) revise Department of Defense Directive  
21           5124.02 (relating to the Under Secretary of Defense  
22           for Personnel and Readiness) and any other relevant  
23           documents issued by the Department in accordance  
24           with that plan.

25       (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—This section (other than  
2           subsection (c)), and the amendments made by this  
3           section, shall take effect on January 20, 2029.

4           (2) AUTHORITY FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTA-  
5           TION.—Notwithstanding the effective date described  
6           in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense may im-  
7           plement any provision of or amendment made by  
8           this section before that effective date if the Sec-  
9           retary determines that doing so is in the best inter-  
10          ests of the Department of Defense.

11 **SEC. 905. RESPONSIBILITY FOR CYBER MATTERS IN OFFICE**  
12 **OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

13           (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDER SECRETARY OF DE-  
14 FENSE FOR CYBER, INFORMATION, AND NETWORKS.—

15           (1) OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Sec-  
16 tion 131(b) of title 10, United States Code is  
17 amended—

18                   (A) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end  
19 the following new subparagraph:

20                           “(G) The Under Secretary of Defense for  
21 Cyber, Information, and Networks.”;

22                   (B) by striking paragraph (5); and

23                   (C) by redesignating paragraphs (6)  
24 through (9) as paragraphs (5) through (8), re-  
25 spectively.

1           (2) UNDER SECRETARY.—Chapter 4 of title 10,  
2       United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
3       section 133b the following:

4   **“§ 133c. Under Secretary of Defense for Cyber, Infor-**  
5                   **mation, and Networks**

6       “(a) UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—There is an  
7   Under Secretary of Defense for Cyber, Information, and  
8   Networks, appointed from civilian life by the President,  
9   by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The  
10   Under Secretary shall be appointed from among persons  
11   who have an extensive background in management, cyber  
12   operations, information technology, or related fields, and  
13   have experience with managing complex programs or orga-  
14   nizations. A person may not be appointed as Under Sec-  
15   retary within seven years after relief from active duty as  
16   a commissioned officer of a regular component of an  
17   armed force.

18       “(b) DUTIES AND POWERS.—Subject to the author-  
19   ity, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, the  
20   Under Secretary shall perform such duties and exercise  
21   such powers as the Secretary may prescribe, including—

22           “(1) serving as the Principal Cyber Advisor to  
23       the Secretary of Defense, with the authorities and  
24       responsibilities specified in section 146 of this title;

1           “(2) serving as the Chief Information Officer of  
2           the Department of Defense, with the authorities and  
3           responsibilities specified in section 142 of this title;

4           “(3) establishing Department of Defense-wide  
5           policy, strategy, and investment priorities for the  
6           adoption and integration of artificial intelligence and  
7           data strategy and management capabilities, includ-  
8           ing the development and implementation of a com-  
9           prehensive data strategy to enable decision advan-  
10          tage across the Department;

11          “(4) establishing and enforcing Department-  
12          wide cybersecurity policy, standards, and programs,  
13          and the coordination of cybersecurity standards and  
14          policies with other Federal agencies, coalition part-  
15          ners, and industry;

16          “(5) providing strategic direction and policy for  
17          the information technology enterprise of the Depart-  
18          ment, including network modernization, cloud adop-  
19          tion, collaboration capabilities, and the development,  
20          fielding, and scaling of digital services and software  
21          capabilities across the Department; and

22          “(6) establishing policy and strategy for the re-  
23          cruitment, development, and retention of the cyber  
24          and information technology workforce of the Depart-

1       ment, including the Cyber Excepted Service and re-  
2       lated workforce development programs.

3       “(c) PRECEDENCE IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—

4               “(1) PRECEDENCE IN MATTERS OF RESPONSI-  
5       BILITY.—With regard to all matters for which the  
6       Under Secretary has responsibility by the direction  
7       of the Secretary of Defense or by law, the Under  
8       Secretary takes precedence in the Department of  
9       Defense after the Secretary and the Deputy Sec-  
10      retary of Defense.

11             “(2) PRECEDENCE IN OTHER MATTERS.—With  
12      regard to all matters other than the matters for  
13      which the Under Secretary has responsibility by the  
14      direction of the Secretary or by law, the Under Sec-  
15      retary takes precedence in the Department of De-  
16      fense after the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and  
17      the Secretaries of the military departments.

18       “(d) ORGANIZATION OF OFFICE OF UNDER SEC-  
19      RETARY.—The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense  
20      for Cyber, Information, and Networks shall consist of the  
21      following:

22             “(1) An Assistant Secretary of Defense for Net-  
23      works, Infrastructure, and Enterprise Software.

24             “(2) An Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
25      Cyber Policy.

1           “(3) An Assistant Secretary of Defense for Re-  
2           sources and Forces.

3           “(4) The Chief Digital and Artificial Intel-  
4           ligence Officer of the Department of Defense, who  
5           shall serve as the Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer  
6           and the Chief Data Officer of the Department of  
7           Defense, and who shall report directly to the Under  
8           Secretary.

9           “(5) The Chief Information Security Officer of  
10          the Department of Defense, who shall report directly  
11          to the Under Secretary.”.

12          (3) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY.—Section 137a  
13          of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

14                 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “six”  
15                 and inserting “seven”; and

16                 (B) in subsection (c), by adding at the end  
17                 the following new paragraph:

18          “(7) One of the Deputy Under Secretaries is the Dep-  
19          uty Under Secretary of Defense for Cyber, Information,  
20          and Networks.”.

21          (4) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—Section 138 of  
22          title 10, United States Code, is amended—

23                 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “20”  
24                 and inserting “21”; and

1 (B) by amending subsection (b)(9) to read  
2 as follows:

3 “(9) One of the Assistant Secretaries is the Assistant  
4 Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy. The Assistant Sec-  
5 retary shall report directly to the Under Secretary of De-  
6 fense for Cyber, Information, and Networks.”.

7 (b) PRINCIPAL CYBER ADVISOR.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 10, United  
9 States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
10 145 the following new section:

11 **“§ 146. Principal Cyber Advisor and Deputy Principal**  
12 **Cyber Advisor**

13 “(a) PRINCIPAL CYBER ADVISOR.—

14 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is a Principal  
15 Cyber Advisor of the Department of Defense.

16 “(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Principal Cyber  
17 Advisor shall do the following:

18 “(A) Subject to the authority, direction,  
19 and control of the Secretary of Defense, exer-  
20 cise authority, direction, and control over all  
21 cyber-peculiar administrative matters relating  
22 to the organization, training, and equipping of  
23 cyber forces across the military departments  
24 and the United States Cyber Command.

1           “(B) Act as the principal civilian advisor  
2           to the Secretary on all cyber matters, including  
3           military cyber forces and activities.

4           “(C) After the Secretary and the Deputy  
5           Secretary, serve as the principal cyber official  
6           within the senior management of the Depart-  
7           ment of Defense.

8           “(D) Execute overall integration of the ac-  
9           tivities of cyberspace operations forces, includ-  
10          ing associated policy and operational consider-  
11          ations, resources, personnel, technology develop-  
12          ment and transition, and acquisition.

13          “(E) Develop, assess, and oversee the im-  
14          plementation of the cyber strategy of the De-  
15          partment and execution of the cyber posture re-  
16          view of the Department on behalf of the Sec-  
17          retary.

18          “(F) Coordinate activities pursuant to sub-  
19          paragraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (3) with  
20          the Principal Information Operations Advisor  
21          and other officials as determined by the Sec-  
22          retary, to ensure the integration of activities in  
23          support of cyber, information technology, infor-  
24          mation, and electromagnetic spectrum oper-  
25          ations.



1           “(G) Undertake such other matters relat-  
2           ing to the cyberspace operations forces of the  
3           Department as the Secretary shall specify for  
4           the purposes of this subsection.

5           “(3) CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAM.—Consistent  
6           with section 911 of the National Defense Authoriza-  
7           tion Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328;  
8           10 U.S.C. 111 note), the Principal Cyber Advisor  
9           shall—

10           “(A) integrate the cyber expertise and per-  
11           spectives of appropriate organizations within  
12           the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the  
13           Joint Staff, the military departments, the De-  
14           fense Agencies, the Department of Defense  
15           Field Activities, and the combatant commands,  
16           by establishing and maintaining a full-time  
17           cross-functional team of subject-matter experts  
18           from those organizations; and

19           “(B) select team members, and designate a  
20           team leader, from among those personnel nomi-  
21           nated by the heads of such organizations.

22           “(4) BUDGET REVIEW.—

23           “(A) TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDG-  
24           ETS.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through  
25           the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller),

1 shall require the Secretaries of the military de-  
2 partments and the heads of the Defense Agen-  
3 cies with responsibilities associated with any ac-  
4 tivity specified in paragraph (2) to transmit the  
5 proposed budget for such activities for a fiscal  
6 year and for the period covered by the future-  
7 years defense program submitted to Congress  
8 under section 221 of this title for that fiscal  
9 year to the Principal Cyber Advisor for review  
10 under subparagraph (B) before submitting the  
11 proposed budget to the Under Secretary of De-  
12 fense (Comptroller).

13 “(B) REVIEW OF PROPOSED BUDGETS.—

14 The Principal Cyber Advisor shall review each  
15 proposed budget transmitted under subpara-  
16 graph (A) and, not later than January 31 of  
17 the year preceding the fiscal year for which the  
18 budget is proposed, shall submit to the Sec-  
19 retary of Defense a report containing the com-  
20 ments of the Principal Cyber Advisor with re-  
21 spect to all such proposed budgets, together  
22 with the certification of the Principal Cyber Ad-  
23 visor regarding whether each proposed budget  
24 is adequate.

1           “(C) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than  
2           March 31 of each year, the Secretary of De-  
3           fense shall submit to Congress a report speci-  
4           fying each proposed budget that the Principal  
5           Cyber Advisor did not certify to be adequate.  
6           The report of the Secretary shall include the  
7           following matters:

8                   “(i) A discussion of the actions that  
9                   the Secretary proposes to take, together  
10                  with any recommended legislation that the  
11                  Secretary considers appropriate, to address  
12                  the inadequacy of the proposed budgets  
13                  specified in the report.

14                  “(ii) Any additional comments that  
15                  the Secretary considers appropriate regard-  
16                  ing the inadequacy of the proposed budg-  
17                  ets.

18           “(b) SENIOR MILITARY ADVISOR FOR CYBER POLICY  
19           AND DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CYBER ADVISOR.—

20                   “(1) ADVISOR.—

21                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-  
22                  fense shall, acting through the Joint Staff, des-  
23                  ignate an officer within the Office of the Under  
24                  Secretary of Defense for Policy to serve within  
25                  that Office as the Senior Military Advisor for

1 Cyber Policy, and concurrently, as the Deputy  
2 Principal Cyber Advisor of the Department of  
3 Defense.

4 “(B) OFFICERS ELIGIBLE FOR DESIGNA-  
5 TION.—The officer designated pursuant to this  
6 paragraph shall be designated from among com-  
7 missioned regular officers of the armed forces  
8 in a general or flag officer grade who are quali-  
9 fied for designation.

10 “(C) GRADE.—The officer designated pur-  
11 suant to this paragraph shall have the grade of  
12 major general or rear admiral (upper half)  
13 while serving in that position, without vacating  
14 the officer’s permanent grade.

15 “(2) SCOPE OF POSITIONS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The officer designated  
17 pursuant to paragraph (1) is each of the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 “(i) The Senior Military Advisor for  
20 Cyber Policy to the Principal Cyber Advi-  
21 sor.

22 “(ii) The Deputy Principal Cyber Ad-  
23 visor to the Secretary of Defense.

24 “(B) DIRECTION AND CONTROL AND RE-  
25 PORTING.—In carrying out duties under this

1 section, the officer designated pursuant to para-  
2 graph (1) shall be subject to the authority, di-  
3 rection, and control of, and shall report directly  
4 to, the Principal Cyber Advisor.

5 “(3) DUTIES.—

6 “(A) DUTIES AS SENIOR MILITARY ADVI-  
7 SOR FOR CYBER POLICY.—The duties of the of-  
8 ficer designated pursuant to paragraph (1) as  
9 Senior Military Advisor for Cyber Policy are as  
10 follows:

11 “(i) To serve as the principal military  
12 advisor on military cyber forces and mili-  
13 tary cyber activities to the Principal Cyber  
14 Advisor.

15 “(ii) To assess and advise the Prin-  
16 cipal Cyber Advisor on aspects of policy re-  
17 lating to activities of cyberspace operations  
18 forces, resources, personnel, cyber force  
19 readiness, cyber workforce development,  
20 and defense of Department of Defense net-  
21 works.

22 “(iii) To advocate, in consultation  
23 with the Joint Staff, and senior officers of  
24 the armed forces and the combatant com-  
25 mands, for consideration of military issues

1 within the Office of the Principal Cyber  
2 Advisor, including coordination and syn-  
3 chronization of activities of cyberspace op-  
4 erations forces.

5 “(B) DUTIES AS DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
6 CYBER ADVISOR.—The duties of the officer des-  
7 ignated pursuant to paragraph (1) as Deputy  
8 Principal Cyber Advisor are as follows:

9 “(i) To synchronize, coordinate, and  
10 oversee implementation of the cyber strat-  
11 egy of the Department of Defense and  
12 other relevant policy and planning.

13 “(ii) To advise the Secretary of De-  
14 fense on cyber programs, projects, and ac-  
15 tivities of the Department, including with  
16 respect to policy, training, resources, per-  
17 sonnel, manpower, and acquisitions and  
18 technology.

19 “(iii) To oversee implementation of  
20 Department policy and operational direc-  
21 tives on cyber programs, projects, and ac-  
22 tivities, including with respect to resources,  
23 personnel, manpower, and acquisitions and  
24 technology.

1           “(iv) To assist in the overall super-  
2 vision of military cyber activities relating  
3 to offensive missions.

4           “(v) To assist in the overall super-  
5 vision of Department defensive cyber oper-  
6 ations, including activities of component-  
7 level cybersecurity service providers and  
8 the integration of such activities with ac-  
9 tivities of the Cyber Mission Force.

10          “(vi) To advise senior leadership of  
11 the Department on, and advocate for, in-  
12 vestment in capabilities to execute Depart-  
13 ment missions in and through cyberspace.

14          “(vii) To identify shortfalls in capa-  
15 bilities to conduct Department missions in  
16 and through cyberspace, and make rec-  
17 ommendations on addressing such short-  
18 falls in the Program Budget Review proc-  
19 ess.

20          “(viii) To coordinate and consult with  
21 stakeholders in the cyberspace domain  
22 across the Department in order to identify  
23 other issues on cyberspace for the atten-  
24 tion of senior leadership of the Depart-  
25 ment.

1                   “(ix) On behalf of the Principal Cyber  
 2                   Advisor, to lead the cross-functional team  
 3                   established pursuant to subsection (a)(3)  
 4                   in order to synchronize and coordinate ac-  
 5                   tivities of cyberspace operations forces of  
 6                   the Department.

7           “(c) CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES DEFINED.—  
 8   In this section, the term ‘cyberspace operations forces’  
 9   means the military, civilian, and contractor personnel of  
 10   the Department of Defense in any component of the De-  
 11   partment of Defense organized, trained, and equipped to  
 12   plan, conduct, or enable offensive cyberspace operations,  
 13   defensive cyberspace operations, and Department of De-  
 14   fense information network operations, as designated by  
 15   the Secretary of Defense.”.

16           (2) CONFORMING REPEALS.—Section 392a of  
 17   title 10, United States Code, is amended—

18                   (A) by striking the section heading and in-  
 19                   serting the following:

20   **“§ 392a. Cyber governance structures on military**  
 21                   **cyber force matters”;**

22                   (B) by striking subsections (a) and (b);

23                   (C) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
 24                   section (a);



1 (D) in paragraph (2) of subsection (a), as  
2 redesignated—

3 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
4 “military cyberspace operations forces”  
5 and inserting “cyberspace operations  
6 forces”; and

7 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
8 “military cyberspace operations” and in-  
9 serting “activities of cyberspace operations  
10 forces”; and

11 (E) by adding at the end the following new  
12 subsection:

13 “(b) CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES DE-  
14 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘cyberspace operations  
15 forces’ has the meaning given that term in section 146  
16 of this title.”.

17 (3) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS, PERSONNEL, AS-  
18 SETS, AND OBLIGATIONS.—All functions, personnel,  
19 assets, and obligations of the Department of Defense  
20 Chief Information Officer and the Principal Cyber  
21 Advisor of the Department of Defense are trans-  
22 ferred to the Under Secretary of Defense for Cyber,  
23 Information, and Networks.

24 (4) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1 (A) SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND.—  
2 Section 167b(d)(2)(A) of title 10, United States  
3 Code, is amended by striking “section 392a(a)”  
4 and inserting “section 146(a)”.

5 (B) FUNDING ASSESSMENTS FOR ZERO  
6 TRUST STRATEGY, PRINCIPLES, AND A MODEL  
7 ARCHITECTURE.—Section 1528(e)(2) of the Na-  
8 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
9 Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C.  
10 2224 note) is amended by striking “section  
11 392a(c)(4)” and inserting “section 392a(a)(4)”.

12 (c) MERGER OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DE-  
13 FENSE FOR CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES AND ASSISTANT  
14 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR MISSION CAPABILITIES.—

15 (1) CONSOLIDATION REQUIRED.—The Sec-  
16 retary of Defense shall consolidate the positions of  
17 Assistant Secretary of Defense for Critical Tech-  
18 nologies and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
19 Mission Capabilities into a single position, to be  
20 known as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
21 Critical Technologies and Mission Capabilities.

22 (2) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—All functions,  
23 personnel, assets, and obligations of the Assistant  
24 Secretary of Defense for Critical Technologies and  
25 the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Mission Ca-

1       pabilities are transferred to the Assistant Secretary  
2       of Defense for Critical Technologies and Mission Ca-  
3       pabilities established pursuant to paragraph (1).

4           (3) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law,  
5       regulation, guidance, instruction, or other document  
6       of the Federal Government to the Assistant Sec-  
7       retary of Defense for Critical Technologies or the  
8       Assistant Secretary of Defense for Mission Capabili-  
9       ties shall be deemed to refer to the Assistant Sec-  
10      retary of Defense for Critical Technologies and Mis-  
11      sion Capabilities.

12      (d) EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE LEVEL III.—Section  
13      5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by insert-  
14      ing after “Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and  
15      Security.” the following:

16      “Under Secretary of Defense for Cyber, Information,  
17      and Networks.”.

18      (e) EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE LEVEL IV.—Section  
19      5315 of title 5, United States Code is amended by insert-  
20      ing after “Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intel-  
21      ligence and Security.” the following:

22      “Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Cyber, In-  
23      formation, and Networks.”.

1 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a) through (e),  
 2 and the amendments made by those subsections, shall take  
 3 effect on January 20, 2029.

4 (g) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than January 31,  
 5 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-  
 6 gressional defense committees a report on how the Depart-  
 7 ment of Defense intends to execute the amendments made  
 8 by subsections (a) through (e) that includes—

9 (1) a proposed organizational chart that in-  
 10 cludes the Deputy Assistant Secretaries of Defense,  
 11 the Defense Agencies, the Department of Defense  
 12 Field Activities, and other offices under the new or-  
 13 ganizational structure; and

14 (2) any recommendations the Secretary con-  
 15 siders appropriate to improve the organizational  
 16 structure of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

## 17 **Subtitle B—Combatant Commands**

### 18 **SEC. 911. UNIFIED COMBATANT COMMAND FOR AFRICA.**

19 Chapter 6 of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
 20 by adding at the end the following new section:

#### 21 **“§ 168. Unified combatant command for Africa**

22 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) With the advice and as-  
 23 sistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the  
 24 President, through the Secretary of Defense, shall estab-  
 25 lish under section 161 of this title a unified combatant

1 command for activities of the Department of Defense in  
2 Africa (in this section referred to as the ‘United States  
3 Africa Command’).

4 “(2) The principal mission of the United States Afri-  
5 ca Command is to direct, synchronize, and coordinate mili-  
6 tary planning, operations, and security cooperation to de-  
7 fend and advance the national interests of the United  
8 States with respect to Africa in collaboration with inter-  
9 national partners.

10 “(b) ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES.—Active and reserve  
11 forces of the armed forces shall be assigned to the United  
12 States Africa Command through the Global Force Man-  
13 agement Process, as approved by the Secretary of De-  
14 fense.

15 “(c) GRADE OF COMMANDER.—The Commander of  
16 the United States Africa Command shall hold the grade  
17 of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy, admiral  
18 while serving in that position, without vacating that offi-  
19 cer’s permanent grade. The Commander of such Com-  
20 mand shall be appointed to that grade by the President,  
21 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for serv-  
22 ice in that position.

23 “(d) AUTHORITY OF COMBATANT COMMANDER.—In  
24 addition to the authority prescribed in section 164(c) of  
25 this title, the Commander of the United States Africa

1 Command shall be responsible for, and shall have the au-  
 2 thority to conduct, all affairs of such Command relating  
 3 to planning, operations, and security cooperation activities  
 4 of the Department of Defense in Africa.”.

5 **SEC. 912. UNIFIED COMBATANT COMMAND FOR THE MID-**  
 6 **DLE EAST AND CENTRAL ASIA.**

7 Chapter 6 of title 10, United States Code, as amend-  
 8 ed by section 911, is further amended by adding at the  
 9 end the following new section:

10 **“§ 168a. Unified combatant command for the Middle**  
 11 **East and Central Asia**

12 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) With the advice and as-  
 13 sistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the  
 14 President, through the Secretary of Defense, shall estab-  
 15 lish under section 161 of this title a unified combatant  
 16 command for activities of the Department of Defense in  
 17 the central region (in this section referred to as the  
 18 ‘United States Central Command’).

19 “(2) The principal mission of the United States Cen-  
 20 tral Command is to direct, synchronize, and coordinate  
 21 military planning, operations, and security cooperation to  
 22 defend and advance national interests of the United States  
 23 with respect to the central region in collaboration with  
 24 international partners.

1       “(b) ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES.—Active and reserve  
2 forces of the armed forces shall be assigned to the United  
3 States Central Command through the Global Force Man-  
4 agement Process, as approved by the Secretary of De-  
5 fense.

6       “(c) GRADE OF COMMANDER.—The Commander of  
7 the United States Central Command shall hold the grade  
8 of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy, admiral  
9 while serving in that position, without vacating that offi-  
10 cer’s permanent grade. The Commander of such Com-  
11 mand shall be appointed to that grade by the President,  
12 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for serv-  
13 ice in that position.

14       “(d) AUTHORITY OF COMBATANT COMMANDER.—In  
15 addition to the authority prescribed in section 164(c) of  
16 this title, the Commander of the United States Central  
17 Command shall be responsible for, and shall have the au-  
18 thority to conduct, all affairs of such Command relating  
19 to planning, operations, and security cooperation activities  
20 of the Department of Defense in the central region.

21       “(e) CENTRAL REGION DEFINED.—In this section,  
22 the term ‘central region’ means the region comprising the  
23 Middle East, including Egypt, and Central Asia.”.

1 **SEC. 913. UNIFIED COMBATANT COMMAND FOR EUROPE.**

2 Chapter 6 of title 10, United States Code, as amend-  
3 ed by section 912, is further amended by adding at the  
4 end the following new section:

5 **“§ 168b. Unified combatant command for Europe**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) With the advice and as-  
7 sistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the  
8 President, through the Secretary of Defense, shall estab-  
9 lish under section 161 of this title a unified combatant  
10 command for activities of the Department of Defense in  
11 Europe (in this section referred to as the ‘United States  
12 European Command’).

13 “(2) The principal mission of the United States Eu-  
14 ropean Command is to direct, synchronize, and coordinate  
15 military planning, operations, and security cooperation to  
16 defend and advance national interests of the United States  
17 with respect to Europe in collaboration with international  
18 partners.

19 “(b) ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES.—Active and reserve  
20 forces of the armed forces shall be assigned to the United  
21 States European Command through the Global Force  
22 Management Process, as approved by the Secretary of De-  
23 fense.

24 “(c) GRADE OF COMMANDER.—The Commander of  
25 the United States European Command shall hold the  
26 grade of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy,



1 admiral while serving in that position, without vacating  
 2 that officer's permanent grade. The Commander of such  
 3 Command shall be appointed to that grade by the Presi-  
 4 dent, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,  
 5 for service in that position.

6 “(d) **AUTHORITY OF COMBATANT COMMANDER.**—In  
 7 addition to the authority prescribed in section 164(c) of  
 8 this title, the Commander of the United States European  
 9 Command shall be responsible for, and shall have the au-  
 10 thority to conduct, all affairs of such Command relating  
 11 to planning, operations, and security cooperation activities  
 12 of the Department of Defense in Europe.”.

13 **SEC. 914. UNIFIED COMBATANT COMMAND FOR NORTH**  
 14 **AMERICA.**

15 Chapter 6 of title 10, United States Code, as amend-  
 16 ed by section 913, is further amended by adding at the  
 17 end the following new section:

18 **“§ 168c. Unified combatant command for North Amer-**  
 19 **ica**

20 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—(1) With the advice and as-  
 21 sistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the  
 22 President, through the Secretary of Defense, shall estab-  
 23 lish under section 161 of this title a unified combatant  
 24 command for activities of the Department of Defense in

1 North America (in this section referred to as the ‘United  
2 States Northern Command’).

3 “(2) The principal missions of the United States  
4 Northern Command are—

5 “(A) to direct, synchronize, and coordinate mili-  
6 tary planning, operations, and security cooperation  
7 to defend and advance national interests of the  
8 United States with respect to North America in col-  
9 laboration with international partners; and

10 “(B) to plan, organize, and execute missions re-  
11 lating to homeland defense and defense support for  
12 civil authorities.

13 “(3) The area of responsibility of the United States  
14 Northern Command includes Canada, the United States,  
15 Mexico, Greenland, the United States Virgin Islands, the  
16 British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and  
17 Turks and Caicos Islands.

18 “(b) ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES.—Active and reserve  
19 forces of the armed forces shall be assigned to the United  
20 States Northern Command through the Global Force  
21 Management Process, as approved by the Secretary of De-  
22 fense.

23 “(c) GRADE OF COMMANDER.—The Commander of  
24 the United States Northern Command shall hold the grade  
25 of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy, admiral

1 while serving in that position, without vacating that offi-  
 2 cer's permanent grade. The Commander of such Com-  
 3 mand shall be appointed to that grade by the President,  
 4 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for serv-  
 5 ice in that position.

6 “(d) **AUTHORITY OF COMBATANT COMMANDER.**—In  
 7 addition to the authority prescribed in section 164(e) of  
 8 this title, the Commander of the United States Northern  
 9 Command shall be responsible for, and shall have the au-  
 10 thority to conduct, all affairs of such Command relating  
 11 to planning, operations, and security cooperation activities  
 12 of the Department of Defense in North America.”.

13 **SEC. 915. UNIFIED COMBATANT COMMAND FOR CENTRAL**  
 14 **AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, AND THE CARIB-**  
 15 **BEAN.**

16 Chapter 6 of title 10, United States Code, as amend-  
 17 ed by section 914, is further amended by adding at the  
 18 end the following new section:

19 **“§ 168d. Unified combatant command for Central**  
 20 **America, South America, and the Carib-**  
 21 **bean**

22 “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—(1) With the advice and as-  
 23 sistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the  
 24 President, through the Secretary of Defense, shall estab-  
 25 lish under section 161 of this title a unified combatant

1 command for activities of the Department of Defense in  
2 Central America, South America, and the Caribbean (in  
3 this section referred to as the ‘United States Southern  
4 Command’).

5 “(2) The principal mission of the United States  
6 Southern Command is to direct, synchronize, and coordi-  
7 nate military planning, operations, and security coopera-  
8 tion to defend and advance national interests of the  
9 United States with respect to Central America, South  
10 America, and the Caribbean in collaboration with inter-  
11 national partners.

12 “(b) ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES.—Active and reserve  
13 forces of the armed forces shall be assigned to the United  
14 States Southern Command through the Global Force  
15 Management Process, as approved by the Secretary of De-  
16 fense.

17 “(c) GRADE OF COMMANDER.—The Commander of  
18 the United States Southern Command shall hold the grade  
19 of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy, admiral  
20 while serving in that position, without vacating that offi-  
21 cer’s permanent grade. The Commander of such Com-  
22 mand shall be appointed to that grade by the President,  
23 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for serv-  
24 ice in that position.

1       “(d) **AUTHORITY OF COMBATANT COMMANDER.**—In  
 2 addition to the authority prescribed in section 164(c) of  
 3 this title, the Commander of the United States Southern  
 4 Command shall be responsible for, and shall have the au-  
 5 thority to conduct, all affairs of such Command relating  
 6 to planning, operations, and security cooperation activities  
 7 of the Department of Defense in Central America, South  
 8 America, and the Caribbean.”.

9       **SEC. 916. UNIFIED COMBATANT COMMAND FOR THE INDO-**  
 10                                   **PACIFIC REGION.**

11       Chapter 6 of title 10, United States Code, as amend-  
 12 ed by section 915, is further amended by adding at the  
 13 end the following new section:

14       **“§ 168e. Unified combatant command for the Indo-Pa-**  
 15                                   **cific region**

16       “(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—(1) With the advice and as-  
 17 sistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the  
 18 President, through the Secretary of Defense, shall estab-  
 19 lish under section 161 of this title a unified combatant  
 20 command for activities of the Department of Defense in  
 21 the Indo-Pacific region (in this section referred to as the  
 22 ‘United States Indo-Pacific Command’).

23       “(2) The principal mission of the United States Indo-  
 24 Pacific Command is to direct, synchronize, and coordinate  
 25 military planning, operations, and security cooperation to

1 defend and advance national interests of the United States  
2 with respect to the Indo-Pacific region in collaboration  
3 with international partners.

4 “(b) ASSIGNMENT OF FORCES.—Active and reserve  
5 forces of the armed forces shall be assigned to the United  
6 States Indo-Pacific Command through the Global Force  
7 Management Process, as approved by the Secretary of De-  
8 fense.

9 “(c) GRADE OF COMMANDER.—The Commander of  
10 the United States Indo-Pacific Command shall hold the  
11 grade of general or, in the case of an officer of the Navy,  
12 admiral while serving in that position, without vacating  
13 that officer’s permanent grade. The Commander of such  
14 Command shall be appointed to that grade by the Presi-  
15 dent, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,  
16 for service in that position.

17 “(d) AUTHORITY OF COMBATANT COMMANDER.—In  
18 addition to the authority prescribed in section 164(c) of  
19 this title, the Commander of the United States Indo-Pa-  
20 cific Command shall be responsible for, and shall have the  
21 authority to conduct, all affairs of such Command relating  
22 to planning, operations, and security cooperation activities  
23 of the Department of Defense in the Indo-Pacific region.”.

1 **SEC. 917. ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES ROBOTIC**  
2 **AND AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS COMMAND.**

3 Chapter 6 of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
4 by inserting after the item relating to section 167 the fol-  
5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 167a. Unified combatant command for robotic and**  
7 **autonomous systems**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—With the advice and assist-  
9 ance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the  
10 President, through the Secretary of Defense, may estab-  
11 lish under section 161 of this title a unified combatant  
12 command for robotic and autonomous systems, to be  
13 known as the ‘United States Robotic and Autonomous  
14 Systems Command’ (in this section referred to as  
15 ‘RASCOM’).

16 “(b) MISSION.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the authority  
18 prescribed in section 164(c) of this title, if RASCOM  
19 is established under subsection (a), the Commander  
20 of RASCOM shall be responsible for, and have the  
21 authority to conduct, all functions relating to robotic  
22 and autonomous systems assigned by the Secretary  
23 of Defense, including force generation, joint train-  
24 ing, interoperability, doctrine development, and oper-  
25 ational employment through other combatant com-  
26 mands.

1           “(2) EXCLUSIONS.—The Commander of  
2 RASCOM shall not be responsible for—

3           “(A) space systems;

4           “(B) autonomous cyber capabilities;

5           “(C) nuclear command, control, and com-  
6 munications systems;

7           “(D) integrated air and missile defense  
8 sensing; or

9           “(E) Integrated Tactical Warning and At-  
10 tack Assessment capabilities.

11       “(c) SERVICE COMPONENT COMMANDS AND FORCE  
12 GENERATION.—

13           “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—If RASCOM is estab-  
14 lished under subsection (a), the Army, Navy, Marine  
15 Corps, and Air Force shall each establish a service  
16 component command under RASCOM to support  
17 force generation, organization, training, and equip-  
18 ping of forces for robotic and autonomous systems  
19 operations.

20           “(2) CAREER PATHS AND TRAINING PIPE-  
21 LINES.—

22           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each service compo-  
23 nent command established under paragraph (1)  
24 shall include dedicated career paths, military  
25 occupational specialties (or equivalent ratings),



1           promotion tracks, and training pipelines for  
2           personnel assigned to robotic and autonomous  
3           systems duties.

4           “(B) INCLUSION IN MANPOWER RE-  
5           PORTS.—If RASCOM is established under sub-  
6           section (a), the Secretary of Defense, in coordi-  
7           nation with the Secretaries of the military de-  
8           partments concerned, shall ensure that the ca-  
9           reer paths, specialties, tracks, and pipelines de-  
10          scribed in subparagraph (A) are integrated into  
11          the personnel management systems of the re-  
12          spective armed forces and reported in the an-  
13          nual manpower reports required under section  
14          115a of this title.

15          “(d) SUBORDINATE UNIFIED COMMANDS.—If  
16          RASCOM is established under subsection (a), the Com-  
17          mander of RASCOM shall establish subordinate unified  
18          commands to operate under the operational control of each  
19          geographic combatant command or other combatant com-  
20          mand identified by the Secretary of Defense for the pur-  
21          pose of integrating robotic and autonomous systems capa-  
22          bilities into theater operations. Such subordinate unified  
23          commands shall be funded and resourced through  
24          RASCOM.

1       “(e) LIMITATION ON EXERCISE OF COMMAND AU-  
2 THORITY.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—If RASCOM is established  
4       under subsection (a), the Commander of RASCOM  
5       may not command or exercise operational control  
6       over operations or forces within the area of responsi-  
7       bility of any other combatant command unless—

8           “(A) the combatant commander of that  
9       command transfers operational control to the  
10       Commander of RASCOM; or

11          “(B) specifically directed by the Secretary  
12       of Defense.

13          “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
14       this section shall be construed to limit the authority  
15       of the Secretary of Defense under section 162 or  
16       164 of this title.

17       “(f) JOINT SUBORDINATE UNIFIED COMMAND.—If  
18       RASCOM is established under subsection (a), the Com-  
19       mander of RASCOM shall establish a joint subordinate  
20       unified command to be responsible for—

21           “(1) generating requirements for robotic and  
22       autonomous systems;

23           “(2) ensuring interoperability and establishing  
24       standards across the joint force;

1           “(3) planning and conducting joint exercises  
2           and training;

3           “(4) developing tactics, techniques, and proce-  
4           dures;

5           “(5) exercising special test and evaluation au-  
6           thorities for acquisition projects as provided in sub-  
7           section (h); and

8           “(6) establishing standards for human systems  
9           integration in coordination with the Assistant Sec-  
10          retary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Sur-  
11          geons General of the military departments.

12          “(g) OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION AU-  
13          THORITY.—

14               “(1) IN GENERAL.—If RASCOM is established  
15               under subsection (a), the Commander of RASCOM  
16               shall—

17                       “(A) serve as the principal operational test  
18                       and evaluation functional authority for all pro-  
19                       grams involving robotic and autonomous sys-  
20                       tems; and

21                       “(B) in that capacity—

22                               “(i) determine operational effective-  
23                               ness and operational suitability; and

24                               “(ii) have authority to designate and  
25                               establish test ranges, develop test plans,

1                   and issue independent reports on such pro-  
2                   grams.

3                   “(2) EXCLUSION OF PROGRAMS ON OVERSIGHT  
4           LIST OF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST AND  
5           EVALUATION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be  
6           construed to limit the oversight responsibilities of  
7           the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation  
8           with respect to programs on the oversight list of the  
9           Director.

10           “(h) LIMITED ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

11                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—If RASCOM is established  
12           under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense may  
13           delegate contracting authorities to the Commander  
14           of RASCOM sufficient to enable the Commander—

15                           “(A) subject to paragraph (2), to procure  
16                   limited quantities of robotic and autonomous  
17                   systems equipment and associated capabilities  
18                   (including unmanned platforms, attritable sys-  
19                   tems, swarms, mission kits, and related artifi-  
20                   cial intelligence-enabled autonomy, command  
21                   and control, and counter-unmanned systems)  
22                   for experimental, test and evaluation, rapid  
23                   prototyping, and initial fielding purposes; and

24                           “(B) to procure, operate, and sustain  
25                   robotic and autonomous systems equipment and

1 capabilities that one or more military depart-  
2 ments have included in a marketplace, catalog,  
3 or other pre-priced contracting vehicle with es-  
4 tablished pricing and agreed-upon terms and  
5 conditions.

6 “(2) LIMITATION.—The Commander may not  
7 enter into a contract under paragraph (1)(A) to pro-  
8 cure robotic and autonomous systems equipment and  
9 associated capabilities the cost of which exceeds  
10 \$20,000,000.

11 “(i) MAJOR FORCE PROGRAM.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If RASCOM is established  
13 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall  
14 establish and maintain a separate major force pro-  
15 gram category for RASCOM in—

16 “(A) the future-years defense program  
17 submitted to Congress under section 221 of this  
18 title; and

19 “(B) all budget justification materials sub-  
20 mitted to Congress in support of the budget of  
21 the Department of Defense for a fiscal year (as  
22 submitted to Congress with the budget of the  
23 President under section 1105(a) of title 31).

24 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR BUDGET JUSTIFICA-  
25 TION MATERIALS.—If RASCOM is established under

1 subsection (a), the major force program category for  
2 RASCOM required by paragraph (1) shall—

3 “(A) be presented distinctly in the budget  
4 justification materials described in paragraph  
5 (1)(B); and

6 “(B) include all resources required for the  
7 force generation, training, equipping, and  
8 sustainment of robotic and autonomous systems  
9 capabilities.

10 “(j) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If RASCOM is established  
12 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall,  
13 not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
14 ment of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
15 Fiscal Year 2027, and annually thereafter for the  
16 following five fiscal years, submit to the congres-  
17 sional defense committees a report on the implemen-  
18 tation and status of RASCOM.

19 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required under  
20 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

21 “(A) A description of the establishment  
22 and manning of RASCOM, each service compo-  
23 nent command, and the subordinate unified  
24 commands, including timelines for full oper-  
25 ational capability.

1           “(B) An assessment of the status of dedi-  
 2 cated career paths, training pipelines, and force  
 3 generation activities across the armed forces.

4           “(C) A summary of interoperability stand-  
 5 ards, tactics, techniques, and procedures devel-  
 6 oped, and joint exercises conducted.

7           “(D) An evaluation of RASCOM’s per-  
 8 formance as the operational test and evaluation  
 9 functional authority, including any rec-  
 10 ommendations for adjustments to the exception  
 11 for major defense acquisition programs on the  
 12 oversight list of the Director of Operational  
 13 Test and Evaluation.

14           “(E) A detailed accounting of resources al-  
 15 located through the major force program estab-  
 16 lished under subsection (i), including any chal-  
 17 lenges in execution or service equities.

18           “(F) Any other matters the Secretary de-  
 19 termines appropriate, including recommenda-  
 20 tions for legislative changes to improve the ef-  
 21 fectiveness of RASCOM.

22           “(k) ROBOTIC AND AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS DE-  
 23 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘robotic and autono-  
 24 mous systems’ includes unmanned aerial, maritime,  
 25 ground, and subsurface platforms, attritable systems,

1 swarms, and associated artificial intelligence-enabled au-  
 2 tonomy and counter-unmanned systems capabilities.”.

3 **Subtitle C—Other Department of**  
 4 **Defense Organization and Man-**  
 5 **agement Matters**

6 **SEC. 921. ORGANIZATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING**  
 7 **TO UNMANNED SYSTEMS.**

8 (a) DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY REQUIREMENTS.—

9 (1) PLAN FOR CONSOLIDATION OF RESPON-  
 10 SIBILITIES.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
 11 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
 12 Navy shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
 13 mittees a plan to consolidate the responsibilities for  
 14 generating, organizing, training, and equipping all  
 15 unmanned systems in the Department of the Navy  
 16 (other than Group 4 and Group 5 unmanned aerial  
 17 systems) under a single accountable official for inte-  
 18 grating Marine Corps stand-in forces and Navy  
 19 hedge forces with unmanned systems across all do-  
 20 mains.

21 (2) PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION OF OFFICE OF  
 22 CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.—Not later than 180  
 23 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
 24 Chief of Naval Operations shall submit to the con-  
 25 gressional defense committees a plan for the reorga-



1 nization of the Office of the Chief of Naval Oper-  
2 ations, including an assessment of the feasibility and  
3 advisability of—

4 (A) disestablishing the Director for Inte-  
5 grated Warfare (OPNAV N9I);

6 (B) the establishment of a dedicated re-  
7 source sponsor for robotic autonomous systems  
8 with full programming, budgeting, and acquisi-  
9 tion oversight responsibilities for all unmanned  
10 systems (excluding Group 4 and Group 5 un-  
11 manned aerial systems); and

12 (C) alignment of programs and budget line  
13 items between that Office and the portfolio ac-  
14 quisition executives.

15 (b) DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE REQUIRE-  
16 MENTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the  
17 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall  
18 submit to the congressional defense committees a plan to  
19 consolidate the responsibilities for generating, organizing,  
20 training, and equipping Group 1 through Group 3 un-  
21 manned aerial systems or runway-independent unmanned  
22 systems associated with Mission Area 1 under a single ac-  
23 countable official for unmanned systems requirements,  
24 doctrine, and force generation.

1       (c) JOINT WORKING GROUP WITHIN THE REQUIRE-  
2 MENTS AND RESOURCING ALIGNMENT BOARD.—

3           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Requirements and  
4 Resourcing Alignment Board shall include a joint  
5 working group on robotic autonomous systems.

6           (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The working group es-  
7 tablished under paragraph (1) shall be responsible  
8 for integrating investment strategies, identifying  
9 cross-service efficiencies, and providing recommenda-  
10 tions to the Board with respect to robotic autono-  
11 mous systems priorities.

12          (3) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 270  
13 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
14 Board shall submit to the congressional defense  
15 committees a report on the findings of the working  
16 group established under paragraph (1).

17       (d) UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS GROUPS DE-  
18 FINED.—In this section, the terms “Group 1”, “Group 2”,  
19 “Group 3”, “Group 4”, and “Group 5”, with respect to  
20 unmanned aerial systems, have the meanings given those  
21 terms in Joint Publication 3–30, entitled “Joint Air Oper-  
22 ations” and dated July 25, 2019, or a successor publica-  
23 tion.

1 **SEC. 922. COMPOSITION OF CROSS-FUNCTIONAL TEAM FOR**  
2 **EMERGING THREAT RELATING TO ANOMA-**  
3 **LOUS HEALTH INCIDENTS; REPORTS.**

4 (a) TEAM COMPOSITION.—Subsection (c) of section  
5 910 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
6 Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 111 note) is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
9 “AND COMPOSITION” after “LEADERSHIP”;

10 (2) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting  
11 the following:

12 “(1) LEADERSHIP.—The Secretary”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
14 paragraph:

15 “(2) COMPOSITION.—At a minimum, the cross-  
16 functional team shall be staffed by at least one full-  
17 time employee designated by each of the following:

18 “(A) The Under Secretary of Defense for  
19 Policy.

20 “(B) The Under Secretary of Defense for  
21 Personnel and Readiness.

22 “(C) The Under Secretary of Defense for  
23 Intelligence and Security.

24 “(D) The Under Secretary of Defense for  
25 Research and Engineering.

1           “(E) The Director of the Defense Intel-  
2           ligence Agency.

3           “(F) The Director of the Defense Health  
4           Agency.

5           “(G) The Director of the National Security  
6           Agency.”.

7           (b) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Subsection (e) of such  
8           section is amended—

9           (1) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
10          “AND REPORTS” after “BRIEFINGS”; and

11          (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the  
12          following new paragraph (2):

13          “(2) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 90  
14          days after the date of the enactment of the National  
15          Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027,  
16          and every 90 days thereafter until March 1, 2030,  
17          the head of the cross-functional team shall submit to  
18          the appropriate congressional committees a report  
19          that includes the following:

20                 “(A) A description of any activities carried  
21                 out to fulfill the duties specified in subsection  
22                 (b) during the 90-day period preceding submis-  
23                 sion of the report.

24                 “(B) A description of any organizational  
25                 updates to the team, including the status of em-

1            ployees assigned to the team under subsection  
2            (c)(2).

3            “(C) The number of anomalous health inci-  
4            dents reported during the 90-day period pre-  
5            ceding submission of the report, and the date  
6            and location of each such incident.

7            “(D) An assessment of the status of fund-  
8            ing, by fiscal year, for research described in  
9            subsection (b)(2) and a description of the topics  
10          covered by such research.”.

11 **SEC. 923. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF ANOMA-**  
12 **LOUS HEALTH INCIDENTS CROSS-FUNC-**  
13 **TIONAL TEAM.**

14          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
15 United States shall conduct a review of the Anomalous  
16 Health Incidents Cross-Functional Team of the Depart-  
17 ment of Defense established under section 910 of the Na-  
18 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022  
19 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 111 note) (in this section  
20 referred to as the “cross-functional team”).

21          (b) ELEMENTS.—The review required by subsection  
22 (a) shall include an assessment of, at a minimum, the fol-  
23 lowing:

24            (1) The activities of the cross-functional team  
25            conducted in fulfillment of each of the duties under

1 section 910(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
2 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81;  
3 10 U.S.C. 111 note), during the period beginning on  
4 February 1, 2024, and ending on February 1, 2026.

5 (2) The composition and resourcing of the  
6 cross-functional team during that period, including  
7 increases or decreases in the number of assigned or  
8 detailed personnel.

9 (3) Any findings by the cross-functional team  
10 regarding the causes and sources of anomalous  
11 health incidents, including identification of any indi-  
12 viduals, entities, capabilities, or phenomena to which  
13 such incidents may plausibly be attributed.

14 (4) The decision-making process and justifica-  
15 tion for the transfer of the cross-functional team  
16 from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense  
17 for Policy to the Office of the Under Secretary of  
18 Defense for Research and Engineering.

19 (5) Support provided to the cross-functional  
20 team by the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Na-  
21 tional Security Agency, the National Ground Intel-  
22 ligence Center, and other elements of the defense in-  
23 telligence enterprise since the establishment of the  
24 cross-functional team.

1           (6) Recommendations for clarifying or strength-  
2           ening the duties of the cross-functional team under  
3           section 910(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
4           tion Act for Fiscal Year 2022.

5           (7) Any other matters the Comptroller General  
6           considers relevant.

7           (c) BRIEFING AND RESULTS.—The Comptroller Gen-  
8           eral shall—

9           (1) not later than 180 days after the date of  
10          the enactment of this Act, brief the congressional de-  
11          fense committees, the Select Committee on Intel-  
12          ligence of the Senate, and the Permanent Select  
13          Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-  
14          resentatives on the review conducted under sub-  
15          section (a); and

16          (2) provide the final results of the review to  
17          those committees in a format, and at a time, mutu-  
18          ally agreed upon by those committees and the Comp-  
19          troller General.

20   **SEC. 924. ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF**  
21                           **THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

22          Chapter 1 of title 32, United States Code, is amended  
23   by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 116. Center for the Study of the National Guard**

2 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
3 coordination with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau,  
4 shall establish a center, to be known as the ‘Center for  
5 the Study of the National Guard’ (in this section referred  
6 to as the ‘Center’), at an appropriate academic institution  
7 that—

8 “(1) maintains an established relationship with  
9 the National Guard Bureau;

10 “(2) possesses a strong academic program in  
11 military history; and

12 “(3) is situated in proximity to a major installa-  
13 tion of the National Guard.

14 “(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Center shall—

15 “(1) serve as the principal repository for histor-  
16 ical documents, oral histories, and other records re-  
17 lated to the National Guard;

18 “(2) conduct research, analysis, and educational  
19 programs related to the history, evolution, and oper-  
20 ational contributions of the National Guard;

21 “(3) facilitate outreach efforts to increase pub-  
22 lic awareness of the role of the National Guard in  
23 national defense and domestic response operations;  
24 and

25 “(4) support the Department of Defense in  
26 shaping policy decisions and strategic planning re-



1       lated to operations of the National Guard carried  
2       out under this title.

3       “(c) COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT.—The Chief of  
4 the National Guard Bureau may—

5           “(1) collaborate with the Center in the collec-  
6       tion, preservation, and dissemination of information  
7       about the history of the National Guard;

8           “(2) provide historical documents, records, and  
9       resources to support the research and archival ef-  
10      forts of the Center; and

11          “(3) facilitate joint initiatives between the Na-  
12      tional Guard Bureau and the Center to enhance his-  
13      torical preservation, education, and public aware-  
14      ness.

15      “(d) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.—The Sec-  
16      retary of Defense shall seek to establish and maintain the  
17      Center as a public-private partnership to minimize costs  
18      to the Federal Government.”.

19      **SEC. 925. CIVIL-MILITARY COORDINATION CENTER.**

20      (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Defense may  
21      maintain and continue to operate, until December 31,  
22      2027, the Civil-Military Coordination Center established  
23      by the Secretary before the date of the enactment of this  
24      Act (in this section referred to as the “Center”), as—

1           (1) an implementation body for the Board of  
2       Peace that oversees the implementation of the Com-  
3       prehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict, dated  
4       September 29, 2025; and

5           (2) a joint civil-military coordination body with-  
6       in the Department of Defense.

7       (b) PLAN FOR CONTINUING OPERATIONS.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,  
9       2027, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees  
10      on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of  
11      Representatives a plan detailing the requirements  
12      for the Center to serve as a joint civil-military co-  
13      ordination body within the Department of Defense  
14      for activities related to Israel and the territory of  
15      the Gaza Strip in order to support the planning and  
16      coordination of civil-military activities relating to se-  
17      curity, stabilization, and reconstruction efforts in  
18      Gaza.

19           (2) GOALS.—The plan required by paragraph  
20      (1) shall have the goals of ensuring—

21           (A) the complete and permanent disar-  
22      mament of Hamas;

23           (B) the permanent exclusion of leaders and  
24      members of Hamas from governance at every  
25      administrative level;

1 (C) the elimination of access by Hamas to  
2 financial and material resources, including by  
3 preventing Hamas and its affiliates from divert-  
4 ing or exploiting humanitarian aid; and

5 (D) training an international stabilization  
6 force.

7 (3) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by para-  
8 graph (1) shall address the following with respect to  
9 the Center:

10 (A) The mission structure and organiza-  
11 tion of the Center.

12 (B) The number and rank of United  
13 States personnel required to operate the Center.

14 (C) The responsibilities of the director of  
15 the Center.

16 (D) The relationship of the Center to the  
17 Board of Peace and relevant allies and partners  
18 of the United States.

19 (E) The funding that would be required  
20 from the United States to operate the Center  
21 and implement the goals described in paragraph  
22 (2).

23 (F) The number of personnel operating out  
24 of the Center as of the date of the enactment  
25 of this Act.

1           (G) The roles and responsibilities of the  
2           Center as of such date of enactment with re-  
3           spect to—

4                   (i) enforcing the ceasefire in Gaza;

5                   (ii) coordinating the delivery of hu-  
6           manitarian assistance to the people of  
7           Gaza; and

8                   (iii) coordination with the Government  
9           of Israel and any Palestinian entities.

10          (H) The goals of the coordination de-  
11          scribed in subparagraph (G)(iii).

12          (I) The level of support provided, as of the  
13          date of the enactment of this Act, to the Inter-  
14          national Stabilization Force, including activi-  
15          ties, mission objectives, and United States per-  
16          sonnel involved.

17          (J) The level of support provided, as of  
18          such date of enactment, for the generation of  
19          Palestinian security forces, including activities,  
20          mission objectives, and United States personnel  
21          involved.

22          (K) The feasibility of permanently author-  
23          izing the Center.

24          (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
2       after the date of the enactment of this Act, and  
3       every 180 days thereafter, the Secretary, in coordi-  
4       nation with the Commander of the United States  
5       Central Command, shall submit to the Committees  
6       on Armed Services Committees of the Senate and  
7       the House of Representatives a report on the Center  
8       that includes the following:

9                   (A) The number of members of the Armed  
10       Forces assigned to the Center.

11                  (B) The number of members of the Armed  
12       Forces assigned to the International Stabiliza-  
13       tion Force mission.

14                  (C) A statement of any casualties among  
15       employees or contractors of the United States  
16       Government assigned to the Center during the  
17       year preceding submission of the report.

18                  (D) A list of all the governmental, non-  
19       governmental, and private sector stakeholder  
20       partners of the Center.

21                  (E) The number of humanitarian aid  
22       trucks and cumulative metric tons of supplies  
23       that have entered Gaza from entry points origi-  
24       nating in Egypt and Israel, respectively, includ-

1 ing, to the extent feasible, the following infor-  
2 mation:

3 (i) The weight or volume of cooking  
4 gas or oil, engine oil, shelter materials, and  
5 materials that support the production or  
6 distribution of fresh water that have en-  
7 tered Gaza, disaggregated by category and  
8 operator.

9 (ii) The weight or volume of medical  
10 supplies by type, including medications,  
11 vaccines, and equipment that have entered  
12 Gaza, disaggregated by category and oper-  
13 ator.

14 (iii) The weight or volume of food  
15 stuffs by type, including fresh produce,  
16 meat, and dry staple goods that have en-  
17 tered Gaza, disaggregated by category and  
18 operator.

19 (iv) An accounting by weight or vol-  
20 ume and type of humanitarian assistance  
21 goods and supplies that have not been per-  
22 mitted into Gaza and the rationale for not  
23 permitting such goods and supplies into  
24 Gaza.

25 (v) An assessment of—

1 (I) whether Hamas has in any  
2 way interfered with the distribution of  
3 the items described in any of clauses  
4 (i) through (iv); and

5 (II) an assessment of the extent  
6 to which Hamas has profited, or at-  
7 tempted to profit, from the distribu-  
8 tion, or planned distribution, of those  
9 items.

10 (F) An identification of the general officer  
11 who is in operational command of International  
12 Stabilization Force and the country of which  
13 that officer is a citizen.

14 (G) An assessment of whether the Inter-  
15 national Stabilization Force operates under a  
16 multinational, coalition, or other framework.

17 (H) A description of the primary objectives  
18 and mission sets of the International Stabiliza-  
19 tion Force.

20 (I) An assessment of the extent to which  
21 the International Stabilization Force is partici-  
22 pating in the disarmament of Hamas.

23 (J) A map showing the deployment of the  
24 International Stabilization Force within Gaza  
25 and the areas it controls.

1 (K) An explanation of the rules of engage-  
 2 ment of the International Stabilization Force.

3 (L) A description of the nature of the rela-  
 4 tionship of the International Stabilization Force  
 5 with the Palestinian police force or forces.

6 (2) FORM.—Each report required by paragraph  
 7 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may  
 8 include a classified annex.

9 **SEC. 926. MODIFICATIONS TO UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYS-**  
 10 **TEM DEFINITIONS FOR JOINT INTERAGENCY**  
 11 **TASK FORCE 401.**

12 Section 199(h) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 13 amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “detecting,  
 15 identifying, monitoring, tracking,” after “safely”;  
 16 and

17 (2) in paragraph (3)—

18 (A) by inserting “(A)” after “(3)”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
 20 subparagraph:

21 “(B) The term ‘unmanned aircraft system’ in-  
 22 cludes a control station that enables control of an  
 23 unmanned aircraft.”.



1 **SEC. 927. MAXIMIZING FUNDING EFFICIENCY FOR HOME-**  
2 **LAND DEFENSE.**

3 Section 199 of title 10, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (d)—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraph (7) as  
7 paragraph (8); and

8 (B) by inserting after paragraph (6) the  
9 following new paragraph (7):

10 “(7) Identify interagency initiatives and avail-  
11 able funding that are aligned with all applicable re-  
12 sponsibilities of the Task Force for low-altitude air-  
13 space security aligned with covered facilities or as-  
14 sets (as defined in section 130i of this title) and any  
15 other initiatives the Director considers appro-  
16 priate.”; and

17 (2) in subsection (f)(2)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;  
19 and” and inserting a semicolon; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
21 subparagraph:

22 “(C) to appropriately coordinate the fund-  
23 ing and integration priorities of the Task Force  
24 with the architecture development, capability re-  
25 quirements, and implementation of Golden  
26 Dome for America to enhance alignment on the

1 defense of the United States against next-gen-  
2 eration aerial attacks, including by small un-  
3 manned aircraft from peer, near-peer, and  
4 rogue adversaries; and”.

5 **SEC. 928. PROHIBITION ON THE REDUCTION OF FUNDING**  
6 **FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR**  
7 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

8 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by  
9 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027  
10 may be obligated or expended by the Department of De-  
11 fense to terminate, replace, reduce, or prepare to termi-  
12 nate, replace, or reduce a program of foreign language,  
13 regional expertise, and cultural capability training or in-  
14 struction until 90 days after the Secretary of Defense sub-  
15 mits to the congressional defense committees a certifi-  
16 cation that the Department of Defense has attained a high  
17 rate of readiness, as tracked in the DoD Language Readiness  
18 Index, for any foreign languages and related com-  
19 petencies identified on DOD Strategic Language Lists.

20 **SEC. 929. RECORDS RETENTION REQUIREMENT.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
22 ensure that all records related to United States maritime  
23 strikes in the Caribbean and the Eastern Pacific are re-  
24 tained by the Department of Defense, including the fol-  
25 lowing records:

- 1 (1) Strike videos.
- 2 (2) Investigative documents.
- 3 (3) After action reports.
- 4 (4) Aircrew debriefing reports.
- 5 (5) Chat log communications immediately pre-
- 6 ceding, during, or immediately after strikes.
- 7 (6) Written concepts of operation.
- 8 (7) Execute orders.
- 9 (8) Legal opinions.

10 (b) RETENTION AND TRANSFER TO NARA.—

11 Records retained under subsection (a)—

12 (1) shall be retained in accordance with all oth-

13 erwise applicable provisions of law relating to reten-

14 tion and archiving of records, including chapters 29,

15 31, 33, and 35 of title 44, United States Code, and

16 subchapter B of chapter XII of title 36, Code of

17 Federal Regulations, or successor regulations; and

18 (2) may be transferred to the National Archives

19 and Records Administration in accordance with such

20 provisions of law.

## 21 **TITLE X—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### 22 **Subtitle A—Financial Matters**

#### 23 **SEC. 1001. GENERAL TRANSFER AUTHORITY.**

24 (a) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER AUTHORIZATIONS.—

1           (1) AUTHORITY.—Upon determination by the  
2       Secretary of Defense that such action is necessary in  
3       the national interest, the Secretary may transfer  
4       amounts of authorizations made available to the De-  
5       partment of Defense in this division for fiscal year  
6       2027 between any such authorizations for that fiscal  
7       year (or any subdivisions thereof). Amounts of au-  
8       thorizations so transferred shall be merged with and  
9       be available for the same purposes as the authoriza-  
10      tion to which transferred.

11          (2) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in para-  
12      graph (3), the total amount of authorizations that  
13      the Secretary may transfer under the authority of  
14      this section may not exceed \$6,000,000,000.

15          (3) EXCEPTION FOR TRANSFERS BETWEEN  
16      MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS.—A trans-  
17      fer of funds between military personnel authoriza-  
18      tions under title IV shall not be counted toward the  
19      dollar limitation in paragraph (2).

20          (b) LIMITATIONS.—The authority provided by sub-  
21      section (a) to transfer authorizations—

22              (1) may only be used to provide authority for  
23      items that have a higher priority than the items  
24      from which authority is transferred; and

1           (2) may not be used to provide authority for an  
2       item that has been denied authorization by Con-  
3       gress.

4       (c) EFFECT ON AUTHORIZATION AMOUNTS.—A  
5       transfer made from one account to another under the au-  
6       thority of this section shall be deemed to increase the  
7       amount authorized for the account to which the amount  
8       is transferred by an amount equal to the amount trans-  
9       ferred.

10       (d) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall  
11       promptly notify Congress of each transfer made under  
12       subsection (a).

13       **SEC. 1002. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL STATE-**  
14                               **MENT AUDIT READINESS, REPORTING RE-**  
15                               **LIEF, AND RELATED REFORMS.**

16       (a) CESSATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF CERTAIN  
17       REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

18           (1) CESSATION.—The reporting requirements  
19       specified in paragraph (2) shall not apply upon the  
20       issuance of an unmodified audit opinion on the con-  
21       solidated financial statements of the Department of  
22       Defense, including the military departments and  
23       other reporting entities defined by the Office of  
24       Management and Budget.

1           (2) COVERED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

2           The reporting requirements referred to in paragraph  
3           (1) are the following:

4                   (A) The requirement to submit a report  
5                   and provide briefings under section 240b of title  
6                   10, United States Code, except that all other  
7                   requirements of such section shall continue to  
8                   apply.

9                   (B) The requirement to submit annual re-  
10                  ports under section 817(d) of the Bob Stump  
11                  National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
12                  Year 2003 (Public Law 107–314; 116 Stat.  
13                  2610).

14           (3) REINSTATEMENT.—If, after the cessation of  
15           applicability under paragraph (1), the Department  
16           of Defense receives an adverse opinion or disclaimer  
17           of opinion on its consolidated financial statements in  
18           a subsequent fiscal year, the reporting requirements  
19           specified in paragraph (2)(A) shall again apply until  
20           the Department receives an unmodified audit opin-  
21           ion in a subsequent fiscal year.

22           (b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IF AN UNMODIFIED  
23           AUDIT OPINION IS NOT ACHIEVED BY DECEMBER 31,  
24           2028.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Department of De-  
2       fense does not obtain an unmodified audit opinion  
3       on its consolidated financial statements for fiscal  
4       year 2028 by December 31, 2028, the requirements  
5       of this subsection shall take effect on January 1,  
6       2029.

7           (2) UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMP-  
8       TROLLER).—

9           (A) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual nom-  
10       inated for appointment as Under Secretary of  
11       Defense (Comptroller) under section 135 of title  
12       10, United States Code shall—

13                   (i) be a certified public accountant; or  
14                   (ii) have served as a chief financial of-  
15       ficer, or in an equivalent position at—

16                           (I) a Federal or State agency  
17       that received an unmodified audit  
18       opinion during such service; or

19                           (II) a public company that re-  
20       ceived an unmodified audit opinion  
21       during such service.

22           (B) DUTIES.—In addition to the duties  
23       specified in section 135(c) of title 10, United  
24       States Code, the Under Secretary shall perform  
25       such additional duties relating to the financial

1 management of the Department of Defense as  
2 the Deputy Secretary of Defense, acting in the  
3 capacity of Chief Management Officer, may pre-  
4 scribe.

5 (C) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A) shall  
6 not apply if the Deputy Under Secretary of De-  
7 fense (Comptroller) meets the requirements of  
8 clause (i) or clause (ii) of such subparagraph.

9 (3) ASSISTANT SECRETARIES FOR FINANCIAL  
10 MANAGEMENT.—

11 (A) ARMY.—

12 (i) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual  
13 nominated for appointment as Assistant  
14 Secretary of the Army for Financial Man-  
15 agement and Comptroller under section  
16 7016 of title 10, United States Code, shall  
17 meet the requirements described in para-  
18 graph (2)(A)(i).

19 (ii) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition  
20 to the responsibilities specified in section  
21 7016(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code,  
22 the individual described in clause (i) shall  
23 perform such additional responsibilities as  
24 the Deputy Secretary of Defense, acting in



1 the capacity of Chief Management Officer,  
2 may prescribe.

3 (iii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i) shall not  
4 apply if the Principal Deputy Assistant  
5 Secretary of the Army for Financial Man-  
6 agement and Comptroller meets the re-  
7 quirements described in paragraph  
8 (2)(A)(i).

9 (B) NAVY.—

10 (i) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual  
11 nominated for appointment as Assistant  
12 Secretary of the Navy for Financial Man-  
13 agement and Comptroller under section  
14 8016 of title 10, United States Code, shall  
15 meet the requirements described in para-  
16 graph (2)(A)(i).

17 (ii) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition  
18 to the responsibilities specified in section  
19 8016(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code,  
20 the individual described in clause (i) shall  
21 perform such additional responsibilities as  
22 the Deputy Secretary of Defense, acting in  
23 the capacity of Chief Management Officer,  
24 may prescribe.

1 (iii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i) shall not  
2 apply if the Principal Deputy Assistant  
3 Secretary of the Navy for Financial Man-  
4 agement and Comptroller meets the re-  
5 quirements described in paragraph  
6 (2)(A)(i).

7 (C) AIR FORCE.—

8 (i) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual  
9 nominated for appointment as Assistant  
10 Secretary of the Air Force for Financial  
11 Management and Comptroller under sec-  
12 tion 9016 of title 10, United States Code,  
13 shall meet the requirements described in  
14 paragraph (2)(A)(i).

15 (ii) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition  
16 to the responsibilities specified in section  
17 9016(b)(4) of title 10, United States Code,  
18 the individual described in clause (i) shall  
19 perform such additional responsibilities as  
20 the Deputy Secretary of Defense, acting in  
21 the capacity of Chief Management Officer,  
22 may prescribe.

23 (iii) EXCEPTION.—Clause (i) shall not  
24 apply if the Principal Deputy Assistant  
25 Secretary of the Air Force for Financial

1 Management and Comptroller meets the  
2 requirements described in paragraph  
3 (2)(A)(i).

4 (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the term  
5 “public company” has the meaning given the term  
6 “issuer” in section 2(a)(7) of the Sarbanes-Oxley  
7 Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7201(7)).

8 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR AUDIT  
9 ACCELERATION.—Of the amounts authorized to be appro-  
10 priated to the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2027  
11 for automation and artificial intelligence to accelerate re-  
12 mediation and systems modernization for the audit of De-  
13 partment of Defense financial statements—

14 (1) \$250,000,000 may be made available from  
15 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide; and

16 (2) \$250,000,000 may be made available from  
17 Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, De-  
18 fense-Wide.

19 (d) DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR FINANCIAL  
20 STATEMENT AUDITS.—

21 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-  
22 fense shall establish within the Office of the Inspec-  
23 tor General of the Department of Defense a position  
24 of Deputy Inspector General for Financial State-  
25 ment Audits.

1           (2) DUTIES.—The Deputy Inspector General  
 2           shall oversee the selection and performance of inde-  
 3           pendent external auditors conducting audits of the  
 4           Department’s consolidated financial statements.

5           (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual serving in  
 6           the position shall be a certified public accountant.

7   **SEC. 1003. EXPANSION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTAL**  
 8                           **TO CONGRESS OF REPORTS AND JUSTIFICA-**  
 9                           **TION BOOKS.**

10          (a) REPORTING ON UNFUNDED PRIORITIES OF THE  
 11   ARMED FORCES AND COMBATANT COMMANDS.—Section  
 12   222a of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

13           (1) in subsection (a), by inserting before “each  
 14           officer” the following: “and not later than seven  
 15           days after the date on which any covered document  
 16           is delivered to any of the congressional defense com-  
 17           mittees,”; and

18           (2) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the  
 19           following:

20           “(3) The term ‘covered document’ means a doc-  
 21           ument referred to as a ‘dash one’, including the fol-  
 22           lowing:

23                   “(A) Military Personnel Programs (M–1).

24                   “(B) Operation and Maintenance Pro-  
 25                   grams (O–1).

1                   “(C) Revolving and Management Fund  
2                   (RF-1).

3                   “(D) Procurement Programs (P-1).

4                   “(E) Procurement Programs Reserve Com-  
5                   ponents (P-1R).

6                   “(F) Research Development, Test & Eval-  
7                   uation Programs (R-1).

8                   “(G) Military Construction, Family Hous-  
9                   ing, and Base Realignment and Closure Pro-  
10                  gram (C-1).

11                  “(H) Any subsequent or successor docu-  
12                  ment.”.

13                  (b) REPORTING ON JUSTIFICATION BOOKS.—

14                  (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than seven days  
15                  after the date on which a covered document is deliv-  
16                  ered to Congress in support of the budget of the  
17                  President submitted under section 1105 of title 31,  
18                  United States Code, for a fiscal year, the Secretary  
19                  of Defense shall transmit to Congress the Justifica-  
20                  tion Books for such covered document, as detailed in  
21                  the Department of Defense Financial Management  
22                  Regulation (DoD 7000.14-R).

23                  (2) COVERED DOCUMENT DEFINED.—In this  
24                  subsection, the term “covered document” has the  
25                  meaning given that term in section 222a(e) of title

1       10, United States Code, as amended by subsection  
2       (a).

3       **SEC. 1004. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: OPENING BALANCES**  
4                   **FOR AUDIT PURPOSES.**

5       Chapter 9A of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
6       ed by inserting after section 240i the following new sec-  
7       tion:

8       **“§ 240j. Financial statements: opening balances for**  
9                   **audit purposes**

10       “(a) USSGL ACCOUNT DEFINED.—In this section,  
11       the term ‘USSGL Account’ means United States Stand-  
12       ard General Ledger Account.

13       “(b) DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.—For purposes of  
14       an audit conducted under this chapter on the financial  
15       statements of the Department of the Army, the opening  
16       balances as of October 1, 2025, for the Department of  
17       the Army Working Capital Fund shall be as follows:

18               “(1) For USSGL Account 101000, titled ‘Fund  
19       Balance with Treasury’, \$2,010,085,640.47.

20               “(2) For USSGL Account 310000, titled ‘Un-  
21       expended                   Appropriations—Cumulative’,  
22       \$104,620,026.51.

23               “(3) For USSGL Account 413900, titled ‘Con-  
24       tract           Authority           Carried           Forward’,  
25       \$4,448,474,255.57.

1           “(4) For USSGL Account 420100, titled ‘Total  
2   Actual Resources—Collected’, \$1,836,976,540.16.

3           “(5) For USSGL Account 445000, titled  
4   ‘Unapportioned—Unexpired                           Authority’,  
5   \$3,668,585,253.03.

6           “(c) DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.—For pur-  
7   poses of an audit conducted under this chapter on the fi-  
8   nancial statements of the Department of the Air Force,  
9   the opening balances as of October 1, 2025, for the De-  
10   partment of the Air Force Working Capital Fund shall  
11   be as follows:

12           “(1) For USSGL Account 310000, titled ‘Un-  
13   expended                           Appropriations—Cumulative’,  
14   \$74,131,256.71.

15           “(2) For USSGL Account 413900, titled ‘Con-  
16   tract           Authority           Carried           Forward’,  
17   \$6,333,279,921.52.

18           “(3) For USSGL Account 420100, titled ‘Total  
19   Actual Resources—Collected’, \$2,988,803,908.21.

20           “(4) For USSGL Account 445000, titled  
21   ‘Unapportioned—Unexpired                           Authority’,  
22   \$1,930,040,147.04.

23           “(d) DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY.—For purposes  
24   of an audit conducted under this chapter on the financial

1 statements of the Defense Logistics Agency, opening and  
2 ending balances shall be used as follows:

3 “(1) DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY WORKING  
4 CAPITAL FUND.—For the Defense Logistics Agency  
5 Working Capital Fund, opening balances as of Octo-  
6 ber 1, 2024, are as follows:

7 “(A) For USSGL Account 101000, titled  
8 ‘Fund Balance with Treasury’,  
9 \$3,483,483,641.67.

10 “(B) For USSGL Account 310000, titled  
11 ‘Unexpended Appropriations—Cumulative’,  
12 \$883,887,145.71.

13 “(C) For USSGL Account 331000, titled  
14 ‘Cumulative Results of Operations’,  
15 \$27,271,547,121.85.

16 “(D) For USSGL Account 413900, titled  
17 ‘Contract Authority Carried Forward’,  
18 \$13,130,151,985.39.

19 “(E) For USSGL Account 420100, titled  
20 ‘Total Actual Resources—Collected’,  
21 \$3,578,944,883.86.

22 “(F) For USSGL Account 445000, titled  
23 ‘Unapportioned—Unexpired Authority’,  
24 \$507,354,134.72.



1           “(2) NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANS-  
2           ACTION FUND.—For the National Defense Stockpile  
3           Transaction Fund established by section 9 of the  
4           Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50  
5           U.S.C. 98h), opening and ending balances are as fol-  
6           lows:

7                   “(A)       The       ending       balance       of  
8                   \$313,633,491.15 reported in the Central Ac-  
9                   counting Reporting System of the Department  
10                  of the Treasury for September 30, 2021, is the  
11                  Fund Balance with Treasury ending balance on  
12                  that date.

13                  “(B) For USSGL Account 420100, titled  
14                  ‘Total Actual Resources—Collected’, the open-  
15                  ing balance as of October 1, 2021 is  
16                  \$314,548,154.42.

17                  “(C) For USSGL Account 445000, titled  
18                  ‘Unapportioned—Unexpired Authority’, the  
19                  ending balance as of September 30, 2021 is  
20                  \$216,976,300.69.

21           “(e) UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND  
22           WORKING CAPITAL FUND.—For purposes of an audit con-  
23           ducted under this chapter on the financial statements of  
24           the United States Transportation Command Working

1 Capital Fund, opening balances as of October 1, 2025,  
2 shall be used as follows:

3 “(1) For USSGL Account 101000, titled ‘Fund  
4 Balance with Treasury’, \$1,703,953,150.05.

5 “(2) For USSGL Account 310000, titled ‘Un-  
6 expended Appropriations—Cumulative’,  
7 \$9,279,074.12.

8 “(3) For USSGL Account 413900, titled ‘Con-  
9 tract Authority Carried Forward’, \$7,579,101.52.

10 “(4) For USSGL Account 420100, titled ‘Total  
11 Actual Resources—Collected’, \$1,705,320,750.62.

12 “(5) For USSGL Account 445000, titled  
13 ‘Unapportioned—Unexpired Authority’,  
14 \$453,684,782.00.

15 “(6) For USSGL Account 465000, titled ‘Allot-  
16 ments—Expired Authority’, \$2,135,263.61.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING REPEALS OF STATUTES CODIFIED  
18 IN NEW SECTION 240j.—

19 (1) DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY WORKING  
20 CAPITAL FUND.—Section 1422 of the National De-  
21 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Pub-  
22 lic Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1137) is repealed.

23 (2) NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANS-  
24 ACTION FUND.—Section 1413 of the National De-

1       fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Pub-  
2       lic Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 528) is repealed.

3   **SEC. 1005. PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF SUPPORT TO**  
4                   **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

5       None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by  
6   this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027  
7   may be obligated or expended for Department of Defense  
8   support to the Department of Homeland Security until the  
9   Secretary of Defense certifies to the congressional defense  
10   committees that the Department of Defense has received  
11   reimbursements from the Department of Homeland Secu-  
12   rity for reimbursable support provided by the Department  
13   of Defense to the Department of Homeland Security since  
14   October 1, 2025.

15                   **Subtitle B—Naval Vessels**

16   **SEC. 1011. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GLOBAL-**  
17                   **CLASS    AUXILIARY    GENERAL    OCEANO-**  
18                   **GRAPHIC RESEARCH SHIPS.**

19       (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than 90 days after the  
20   date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
21   Navy shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services  
22   of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of  
23   the House of Representatives a strategy detailing how the  
24   Department of the Navy will complete expedited design  
25   and construction of new Global-class auxiliary general

1 oceanographic research (AGOR) ships to replace Global-  
2 class AGOR 23–25 ships after funding is provided for  
3 such new ships, including a cost estimate and an estimated  
4 delivery timeline.

5 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy  
7 shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the  
8 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the  
9 House of Representatives a report that includes the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 (1) The strategy of the Department of the Navy  
12 with respect to the replacement of Global-class  
13 AGOR 23–25 ships.

14 (2) If the strategy described in paragraph (1)  
15 provides for the replacement of the last of the Glob-  
16 al-class AGOR 23–25 ships on a date that is more  
17 than five years after the date of the enactment of  
18 this Act, a plan to maintain the operational capabili-  
19 ties of the fleet of such ships until the date on which  
20 such fleet is projected to be replaced.

21 (3) An explanation of how the plan described in  
22 paragraph (2) specifically implements the goals of  
23 Executive Order 14269 (relating to restoring Amer-  
24 ica’s maritime dominance).

25 (4) An explanation of—

1 (A) the limitations of Global-class AGOR  
2 23–25 ships for operating in the Arctic region;  
3 and

4 (B) how a new Global-class oceanographic  
5 research ship design would improve the Navy’s  
6 overall operational and warfighting capability in  
7 the Arctic region.

8 (5) An assessment of the feasibility of con-  
9 verting current civilian or military operational ship  
10 designs to meet the Global-class oceanographic re-  
11 search vessel mission, including the feasibility of  
12 adapting the Pathfinder oceanographic ship design  
13 or converting retired or obsolete littoral combat  
14 ships for that purpose.

15 (6) An identification of funding in the future-  
16 years defense program by appropriation and fiscal  
17 year for the annual operation and recapitalization of  
18 the Navy’s oceanographic research fleet.

19 (7) An assessment of the feasibility of transfer-  
20 ring a retired littoral combat ship to the National  
21 Science Foundation to begin to address the Founda-  
22 tion’s ocean floor drilling platform requirement to  
23 replace the JOIDES Resolution, including an esti-  
24 mate of the costs necessary to make such a retired  
25 ship seaworthy again.

1 **SEC. 1012. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS IN THE NA-**  
2 **TIONAL DEFENSE SEALIFT FUND TO PUR-**  
3 **CHASE CERTAIN USED FOREIGN CON-**  
4 **STRUCTED VESSELS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2218 of title 10, United  
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (f)—

8 (A) in paragraph (3)—

9 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting  
10 “(other than an excluded vessel)” after  
11 “any used vessel”;

12 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
13 “(other than an excluded vessel)” after “a  
14 used vessel”;

15 (iii) by striking subparagraph (C) and  
16 inserting the following new subparagraph  
17 (C):

18 “(C) The Secretary may only use the authority under  
19 this paragraph to purchase more than 12 foreign-con-  
20 structed vessels if, for each such vessel so purchased after  
21 the twelfth vessel, the Secretary purchases one vessel  
22 under paragraph (4).”;

23 (iv) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
24 “subparagraph (A)” and inserting “this  
25 paragraph”; and

1 (v) by striking subparagraph (E) and  
2 redesignating subparagraphs (F) and (G)  
3 as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respec-  
4 tively; and

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

7 “(4) A vessel purchased under this paragraph is a  
8 vessel—

9 “(A) purchased using funds in the National De-  
10 fense Sealift Fund;

11 “(B) constructed in a ship yard located in the  
12 United States; and

13 “(C) the construction of which is managed by  
14 a commercial vessel construction manager.”; and

15 (2) in subsection (k), by adding at the end the  
16 following new paragraph:

17 “(6) The term ‘excluded vessel’ means a vessel  
18 that was—

19 “(A) constructed or substantially modified  
20 by an entity located in the People’s Republic of  
21 China; or

22 “(B) constructed by a Chinese military  
23 company, as such term is defined in section  
24 1260H(g) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry  
25 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

1           Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C.  
2           113 note).”.

3           (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Section 2218 of title  
4 10, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a),  
5 is further amended—

6           (1) in subsection (f)(2), by striking “section  
7 1424(b) of Public Law 101–510 (104 Stat. 1683)”  
8 and inserting “section 1424(b) of the National De-  
9 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Pub-  
10 lic Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 8661 note)”; and

11          (2) in subsection (k)(2)(A), by striking “section  
12 1424 of Public Law 101–510 (104 Stat. 1683)” and  
13 inserting “section 1424 of the National Defense Au-  
14 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 1991 (Public Law  
15 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 8661 note)”.

16 **SEC. 1013. MODIFICATIONS TO VESSEL CONSTRUCTION**  
17 **MANAGERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF**  
18 **CERTAIN NAVY VESSELS.**

19          Section 129 of the National Defense Authorization  
20 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
21 757) is amended—

22          (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “not more  
23 than” and inserting “not fewer than”;

24          (2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Sec-  
25 retary of the Navy” and inserting “If the Secretary



of the Navy seeks the construction of light replenishment oilers (TAO-L), the Secretary”; and

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “AUXILIARY AND SUPPORT VESSELS” and inserting “OTHER VESSELS”; and

(B) by striking “or support vessel” and inserting “, support vessel, unmanned vessel, or vessel that is not included in the battle force”.

**SEC. 1014. DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL BASE FOR DISTRIBUTED SUBMARINE AND SURFACE VESSEL SHIPBUILDING.**

(a) MARITIME INDUSTRIAL BASE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the heads of relevant organizations of the Department of Defense and other departments and agencies of the Federal Government, shall develop a plan to expand cooperation and information sharing with State university systems, community college systems, technical college systems, and State educational agencies in order to scale workforce development efforts to support distributed submarine and surface vessel shipbuilding.

1           (2) PLAN ELEMENTS.—The plan required by  
2 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

3           (A) A summary of current and projected  
4 critical trade skill requirements of the maritime  
5 industrial base of the Navy, including welders,  
6 electricians, metal fabricators, machinists, weld  
7 engineers, manufacturing engineers, industrial  
8 engineers, quality inspectors, test technicians,  
9 machine programmers, additive manufacturing  
10 professionals, and naval engineers.

11          (B) An analysis of labor markets that face  
12 growing demands on the maritime industrial  
13 base workforce, including such markets located  
14 in landlocked States.

15          (C) A plan to catalogue and annually  
16 transmit specific workforce requirements of the  
17 maritime industrial base to State university sys-  
18 tems, community college systems, technical col-  
19 lege systems, and State educational agencies.

20       (3) REPORT.—

21          (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October  
22 1, 2027, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit  
23 to the congressional defense committees a re-  
24 port on the feasibility and efficacy of estab-  
25 lishing a seventh regional talent pipeline as part

1 of the Navy Talent Pipeline Program focused  
2 on non-coastal labor markets that are tradition-  
3 ally underutilized by the maritime industrial  
4 base.

5 (B) FORM.—The report required by sub-  
6 paragraph (A) shall be submitted in unclassi-  
7 fied form but may contain a classified annex.

8 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL BASE OF SUP-  
9 PLIERS AND MANUFACTURERS FOR SUBMARINES AND  
10 SURFACE VESSELS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Navy,  
12 in coordination with the heads of relevant organiza-  
13 tions of the Department of Defense and other de-  
14 partments and agencies of the Federal Government,  
15 shall develop a strategy to further modernize the  
16 supply chain of the maritime industrial base by opti-  
17 mizing its geographic reach to incorporate capable  
18 suppliers and manufacturers for the Nation’s ship-  
19 building needs.

20 (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy developed under  
21 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

22 (A) A plan to grow the Navy’s industrial  
23 base of suppliers and manufacturers for sub-  
24 marines and surface vessels beyond the tradi-  
25 tional centers of shipbuilding.

1 (B) Plans to build sourcing and logistics  
2 capabilities from disperse geographic United  
3 States locations.

4 (C) A plan to develop a single, consolidated  
5 online portal for maritime industrial base sup-  
6 pliers to access information about—

7 (i) parts, components, and systems  
8 needed by the maritime industrial base;  
9 and

10 (ii) pathways to become a qualified  
11 supplier.

12 (D) A description of current and projected  
13 shortfalls in the supply chains of the maritime  
14 industrial base that are negatively impacted by  
15 workforce deficits in labor markets that tradi-  
16 tionally support the shipbuilding industry.

17 (3) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
18 October 1, 2027, the Secretary of the Navy shall  
19 submit to the congressional defense committees a  
20 completed version of the strategy developed under  
21 paragraph (1).

22 **SEC. 1015. REPORT AND BRIEFING ON SUBMARINE TENDER**  
23 **REQUIREMENTS AND CAPACITY.**

24 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1,  
25 2027, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the con-

gressional defense committees a report on the required number of submarine tenders (AS) to support the current and planned force structure of attack submarines (SSN), guided-missile submarines (SSGN), and ballistic missile submarines (SSBN), particularly in the United States Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility.

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

(1) An analysis of the required number of submarine tenders to meet theater maintenance and repair requirements through 2055, accounting for the planned expansion of the submarine fleet.

(2) A detailed timeline and schedule for the procurement and deployment of the next-generation submarine tender (AS(X)) program to prevent operational capability gaps as the current aging fleet of AS-39 Emory S. Land-class tenders are decommissioned.

(3) A detailed analysis of the impact of expeditionary submarine repair and reload capabilities on battle force effectiveness in a contested environment.

(4) A description of how new tenders will provide depot-level maintenance, including repair of advanced weapons systems and unmanned aerial systems/unmanned underwater vehicles (UAS/UUV)

1 support, as identified in the SSN(X) requirement re-  
2 port.

3 (5) An assessment of the feasibility of utilizing  
4 other ship platforms, such as Expeditionary Sea  
5 Base (ESB) or Landing Platform Dock (LPD) ves-  
6 sels, to augment submarine tender capabilities.

7 (6) An evaluation of optimal homeporting loca-  
8 tions for tenders to maximize Pacific operational  
9 flexibility, including Japan and Australia.

10 (c) FORM.—The report shall be submitted in unclas-  
11 sified form, but may include a classified annex.

12 (d) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than April  
13 1, 2027, the Secretary of the Navy shall provide a briefing  
14 to the congressional defense committees on the findings  
15 of the report.

16 **SEC. 1016. INCREASE IN MINIMUM NUMBER OF AMPHIB-**  
17 **IOUS WARFARE SHIPS.**

18 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 8062(b) of title 10,  
19 United States Code, is amended by striking “31” and in-  
20 serting “33”.

21 (b) 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 the Navy shall submit to the congressional  
25 defense committees a report on the plan of the Navy

1 to achieve a continuous 3.0 amphibious readiness  
2 group (ARG)/marine expeditionary unit (MEU)  
3 presence.

4 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-  
5 graph (1) shall include the following:

6 (A) A description of any changes to the  
7 Optimized Fleet Response Plan for amphibious  
8 warfare ships and an explanation of how the re-  
9 vised force generation model will achieve in-  
10 creased forward presence using the same force  
11 structure.

12 (B) An assessment of the total number of  
13 amphibious warfare ships, including the number  
14 of amphibious assault ships, required to support  
15 the 3.0 ARG/MEU presence under the revised  
16 force generation model.

17 (C) A description of any plans to conduct  
18 service-life extensions or modernization pro-  
19 grams for amphibious warfare ships, including  
20 the LHD–1 Wasp.

21 **SEC. 1017. PROHIBITION ON RETIRING AND DECOMMIS-**  
22 **SIONING OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VES-**  
23 **SELS OF THE NAVY.**

24 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by  
25 this Act for fiscal year 2027 may be obligated or expended

1 to retire or decommission, prepare to retire or decommis-  
 2 sion, or place in storage any oceanographic research vessel  
 3 of the Navy, including the Kilo Moana.

4 **SEC. 1018. SUPERVISORS OF SHIPBUILDING, CONVERSION,**  
 5 **AND REPAIR.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8039 of title 10, United  
 7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**Dep-**  
 9 **uty Commander of the Naval Sea Systems**  
 10 **Command for the Supervision**” and insert-  
 11 ing “**Supervisors**”;

12 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “The Sec-  
 13 retary” and all that follows and inserting “The Su-  
 14 pervisors of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair  
 15 are the onsite shipbuilding, conversion, and repair  
 16 oversight presence for naval vessels in private ship-  
 17 yards that perform new construction.”;

18 (3) by striking subsections (b), (f), (g), and (h);

19 (4) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and  
 20 (e), as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respectively;

21 (5) in subsection (b), as so redesignated, by  
 22 striking “The Deputy Commander” and all that fol-  
 23 lows and inserting “The Supervisors shall align  
 24 under and report to the designated Portfolio Acqui-  
 25 sition Executive for assigned vessels or Milestone



1 Decision Authority if there is no designated portfolio  
2 acquisition executive.”;

3 (6) in subsection (c), as redesignated by para-  
4 graph (4)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
6 by striking “Deputy Commander” and inserting  
7 “Supervisors”;

8 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “inde-  
9 pendent”; and

10 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “greater  
11 quality and economy” and inserting “on-time  
12 performance, quality, and economy”; and

13 (7) in subsection (d), as redesignated by para-  
14 graph (4)—

15 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph  
16 (1)—

17 (i) by striking “Deputy Commander”  
18 and inserting “Supervisors”; and

19 (ii) by striking “Program Executives  
20 Offices” and inserting “Portfolio Acquisi-  
21 tion Executives or Milestone Decision Au-  
22 thority, as applicable”;

23 (B) in paragraph (1)—

24 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
25 “Commander of Naval Sea Systems Com-

1                   mand” and inserting “applicable author-  
2                   ity”; and

3                   (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
4                   “Contract planning and procurement, in-  
5                   cluding participation” and inserting “Par-  
6                   ticipating”; and

7                   (C) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking  
8                   “Naval Sea Systems Command” and inserting  
9                   “applicable authority”.

10           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
11 at the beginning of chapter 805 of such title is amended  
12 by striking the item relating to section 8039 and inserting  
13 the following:

“8039. Supervisors of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair.”.

14   **SEC. 1019. CONSTRUCTION OF VESSELS IN FOREIGN SHIP-**  
15                   **YARDS.**

16           (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 8679 of title 10, United  
17 States Code, is amended—

18                   (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Except as  
19                   provided in subsection (b), no vessel to be con-  
20                   structed for any of the armed forces” and inserting  
21                   “‘No vessel to be constructed for any of the armed  
22                   services”;

23                   (2) by striking subsection (b); and

24                   (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
25                   section (b).

1 (b) AUTHORITY.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section  
3 8679 of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary  
4 of Defense may construct not more than two vessels  
5 for each class of covered vessels in a foreign ship-  
6 yard, if the Secretary determines that—

7 (A) such construction is in the national se-  
8 curity interest of the United States, supported  
9 by evidence, for purposes of interoperability  
10 with allies and partners, forward logistics sup-  
11 port, or accelerating achievement of fleet capac-  
12 ity requirements;

13 (B) the foreign country in which construc-  
14 tion is proposed—

15 (i) is a treaty ally of the United  
16 States; and

17 (ii) has the capacity to produce the  
18 vessel, including with respect to workforce,  
19 physical shipyard constraints, and supply  
20 chain; and

21 (C) such construction ensures concurrent  
22 direct capital investments in the maritime in-  
23 dustrial base of the United States resulting in,  
24 not later than the fourth vessel of the class of

covered vessels, the onshoring of the construction and the supplier base of such class.

(2) REPORT AND CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—

Not later than 30 days before obligating or expending any funds pursuant to the authority under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes the following:

(A) A certification that the conditions described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of such paragraph will be satisfied.

(B) An identification of—

(i) the specific vessel or class of vessels to be constructed in a foreign shipyard; and

(ii) the specific foreign country and shipyard in which construction is proposed.

(C) A description of the enforceable provisions that will govern the protection of classified information and controlled unclassified information related to the vessel during construction.

(D) The sourcing plan and schedule to onshore the supply chain and the plan for construction of the third and subsequent vessels of

1 the class of covered vessels in a shipyard in the  
2 United States.

3 (3) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In exer-  
4 cising the authority under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
5 retary of Defense shall ensure that—

6 (A) all critical mission systems, command  
7 and control equipment, and secure communica-  
8 tions systems are installed in the United States  
9 or a secure allied facility;

10 (B) the vessels are projected to be con-  
11 structed and delivered faster than if the vessels  
12 were constructed at a shipyard in the United  
13 States, or construction at a foreign shipyard  
14 otherwise provides a material benefit to readi-  
15 ness or force posture;

16 (C) the software and hardware related to  
17 all machinery control systems, cargo and ballast  
18 control systems, power and electrical systems,  
19 and safety systems are secure; and

20 (D) a life cycle sustainment plan is ap-  
21 proved by the Secretary for the class of covered  
22 vessels, including class-standard repair parts.

23 (4) PROHIBITION ON DELEGATION.—The re-  
24 sponsibility to submit a certification under para-  
25 graph (2) may not be delegated.

1 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) CLASS OF COVERED VESSELS.—The term  
3 “class of covered vessels” means the following ves-  
4 sels that do not have combatant classifications:

5 (A) Bulk fuel vessels designed or intended  
6 primarily for the carriage of liquid fuels.

7 (B) Strategic sealift vessels designed to  
8 rapidly deploy heavy military equipment glob-  
9 ally in a roll-on/roll-off configuration.

10 (2) CRITICAL MISSION SYSTEM.—The term  
11 “critical mission system”, with respect to a vessel,  
12 means a system (weapon or auxiliary) the failure of  
13 which would prevent the successful completion of the  
14 mission or severely impact ability to fight.

15 (3) FOREIGN SHIPYARD.—The term “foreign  
16 shipyard” means a shipyard located outside the  
17 United States.

18 **SEC. 1020. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY**  
19 **OF THE NAVY TO CHANGE VESSEL NAMES.**

20 Section 8662 of title 10, United States Code, is  
21 amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “SAME  
23 NAME.—” after “(a)”; and

24 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by striking “(b) The Secretary” and  
2 inserting the following:

3 “(b) NAME CHANGE.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
5 graph (2), the Secretary”; and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
7 paragraph:

8 “(2) LIMITATION AND NOTIFICATION REQUIRE-  
9 MENT.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the  
11 Navy may change the name of a vessel after  
12 such name has been officially announced by the  
13 Secretary only if—

14 “(i) the Secretary is holding office by  
15 and with the advice and consent of the  
16 Senate;

17 “(ii) the Secretary determines that a  
18 compelling reason exists for the name  
19 change; and

20 “(iii) not later than 30 days before  
21 the date on which the change takes effect,  
22 the Secretary submits to the Committee on  
23 Armed Services of the Senate and the  
24 Committee on Armed Services of the  
25 House of Representatives a report explain-

1                   ing, in detail, the justification for the  
2                   change.

3                   “(B) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY; NONDELE-  
4                   GATION.—The authority under subparagraph  
5                   (A) shall be exercised solely by the Secretary of  
6                   the Navy and may not be delegated.”.

## 7                   **Subtitle C—Counterterrorism**

### 8   **SEC. 1021. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS** 9                   **FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVID-** 10                  **UALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL** 11                  **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO THE** 12                  **UNITED STATES.**

13           Section 1033 of the John S. McCain National De-  
14   fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law  
15   115–232; 132 Stat. 1953), as most recently amended by  
16   section 1032 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
17   for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 129 Stat.  
18   1034), is further amended by striking “December 31,  
19   2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.



1 **SEC. 1022. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**  
2 **TO CONSTRUCT OR MODIFY FACILITIES IN**  
3 **THE UNITED STATES TO HOUSE DETAINEES**  
4 **TRANSFERRED FROM UNITED STATES NAVAL**  
5 **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.**

6 Section 1034(a) of the John S. McCain National De-  
7 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law  
8 115–232; 132 Stat. 1954), as most recently amended by  
9 section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
10 for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
11 1034), is further amended by striking “December 31,  
12 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.

13 **SEC. 1023. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**  
14 **FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVID-**  
15 **UALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL**  
16 **STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO CER-**  
17 **TAIN COUNTRIES.**

18 Section 1035 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 1034 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
22 for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
23 1034), is further amended by striking “December 31,  
24 2026” and inserting “December 31, 2027”.

1 **SEC. 1024. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS**  
2 **TO CLOSE OR RELINQUISH CONTROL OF**  
3 **UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTA-**  
4 **NAMO BAY, CUBA.**

5 Section 1036 of the National Defense Authorization  
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat.  
7 1551), as most recently amended by section 1035 of the  
8 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026  
9 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1035), is further amended  
10 by striking “2026” and inserting “2027”.

11 **Subtitle D—Miscellaneous**  
12 **Authorities and Limitations**

13 **SEC. 1031. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT**  
14 **ENTERTAINMENT PROJECTS WITH TIES TO**  
15 **THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUB-**  
16 **LIC OF CHINA.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to  
18 be appropriated by this Act for the Department of Defense  
19 may be used to knowingly provide active and direct sup-  
20 port to any film, television, or other entertainment project  
21 if the Secretary of Defense has demonstrable evidence that  
22 the project has complied or is likely to comply with a de-  
23 mand from the Government of the People’s Republic of  
24 China or the Chinese Communist Party, or an entity  
25 under the direction of the People’s Republic of China or  
26 the Chinese Communist Party, to censor the content of

1 the project in a material manner to advance the national  
 2 interest of the People’s Republic of China.

3 (b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive  
 4 the prohibition under subsection (a) if the Secretary sub-  
 5 mits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate  
 6 and House of Representatives a written certification that  
 7 such a waiver is in the national interest of the United  
 8 States.

9 **SEC. 1032. WAIVER AUTHORITY FOR LIMITATION ON LIVE**  
 10 **FIRE TRAUMA TRAINING.**

11 Section 1050 of the National Defense Authorization  
 12 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
 13 1042) is amended—

14 (1) by striking “Beginning” and inserting the  
 15 following:

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 18 section:

19 “(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may waive  
 21 the application of subsection (a) with respect to a  
 22 unit or command for a period of one year, and may  
 23 renew such a waiver for additional one-year periods,  
 24 if the application of that subsection is demonstrated

1 to have a direct impact on the operational readiness  
 2 of the unit or command, as the case may be.

3 “(2) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Not later than  
 4 15 days after issuing or renewing a waiver under  
 5 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the  
 6 congressional defense committees a notification that  
 7 includes, at a minimum—

8 “(A) an identification of the unit or com-  
 9 mand to which the waiver applies;

10 “(B) a description of the assessed impact  
 11 to operational readiness that necessitated the  
 12 waiver;

13 “(C) a description of ongoing efforts to in-  
 14 crease combat medic training in civilian set-  
 15 tings; and

16 “(D) a certification that no technically ac-  
 17 ceptable alternative exists to replace the use of  
 18 live animals.”.

19 **SEC. 1033. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
 20 **REMOVAL OF ARMY PREPOSITIONED STOCKS**  
 21 **FROM EUROPE.**

22 No funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act  
 23 or otherwise made available may be used to transport  
 24 Army Prepositioned Stock-2 (APS-2) equipment, so as-  
 25 signed as of March 1, 2026, outside of the European area

1 of operations for the purposes of maintenance or divest-  
2 ment.

3 **SEC. 1034. IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL TRANSPOR-**  
4 **TATION SAFETY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS**  
5 **FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
8 shall implement each recommendation for the Department  
9 of Defense and the Department of the Army from the Na-  
10 tional Transportation Safety Board contained in the re-  
11 port dated January 27, 2026, and entitled, “Midair Colli-  
12 sion over the Potomac River PSA Airlines Flight 5342,  
13 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) RJ Aviation CL–600–  
14 2C10 (CRJ700), and US Army Priority Air Transport  
15 Flight 25, Sikorsky UH–60L” (Aviation Investigation Re-  
16 port AIR–26–02), as the Secretary determines appro-  
17 priate and practicable.

18 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Defense  
19 shall implement the recommendations under subsection  
20 (a), as applicable, across the Armed Forces and aviation  
21 units under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

22 (c) REPORTS.—

23 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than one year  
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
25 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on

1 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
2 resentatives—

3 (A) a certification specifying which rec-  
4 ommendations under subsection (a) have been  
5 implemented, including a justification for any  
6 recommendation not implemented; and

7 (B) a plan of the Department of Defense  
8 to mitigate the risk identified in each such rec-  
9 ommendation not implemented.

10 (2) QUARTERLY REPORT.—Not later than  
11 March 1, 2027, and not less frequently than quar-  
12 terly thereafter until December 31, 2030, the Sec-  
13 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on  
14 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
15 resentatives a report detailing the status of imple-  
16 mentation of this section across each branch of the  
17 Armed Forces and any barriers to such implementa-  
18 tion.

19 (d) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDITS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not  
22 less frequently than annually thereafter, the Inspec-  
23 tor General of the Department of Defense shall con-  
24 duct an audit of oversight by the Department of De-

1 fense of all operations of aircraft of the Department  
2 in the national airspace system.

3 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting each  
4 audit under paragraph (1), the Inspector General  
5 shall assess the efficacy of implementation by the  
6 Department of the recommendations under sub-  
7 section (a).

8 (3) BRIEFINGS TO CONGRESS.—Not less fre-  
9 quently than annually after the completion of the  
10 first audit under paragraph (1), the Inspector Gen-  
11 eral shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of  
12 the Senate and the House of Representatives on the  
13 findings of the audits conducted under such para-  
14 graph.

15 **SEC. 1035. MODIFICATION OF SUPPORT OF SPECIAL OPER-**  
16 **ATIONS FOR IRREGULAR WARFARE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 127d of title 10, United  
18 States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a), by striking  
20 “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$30,000,000”;

21 (2) in subsection (c)(2)(E), in the matter pre-  
22 ceding clause (i), by inserting “satisfy the require-  
23 ments of section 130g to” after “shall”; and

24 (3) in subsection (j)(1)(A), by inserting “as re-  
25 quired by section 130g” before the semicolon.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The second section  
2 130g of title 10, United States Code, is redesignated as  
3 section 130h.

4 **SEC. 1036. DESIGNATION OF SOUTHWEST LAND BORDER**  
5 **ACTIVITIES, SUPPORT, AND OPERATIONS AS**  
6 **NAMED OPERATION.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 180 days after  
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
9 Defense shall designate activities, support, and operations  
10 conducted by the Department of Defense in support of  
11 civil authorities at the southwest land border as a named  
12 operation.

13 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the designation re-  
14 quired by subsection (a) is to provide unified identifica-  
15 tion, planning, budgeting, oversight, and reporting for the  
16 activities, support, and operations described in such sub-  
17 section in efforts to detect, deter, and disrupt  
18 transnational criminal organizations and other border-re-  
19 lated threats.

20 (c) ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST.—In the budget jus-  
21 tification materials of the Department of Defense sub-  
22 mitted to Congress each year, beginning with the first  
23 such submission following the designation required by sub-  
24 section (a), the Secretary of Defense shall include, in a  
25 distinct line item—



1           (1) a program title and budgetary line for the  
2           named operation showing requested obligational au-  
3           thority by appropriations account and fiscal year;

4           (2) a narrative justification describing the scope  
5           of Department of Defense support, planned activi-  
6           ties, and the legal authorities under which support  
7           is provided; and

8           (3) performance metrics and planned outputs  
9           for the coming fiscal year.

10          (d) TRANSPARENCY.—The budget justification mate-  
11       rials described in subsection (c) shall include an unclassi-  
12       fied summary of the types and estimated value of support  
13       provided, with a classified annex as necessary to protect  
14       sources and methods.

15          (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16               (1) SOUTHWEST LAND BORDER.—The term  
17       “southwest land border” means the land border of  
18       the United States adjacent to Mexico.

19               (2) SUPPORT OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES.—The  
20       term “support of civil authorities”—

21                       (A) has the meaning given that term in  
22       Department of Defense Directive 3025.18, as  
23       amended; and

1 (B) includes planning, logistics, intelligence  
 2 support, aviation, engineering, and other non-  
 3 law-enforcement assistance.

4 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
 5 tion may be construed to authorize the use of military  
 6 force.

## 7 **Subtitle E—Studies and Reports**

### 8 **SEC. 1041. THREAT ASSESSMENT REGARDING UNMANNED** 9 **AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AT OR NEAR THE INTER-** 10 **NATIONAL BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES.**

11 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
 12 “Border Drone Threat Assessment Act”.

13 (b) DEFINITIONS.— In this section:

14 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
 15 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
 16 mittees” means—

17 (A) the Select Committee on Intelligence of  
 18 the Senate;

19 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security  
 20 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

21 (C) the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
 22 and Transportation of the Senate;

23 (D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
 24 Senate;

1 (E) the Committee on Armed Services of  
2 the Senate;

3 (F) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
4 the Senate ;

5 (G) the Permanent Select Committee on  
6 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;

7 (H) the Committee on Homeland Security  
8 of the House of Representatives;

9 (I) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
10 House of Representatives;

11 (J) the Committee on Transportation and  
12 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;

13 (K) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
14 merce of the House of Representatives;

15 (L) the Committee on Armed Services of  
16 the House of Representatives; and

17 (M) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
18 the House of Representatives.

19 (2) AT OR NEAR THE INTERNATIONAL BOR-  
20 DERS OF THE UNITED STATES.—The term “at or  
21 near the international borders of the United States”  
22 means at or within 100 air miles of an international  
23 land border or coastal border of the United States.

1           (3) COMMANDER.—The term “Commander”  
2 means the Commander of the United States North-  
3 ern Command (USNORTHCOM).

4           (4) FOREIGN MALIGN INFLUENCE.—The term  
5 “foreign malign influence” has the meaning given  
6 such term in section 119B(f) of the National Secu-  
7 rity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3059(f)).

8           (5) MALIGN ACTOR.—The term “malign actor”  
9 means any individual, group, or organization that is  
10 engaged in foreign malign influence, illicit drug traf-  
11 ficking, or other forms of transnational organized  
12 crime.

13          (6) TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME.—The  
14 term “transnational organized crime” has the mean-  
15 ing given such term in section 284(i) of title 10,  
16 United States Code.

17          (7) UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The  
18 term “Under Secretary of Defense” means the  
19 Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Se-  
20 curity

21          (8) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT; UNMANNED AIR-  
22 CRAFT SYSTEM.—The terms “unmanned aircraft”  
23 and “unmanned aircraft system” have the meanings  
24 given such terms in section 44801 of title 49, United  
25 States Code.

1       (c) REPORT ON INCIDENTS INVOLVING UNMANNED  
2 AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS AT OR NEAR THE INTERNATIONAL  
3 BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-  
6 mander shall—

7           (A) conduct a review of all incidents involv-  
8 ing unmanned aerial systems operated at or  
9 near the international borders of the United  
10 States and counter-unmanned aerial systems  
11 actions taken by, or using equipment of, the  
12 Department of Defense during February 2026;  
13 and

14           (B) make an assessment and determina-  
15 tion on whether modifications should be made  
16 to the communications and coordination by and  
17 between the Department of Defense and other  
18 Federal agencies with regard to unmanned aer-  
19 ial systems operated by a government entity in  
20 commercial airspace.

21           (2) AFTER ACTION REPORT.—Not later than 30  
22 days after completing the review and assessment re-  
23 quired under subsection (a), the Commander shall  
24 submit a report to—

1 (A) the Under Secretary of Defense, which  
2 shall be included as part of the threat assess-  
3 ment required under subsection (d);

4 (B) the Committee on Armed Services of  
5 the Senate; and

6 (C) the Committee on Armed Services of  
7 the House of Representatives.

8 (d) THREAT ASSESSMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under  
11 Secretary of Defense shall complete an assessment  
12 of the threat regarding unmanned aircraft systems  
13 at or near the international borders of the United  
14 States.

15 (2) ELEMENTS.—The threat assessment re-  
16 quired under paragraph (1) shall include—

17 (A) a description of the malign actors op-  
18 erating unmanned aircraft systems at or near  
19 the international borders of the United States,  
20 including malign actors who cross such borders;

21 (B) a description of how a threat is identi-  
22 fied and assessed at or near the international  
23 borders of the United States, including a de-  
24 scription of the capabilities of the United States  
25 Government to detect and identify unmanned

1 aircraft systems operated by, or on behalf of,  
2 malign actors;

3 (C) a description of the data and informa-  
4 tion collected by operators of unmanned aircraft  
5 systems at or near the international borders of  
6 the United States, including how such data is  
7 used by malign actors;

8 (D) a description of the tactics, techniques,  
9 and procedures used at or near the inter-  
10 national borders of the United States by malign  
11 actors with regards to unmanned aircraft sys-  
12 tems, including how unmanned aircraft systems  
13 are acquired, modified, and utilized to conduct  
14 malicious activities, including attacks, surveil-  
15 lance, conveyance of contraband, and other  
16 forms of threats;

17 (E) a description of the guidance, policies,  
18 and procedures that address the privacy, civil  
19 rights, and civil liberties of persons who law-  
20 fully operate unmanned aircraft systems at or  
21 near the international borders of the United  
22 States;

23 (F) a description of the capabilities of the  
24 United States Government to counter, contain,  
25 trace, defeat, or otherwise mitigate threats from

1           unmanned aircraft systems operated by malign  
2           actors at or near the international borders of  
3           the United States;

4           (G) an assessment of whether the capabili-  
5           ties of the United States Government are suffi-  
6           cient for achieving complete air domain aware-  
7           ness at or near the international borders of the  
8           United States;

9           (H) an assessment of the adequacy of cur-  
10          rent authorities of the United States Govern-  
11          ment to counter the use of unmanned aircraft  
12          systems by malign actors at or near the inter-  
13          national borders of the United States, including  
14          an accounting of the delineated responsibilities  
15          of Federal agencies to counter, contain, trace,  
16          or defeat unmanned aircraft systems at or near  
17          the international borders of the United States;  
18          and

19          (I) an assessment of the coordination be-  
20          tween Federal Government entities for airspace  
21          domain awareness, protection, and safety.

22          (e) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying  
23          out the assessment required under subsection (d), the  
24          Under Secretary of Defense may consult with—

25               (1) the Director of National Intelligence;



1 (2) the Secretary of Homeland Security;

2 (3) the Administrator of the Federal Aviation  
3 Administration;

4 (4) the Secretary of State; and

5 (5) the heads of other elements of the intel-  
6 ligence community, the defense community, and the  
7 Department of Homeland Security as the Under  
8 Secretary considers appropriate.

9 (f) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
11 after completing the threat assessment required  
12 under subsection (d), the Under Secretary of De-  
13 fense shall submit a report to the appropriate con-  
14 gressional committees containing findings with re-  
15 spect to such assessment.

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under  
17 paragraph (1) shall include—

18 (A) a detailed description of the threats  
19 posed to the national security of the United  
20 States by unmanned aircraft systems operated  
21 by malign actors at or near the international  
22 borders of the United States;

23 (B) a summary of the current responsibil-  
24 ities, authorities, regulations, policies, and pro-  
25 cedures of the United States Government for

1 achieving air domain awareness at and near the  
2 international borders of the United States and  
3 countering and defeating unmanned aircraft  
4 systems used by malign actors along such bor-  
5 ders;

6 (C) a summary of the current responsibil-  
7 ities, authorities, regulations, policies, and pro-  
8 cedures of the United States Government for  
9 coordinating across Federal agencies for achiev-  
10 ing air domain awareness at or near the inter-  
11 national borders of the United States and en-  
12 suring airspace safety;

13 (D) an assessment of whether a change in  
14 authorities or additional authorities or re-  
15 sources are necessary—

16 (i) to achieve complete air domain  
17 awareness at or near international borders  
18 of the United States;

19 (ii) to provide adequate coordination  
20 across agencies on airspace safety; and

21 (iii) to counter and defeat unmanned  
22 aircraft systems used by malign actors  
23 along such borders.

1           (3) FORM.—The report required under para-  
2           graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,  
3           but may include a classified annex, as appropriate.

4           (4) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after  
5           the submission of the report required under para-  
6           graph (1), the Under Secretary of Defense shall pro-  
7           vide a briefing regarding the report to the appro-  
8           priate congressional committees.

9   **SEC. 1042. EXTENSION OF AFGHANISTAN WAR COMMIS-**  
10                           **SION.**

11          Section 1094(e)(2)(A)(ii)(I) of the National Defense  
12   Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–  
13   81; 135 Stat. 1541) is amended by striking “3” and in-  
14   serting “4”.

15   **SEC. 1043. EXTENSION OF BRIEFING REQUIREMENT RE-**  
16                           **GARDING CIVIL AUTHORITIES AT THE**  
17                           **SOUTHWEST BORDER.**

18          Section 1070 of the James M. Inhofe National De-  
19   fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law  
20   117–263; 136 Stat. 2791), as amended by section 1064  
21   of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
22   2026 (Public Law 119–60), is further amended—

23           (1) by striking “through December 31, 2026”  
24           and inserting “through December 31, 2028”;

1           (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “; and” and  
2     inserting a semicolon;

3           (3) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at  
4     the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

7           “(7) a cost analysis and an accompanying re-  
8     port that includes—

9                 “(A) the costs associated with the assist-  
10     ance provided by the Department of Defense to  
11     the Department of Homeland Security during  
12     the most recently concluded 90-day period;

13                “(B) the costs associated with the assist-  
14     ance provided by the Department of Defense to  
15     the Department of Homeland Security during  
16     the most recently concluded 12-month period;

17                “(C) the projected costs associated with  
18     any requests for assistance from the Depart-  
19     ment of Homeland Security that have been  
20     granted by the Secretary of Defense, but have  
21     not been delivered; and

22                “(D) a detailed accounting of—

23                         “(i) costs for assistance that the De-  
24     partment of Defense provided, is providing,  
25     or will provide to the Department of

1 Homeland Security, including whether  
2 such assistance is being provided on a re-  
3 imburseable basis or a nonreimbursable  
4 basis; and

5 “(ii) an accounting of the reimburse-  
6 ments received by the Department of De-  
7 fense for the assistance described in the re-  
8 port.”.

9 **SEC. 1044. DRONE POSTURE REVIEW.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
11 conduct a drone posture review for uncrewed aerial,  
12 ground, surface, and undersea vehicles and their enabling  
13 systems, including an identification of gaps in the capa-  
14 bility of United States forces and the vulnerabilities of  
15 United States forces to foreign uncrewed systems.

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2027, the  
17 Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional de-  
18 fense committees a report that includes the findings of the  
19 review required under subsection (a).

20 **SEC. 1045. QUARTERLY REPORTS ON UNMANNED AERIAL**  
21 **SYSTEM INCURSIONS OVER MILITARY IN-**  
22 **STALLATIONS, SENSITIVE SITES, AND THE**  
23 **SOUTHERN BORDER.**

24 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR REPORTS.—The Assistant  
25 Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas

1 Security Affairs (in this section referred to as the “Assist-  
2 ant Secretary”) shall submit to the congressional defense  
3 committees quarterly reports on incidents involving un-  
4 manned aerial systems (UAS) incursions—

5 (1) over military installations and other sen-  
6 sitive sites within the United States and its terri-  
7 tories; and

8 (2) along the international land borders of the  
9 United States, with a particular focus on the south-  
10 ern border.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required under sub-  
12 section (a) shall include, for the preceding quarter—

13 (1) a comprehensive accounting of all known or  
14 suspected UAS incursions over—

15 (A) military installations; and

16 (B) other sensitive sites, as determined by  
17 the Secretary of Defense;

18 (2) for each such incursion, to the extent prac-  
19 ticable—

20 (A) the date, time, and location of the inci-  
21 dent;

22 (B) the duration and altitude of the UAS  
23 activity;

24 (C) the assessed origin and operator, if  
25 known;

1 (D) the type and capabilities of the UAS  
2 involved; and

3 (E) any assessed intent or threat posed by  
4 the incursion;

5 (3) a description of actions taken in response to  
6 each incursion, including—

7 (A) detection, tracking, and identification  
8 measures;

9 (B) mitigation or interdiction actions; and

10 (C) coordination with Federal, State, local,  
11 Tribal, and territorial authorities;

12 (4) an assessment of trends, patterns, and  
13 emerging threats related to UAS incursions;

14 (5) an evaluation of the effectiveness of existing  
15 counter-UAS authorities, policies, technologies, and  
16 procedures; and

17 (6) identification of any capability gaps, re-  
18 source constraints, or legal limitations affecting the  
19 Department of Defense’s ability to detect, deter, or  
20 respond to such incursions.

21 (c) FORM.—Each report required under subsection  
22 (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-  
23 clude a classified annex.

24 (d) SENSITIVE SITES DEFINED.—In this section, the  
25 term “sensitive sites” means military installations and

1 other facilities and assets located in the United States that  
 2 are subject to the authority provided under section 130i  
 3 of title 10, United States Code, relating to the protection  
 4 of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft.

5 (e) SUNSET.—The requirement to submit reports  
 6 under this section shall terminate on December 31, 2031.

7 **SEC. 1046. REPORT ON PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION**  
 8 **OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTION**  
 9 **ON CIVILIAN HARM MITIGATION AND RE-**  
 10 **SPONSE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 15, 2027,  
 12 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees  
 13 on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
 14 resentatives a report on the implementation of Depart-  
 15 ment of Defense Instruction 3000.17, entitled “Civilian  
 16 Harm Mitigation and Response” and dated December 21,  
 17 2023.

18 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection  
 19 (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

20 (1) An assessment of the progress made toward  
 21 implementation of each responsibility, function, and  
 22 task assigned in section 2 of Department of Defense  
 23 Instruction 3000.17.

24 (2) An assessment of the progress made toward  
 25 implementation of sections 3, 4, and 5 of that In-



1 instruction, related to mitigating, assessing, and re-  
 2 sponding to civilian harm, respectively, including any  
 3 related changes in policy or practice of the Depart-  
 4 ment of Defense.

5 (3) A breakdown of the number of full-time  
 6 equivalent staff assigned to implementation of that  
 7 Instruction across the Department, including the lo-  
 8 cations, offices, and roles of such staff.

9 (4) An estimate of the resources required by  
 10 the Department to effectively implement that In-  
 11 struction.

12 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)  
 13 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include  
 14 a classified annex if necessary.

15 **SEC. 1047. REPORT ON TRANSFER OF PROPERTY BY DE-**  
 16 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

17 Section 2576a of title 10, United States Code, is  
 18 amended—

19 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-  
 20 section (h); and

21 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-  
 22 lowing new subsection (g):

23 “(g) SEMI-ANNUAL MONITORING REPORTS.—Not  
 24 less frequently than once every 180 days, the Secretary  
 25 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-

1 mittees a report setting forth, for the preceding 180-day  
2 period, the following:

3           “(1) An identification of the type of controlled  
4           and non-controlled property transferred by the Sec-  
5           retary under this section and the quantity trans-  
6           ferred.

7           “(2) An identification of the agency receiving  
8           such property.

9           “(3) The date of any such transfer.”.

10 **SEC. 1048. OVERSIGHT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
11 **RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.**

12       (a) ANNUAL REPORT ON RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 15 of  
14           each year for five years beginning one year after the  
15           date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
16           Defense shall submit to the congressional defense  
17           committees a report on the rules of engagement in  
18           force in the preceding calendar year governing oper-  
19           ations conducted pursuant to direction from the  
20           President or the Secretary of Defense.

21           (2) ELEMENTS.—The annual report shall in-  
22           clude the following elements:

23                   (A) A description of any changes made to  
24                   the standing rules of engagement, a legal and

1 policy explanation for each such change, and a  
2 copy of revised standing rules of engagement.

3 (B) An identification and description of  
4 any supplementary or theater-specific rules of  
5 engagement issued by the commander of a com-  
6 batant command.

7 (C) A list and description of each declared  
8 hostile force that could be targeted under the  
9 rules of engagement identified under subpara-  
10 graphs (A) and (B) without the United States  
11 Armed Forces observing a hostile act or dem-  
12 onstration of hostile intent, including—

13 (i) the legal basis for the designation  
14 of the declared hostile force; and

15 (ii) the risk posed by the declared hos-  
16 tile force to United States persons or terri-  
17 tory.

18 (D) A certification signed by the Secretary  
19 of Defense, the General Counsel of the Depart-  
20 ment of Defense, and the Judge Advocate Gen-  
21 eral for each military service branch that all  
22 rules of engagement have been reviewed by the  
23 appropriate legal officers and comport with the  
24 rules and principles of the law of armed con-  
25 flict.

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

4           (b) PRELIMINARY REPORT.—Not later than 270 days  
5           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
6           of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
7           mittee a report with the elements and in the form de-  
8           scribed in subsection (a) that covers the preceding two cal-  
9           endar years.

10   **SEC. 1049. STRATEGY TO ADDRESS INTELLIGENCE-GATH-**  
11                   **ERING SHORTCOMINGS IN AREA OF RESPON-**  
12                   **SIBILITY OF UNITED STATES AFRICA COM-**  
13                   **MAND.**

14           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
15           date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander of the  
16           United States Africa Command, in consultation with the  
17           head of any other relevant Federal agency, as appropriate,  
18           shall submit to the congressional defense committees a  
19           strategy to address intelligence gathering shortcomings in  
20           the area of responsibility of the United States Africa Com-  
21           mand.

22           (b) ELEMENTS.—

23                   (1) INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RE-  
24           CONNAISSANCE ARCHITECTURE.—With respect to  
25           the intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance ar-

1 architecture, the strategy required by subsection (a)  
2 shall include the following:

3 (A) An assessment of the scope, coverage,  
4 and operational tempo of existing intelligence,  
5 surveillance, and reconnaissance assets and ac-  
6 tivities in the area of responsibility of the  
7 United States Africa Command.

8 (B) A description of the manner in which  
9 the United States Africa Command could fur-  
10 ther develop an integrated, multi-layered intel-  
11 ligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance archi-  
12 tecture in such area of responsibility.

13 (C) A description of the manner in which  
14 the United States Africa Command can incor-  
15 porate emerging technologies into the intel-  
16 ligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance archi-  
17 tecture, including—

18 (i) artificial intelligence and machine-  
19 learning tools for the automated proc-  
20 essing, exploitation, and dissemination of  
21 intelligence, surveillance, and reconnais-  
22 sance data;

23 (ii) language recognition software and  
24 natural language processing tools capable  
25 of monitoring, transcribing, and analyzing

1                   communications in regional languages and  
2                   dialects; and

3                   (iii) other emerging technologies that  
4                   the Commander of the United States Afri-  
5                   ca Command determines could improve the  
6                   speed, accuracy, or coverage of activities  
7                   conducted by the United States Africa  
8                   Command in such area of responsibility.

9                   (D) A description of intelligence, surveil-  
10                  lance, and reconnaissance cooperation and in-  
11                  formation-sharing arrangements with partner  
12                  countries and allied forces in such area of re-  
13                  sponsibility, including an analysis of the extent  
14                  to which partner country capabilities may be in-  
15                  tegrated into the United States intelligence,  
16                  surveillance, and reconnaissance architecture.

17                  (E) An identification of capability gaps, re-  
18                  source shortfalls, or authority limitations that  
19                  constrain the ability of the United States Africa  
20                  Command to establish and sustain a persistent,  
21                  meshed intelligence, surveillance, and reconnais-  
22                  sance architecture in the area of operation, and  
23                  recommendations for addressing such gaps.

24                  (2) INFORMATION CAMPAIGN.—With respect to  
25                  information campaigns carried out by the United

1 States African Command, the strategy required by  
2 subsection (a) shall include the following, which the  
3 Secretary of Defense shall develop in consultation  
4 with the Secretary of State:

5 (A) A description of the current informa-  
6 tion environment in the area of responsibility of  
7 the United States Africa Command, including—

8 (i) an identification of the means and  
9 mechanisms through which violent extrem-  
10 ist organizations, near-peer competitors,  
11 and any other actors of concern to the  
12 United States Africa Command dissemi-  
13 nate propaganda, recruit members, and fo-  
14 ment instability in such area of responsi-  
15 bility;

16 (ii) an assessment of the relative ef-  
17 fectiveness of violent extremist organiza-  
18 tion information operations in such area of  
19 responsibility and the populations most  
20 vulnerable to such influence; and

21 (iii) an assessment of the relative ef-  
22 fectiveness of information operations con-  
23 ducted by other state and non-state actors  
24 in such area of responsibility and the pop-  
25 ulations most vulnerable to such influence.

1 (B) A description of current and planned  
2 information campaigns and military information  
3 support operations of the United States Africa  
4 Command in such area of responsibility, includ-  
5 ing—

6 (i) activities conducted through digital  
7 means, including social media engagement,  
8 counter-narrative campaigns, and efforts to  
9 disrupt or degrade adversary and compet-  
10 itor online presence and propaganda dis-  
11 tribution networks;

12 (ii) activities conducted through tradi-  
13 tional means, including radio broadcasts,  
14 print media, community engagement, and  
15 support to trusted local voices and civil so-  
16 ciety organizations;

17 (iii) efforts to coordinate and syn-  
18 chronize digital and traditional information  
19 activities into a consistent, persistent, and  
20 regionally coherent campaign;

21 (iv) an identification of main informa-  
22 tion campaign themes and an assessment  
23 of the effectiveness of current information  
24 campaign activities, including metrics used  
25 to measure such effectiveness; and



1 (v) an identification of gaps, resource  
 2 shortfalls, or authority limitations that  
 3 constrain the ability of the United States  
 4 Africa Command to sustain consistent and  
 5 effective information campaigns, and rec-  
 6 ommendations for addressing such gaps.

7 **Subtitle F—Equity Investments**  
 8 **and Related Matters**

9 **SEC. 1051. AUTHORITY FOR EQUITY INVESTMENTS BY OF-**  
 10 **FICE OF STRATEGIC CAPITAL.**

11 Section 149 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 12 amended—

13 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-  
 14 section (i);

15 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-  
 16 lowing new subsection (h):

17 “(h) AUTHORITY FOR EQUITY INVESTMENTS.—

18 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNT.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established in  
 20 the Treasury of the United States a Depart-  
 21 ment of Defense Equity Investment Account (in  
 22 this subsection referred to as the ‘Equity In-  
 23 vestment Account’), to be used to make equity  
 24 investments under this subsection.

1           “(B) AMOUNTS IN ACCOUNT.—The Equity  
 2           Investment Account shall consist of amounts  
 3           appropriated pursuant to the authorization of  
 4           appropriations specifically designated for equity  
 5           investments under this subsection.

6           “(2) AUTHORITY FOR EQUITY INVESTMENTS.—  
 7           The Director may use amounts in the Equity Invest-  
 8           ment Account to make equity investments in entities  
 9           for the purpose of carrying out this subsection.

10          “(3) ELIGIBLE USES.—The Director may exer-  
 11          cise the authority under paragraph (2) only with re-  
 12          spect to—

13               “(A) critical minerals, materials, and  
 14               chemicals; and

15               “(B) batteries.

16          “(4) LIMITATIONS.—

17               “(A) LIMITATION ON PER AMOUNT IN-  
 18               VESTMENT.—The amount of an equity invest-  
 19               ment in an entity under paragraph (2) may not  
 20               exceed the amount that is equal to 40 percent  
 21               of the total amount of all equity investments  
 22               made to the entity at the time of the equity in-  
 23               vestment by the Director under paragraph (2).

24               “(B) LIMITATION ON AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
 25               OF INVESTMENTS.—The Director may not

1           make equity investments under paragraph (2)  
2           in an entity that exceed \$500,000,000 in the  
3           aggregate.

4           “(C) PROHIBITION ON MAJORITY OWNER-  
5           SHIP BY DEPARTMENT.—The Department of  
6           Defense may not hold more than 50 percent of  
7           the ownership interest in an entity in which the  
8           Director makes an equity investment under  
9           paragraph (2).

10          “(D) PROHIBITION ON VOTING REPRESENTATION.—The Director shall not take or main-  
11          tain board seats, directors, or any other form of  
12          voting representation in any entity in which the  
13          Director makes an equity investment under  
14          paragraph (2).

15          “(5) CERTIFICATION.—The Director may make  
16          an equity investment in an entity under paragraph  
17          (2) only if the Director certifies to the congressional  
18          defense committees that—

19               “(A) without the investment—

20                   “(i) sufficient commercial credit is not  
21                   available to the entity under reasonable  
22                   terms or conditions to finance the activity  
23                   the entity plans to carry out using the in-  
24                   vestment; or  
25

1                   “(ii) the entity would be unable to ex-  
2                   pand operations to support the defense in-  
3                   dustrial base in the time frame necessary  
4                   to address a shortfall in such operations;

5                   “(B) the investment is the most cost effec-  
6                   tive, expedient, and practical alternative avail-  
7                   able to meet the needs of the Federal Govern-  
8                   ment; and

9                   “(C) the investment is in the national se-  
10                  curity interests of the United States.

11               “(6) GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA.—

12               “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director, in co-  
13               ordination with the National Security Capital  
14               Forum, shall develop guidelines and criteria for  
15               the use of the authority to make equity invest-  
16               ments under paragraph (2).

17               “(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—The guidelines  
18               and criteria required by subparagraph (A) shall  
19               require, when determining whether to make an  
20               equity investment in an entity under paragraph  
21               (2), consideration of whether—

22               “(i) the equity investment in the enti-  
23               ty would be more likely than not to sub-  
24               stantially reduce or overcome the effect of  
25               an identified market failure;

1                   “(ii) the operations of the entity  
2                   would be terminated or substantially de-  
3                   layed without the equity investment;

4                   “(iii) the investment supports a use  
5                   described in paragraph (3);

6                   “(iv) the investment would be aligned  
7                   with incentives provided by commercial  
8                   partners;

9                   “(v) the investment would have a sig-  
10                  nificant benefit for, or contribute to long-  
11                  term commercial sustainability of, the de-  
12                  fense industrial base;

13                  “(vi) the investment would not unduly  
14                  harm or hinder competition within the de-  
15                  fense industrial base;

16                  “(vii) the investment would further  
17                  the economic security policy of the United  
18                  States; and

19                  “(viii) the investment would comply  
20                  with all applicable laws related to ethics  
21                  and conflicts of interest.

22                  “(7) LIMIT ON CURRENCY DENOMINATION.—An  
23                  equity investment under paragraph (2) may be de-  
24                  nominated in a foreign currency only if the National  
25                  Security Capital Forum determines the policy goal

1 of the investment cannot be achieved using United  
2 States dollars.

3 “(8) DISPOSITION OF EQUITY INVESTMENT.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director may dis-  
5 pose of any equity investment made under para-  
6 graph (2) only after taking into consideration  
7 the national security interests of the United  
8 States.

9 “(B) REINVESTMENT.—Any proceeds from  
10 the disposition of an equity investment made  
11 under paragraph (2)—

12 “(i) may not be used for any purpose;

13 and

14 “(ii) shall be deposited into the Treas-  
15 ury of the United States.

16 “(9) SUNSET.—The authorities under this sub-  
17 section shall terminate on December 31, 2037.”; and

18 (3) in subsection (i), as redesignated by para-  
19 graph (1)—

20 (A) by redesignating paragraph (5) as  
21 paragraph (6); and

22 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the  
23 following new paragraph (5):

24 “(5) The term ‘equity investment’ means any  
25 direct or indirect purchase, acquisition, or commit-

1       ment of funds by the Department of Defense in ex-  
 2       change for an ownership interest, convertible inter-  
 3       est, warrant, revenue-sharing instrument, or other  
 4       similar financial instrument in a non-Federal enti-  
 5       ty.”.

6 **SEC. 1052. OWNERSHIP REVIEW FOR EQUITY INVEST-**  
 7 **MENTS.**

8       Section 149 of title 10, United States Code, as  
 9       amended by section 1051 [ROS26896], is further amend-  
 10      ed—

11           (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection  
 12      (j);

13           (2) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-  
 14      lowing new subsection (i):

15      “(i) OWNERSHIP REVIEW FOR EQUITY INVEST-  
 16      MENTS.—

17           “(1) MANDATORY REVIEW.—Before the obliga-  
 18      tion or disbursement of funds for any equity invest-  
 19      ment made by the Office in any non-Federal entity,  
 20      the Director shall conduct a review of the ownership  
 21      structure of the entity.

22           “(2) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—The review required  
 23      by paragraph (1) with respect to the ownership  
 24      structure of an entity shall—

1           “(A) assess any direct or indirect foreign  
2           ownership interest in the entity, including the  
3           ability of any foreign person to exercise control  
4           or influence over the management, governance,  
5           operations, or technology of the entity;

6           “(B) identify of all owners holding, directly  
7           or indirectly, 5 percent or more of any class of  
8           equity in the entity;

9           “(C) identify members of the board of di-  
10          rectors, advisory boards, and executive leader-  
11          ship of the entity and any potential conflicts of  
12          interest between those individuals and officials  
13          of the Federal Government; and

14          “(D) determine whether mitigation meas-  
15          ures are necessary to protect the national secu-  
16          rity interests of the United States or prevent  
17          conflicts of interest described in subparagraph  
18          (C).

19          “(3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
20          15 days after completing the review required by  
21          paragraph (1) with respect to an equity investment,  
22          the Secretary shall submit to the congressional de-  
23          fense committees a report on the results of the re-  
24          view.”; and



1 (3) in subsection (j), as redesignated paragraph  
 2 (1)—

3 (A) by redesignating paragraph (6) as  
 4 paragraph (7); and

5 (B) by inserting after paragraph (5) the  
 6 following new paragraph (6):

7 “(6) The term ‘foreign person’ means—

8 “(A) an individual who is not a citizen of  
 9 the United States or an alien lawfully admitted  
 10 for permanent residence in the United States;  
 11 and

12 “(B) an entity that is not organized under  
 13 the laws of the United States or any jurisdic-  
 14 tion within the United States.”.

15 **SEC. 1053. NOTIFICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO DEBT AND**  
 16 **EQUITY INVESTMENTS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 149 of title 10, United  
 18 States Code, as amended by sections 1051 and 1052  
 19 [ROS26896 and ROS26897], is further amended—

20 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-  
 21 section (k);

22 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
 23 lowing new subsection (j):

24 “(j) NOTIFICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO DEBT AND  
 25 EQUITY INVESTMENTS.—

1           “(1) INVESTMENTS OF LESS THAN  
2           \$50,000,000.—With respect to an equity investment or  
3           debt investment made by the Office in an amount  
4           that is less than \$50,000,000, the Director—

5                   “(A) not later than five days after signing  
6           a term sheet for the investment, shall—

7                           “(i) notify the congressional defense  
8                   committee of the investment; and

9                           “(ii) brief the congressional defense  
10                   committees on the terms of the investment;  
11                   and

12                   “(B) may only enter into a legally binding  
13                   agreement to make the investment if 15 busi-  
14                   ness days have elapsed after the briefing re-  
15                   quired by subparagraph (A)(ii) with respect to  
16                   the investment.

17           “(2) INVESTMENTS OF \$50,000,000 OR MORE.—  
18           With respect to an equity investment or debt invest-  
19           ment made by the Office in an amount that is equal  
20           to or more than \$50,000,000, the Director—

21                   “(A) not later than five days after signing  
22           a term sheet for the investment, shall—

23                           “(i) notify the congressional defense  
24                   committee of the investment; and

1 “(ii) brief the congressional defense  
2 committees on the terms of the investment;  
3 and

4 “(B) may only enter into a legally binding  
5 agreement to make the investment if 30 busi-  
6 ness days have elapsed after the briefing re-  
7 quired by subparagraph (A)(ii) with respect to  
8 the investment.

9 “(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Each no-  
10 tification required under paragraph (1) or (2) with  
11 respect to an equity investment or debt investment  
12 made by the Office—

13 “(A) shall include—

14 “(i) an unredacted copy of the term  
15 sheet for the investment;

16 “(ii) an articulation of the legal au-  
17 thorities supporting each part of the in-  
18 vestment;

19 “(iii) a description of why the invest-  
20 ment is—

21 “(I) necessary; and

22 “(II) determined to be in the  
23 long-term defense interests of the  
24 United States; and

1 “(iv) clear criteria for the Federal  
 2 Government to sell, liquidate, or otherwise  
 3 exit the investment; and

4 “(v) an accounting of the estimated  
 5 costs to the Federal Government of the in-  
 6 vestment over the duration of the invest-  
 7 ment, disaggregated by the type of author-  
 8 ity used and appropriation type; and

9 “(B) may be submitted in a format that  
 10 contains classified or controlled unclassified in-  
 11 formation.”; and

12 (3) in subsection (k), as redesignated paragraph  
 13 (1)—

14 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (3)  
 15 through (7) as paragraphs (4) through (8), re-  
 16 spectively; and

17 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
 18 following new paragraph (3):

19 “(3) The term ‘debt investment’ means any  
 20 loan, note, bond, debenture, or other instrument rep-  
 21 resenting an obligation of an entity to repay funds  
 22 advanced by the Secretary—

23 “(A) including any such instrument that is  
 24 convertible into or exchangeable for an equity  
 25 investment; and

1                   “(B) excluding any instrument that is an  
2                   equity investment.”.

3           (b) NOTIFICATIONS FOR PAST INVESTMENTS.—Not  
4 later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this  
5 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall transmit to the con-  
6 gressional defense committees all unredacted term sheets  
7 for each equity investment or debt investment (as defined  
8 in section 149 of title 10, United States Code, as amended  
9 by subsection (a) and section 1051 **【ROS26896】**) made  
10 by the Department of Defense before such date of enact-  
11 ment.

12 **SEC. 1054. MODIFICATIONS TO AUTHORITIES OF INDUS-**  
13 **TRIAL BASE FUND.**

14           (a) EXCLUSION OF AUTHORITY FOR EQUITY INVEST-  
15 MENTS.—Section 4817 of title 10, United States Code, is  
16 amended—

17                   (1) by redesignating subsections (k) through  
18                   (m) as subsections (l) through (n), respectively; and  
19                   (2) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-  
20                   lowing new subsection (k):

21           “(k) EXCLUSION OF AUTHORITY FOR EQUITY IN-  
22 VESTMENTS.—The Secretary may not use any authority  
23 provided by this section to enter into an equity investment  
24 (as defined in section 149). Section 149 provides the sole

1 authority for entering into equity investments under this  
2 title.”.

3 (b) REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON USE OF CERTAIN  
4 FUNDS AND SUNSET.—Section 867 of the National De-  
5 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law  
6 119–60; 139 Stat. 996) is amended by striking sub-  
7 sections (b) and (d).

8 **SEC. 1055. BRIEFINGS ON ECONOMIC DEFENSE UNIT; LIMI-**  
9 **TATION ON USE OF FUNDS.**

10 (a) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 31,  
12 2027, and every 90 days thereafter until January  
13 31, 2029, the Deputy Secretary of Defense shall  
14 provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed  
15 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
16 tives on activities of the Economic Defense Unit  
17 during the 90-day period preceding the briefing and  
18 any supporting classified details.

19 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing required by  
20 paragraph (1) shall address the following:

21 (A) Projects of the Economic Defense Unit  
22 ongoing as of the date of the briefing.

23 (B) Agreements recently completed before  
24 the date of the briefing.

1 (C) An overarching strategy for the Eco-  
2 nomic Defense Unit.

3 (D) Efforts to coordinate activities across  
4 the Department of Defense during the 90-day  
5 period preceding the briefing.

6 (E) Matters relating to personnel of the  
7 Economic Defense Unit during that period.

8 (F) Any projects reviewed or approved by  
9 the Economic Defense Unit during that period,  
10 including—

11 (i) projects of the Office of Strategic  
12 Capital;

13 (ii) projects carried out under the De-  
14 fense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C.  
15 4501 et seq.); and

16 (iii) projects carried out under the In-  
17 dustrial Base Analysis and Sustainment  
18 program.

19 (3) ACCESS TO DOCUMENTATION.—For each  
20 briefing required by paragraph (1), the Deputy Sec-  
21 retary of Defense shall provide the Committees on  
22 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
23 resentatives the ability to review relevant analysis  
24 and documentation for all projects reviewed or ap-

1       proved by the Economic Defense Unit during the  
2       90-day period preceding the briefing.

3       (b) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the  
4 funds appropriated by this Act or any previous Act, or  
5 otherwise made available to the Department of Defense,  
6 may be used by the Office of the Deputy Secretary of De-  
7 fense for the Economic Defense Unit or any activities of  
8 the Economic Defense Unit until the following actions are  
9 complete:

10           (1) The Deputy Secretary provides the first  
11 briefing required by subsection (a).

12           (2) The Secretary of Defense completes and  
13 submits to the congressional defense committees the  
14 ownership review required by subsection (i) of sec-  
15 tion 149 of title 10, United States Code, as added  
16 by section 1052 **【ROS26897】**, for all equity invest-  
17 ments the Department has made as of the date of  
18 the review.

19           (3) The Secretary certifies to the congressional  
20 defense committees that the Department does not  
21 hold, and does not have the option to hold, any seat  
22 on the board of directors or any other form of voting  
23 representation or control in any entity in which the  
24 Department holds equity.



1 **SEC. 1056. APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURES**  
2 **FROM INDUSTRIAL BASE FUND.**

3 Section 4817 of title 10, United States Code, as  
4 amended by section 1054 [ROS26907], is further amend-  
5 ed—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (l) through (n)  
7 as subsections (m) through (o), respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (k) the fol-  
9 lowing new subsection (l):

10 “(l) APPROVAL AUTHORITY.—The Under Secretary  
11 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall be the  
12 authority to review and approve all expenditures from the  
13 Fund of less than \$75,000,000.”.

14 **SEC. 1057. QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS ON BUSINESS OPERA-**  
15 **TORS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE (BOND) PRO-**  
16 **GRAM.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 31, 2027,  
18 and every 90 days thereafter until January 31, 2029, the  
19 Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Committees on  
20 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
21 atives a briefing on the activities of the Business Opera-  
22 tors for National Defense (BOND) Program (in this sec-  
23 tion referred to as the “Program”) during the 90-day pe-  
24 riod preceding the briefing that includes supporting de-  
25 tails.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing required by para-  
 2 graph (1) shall address the following:

3 (1) Participants in the Program and where  
 4 those participants are placed.

5 (2) Metrics for success.

6 (3) Conflict of interest guardrails employed.

7 (4) Cost.

8 (c) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the  
 9 funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act, or other-  
 10 wise made available to the Department of Defense, may  
 11 be obligated or expended by the Office of the Secretary  
 12 of Defense for the Program until the Secretary provides  
 13 the first briefing required by subsection (a).

## 14 **Subtitle G—Other Matters**

### 15 **SEC. 1061. EXTENSION OF ADMISSION TO GUAM, WAKE IS-** 16 **LAND, AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE** 17 **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOR CERTAIN** 18 **H-2B NONIMMIGRANTS.**

19 Section 6(b)(1) of the Joint Resolution entitled “A  
 20 Joint Resolution to approve the ‘Covenant to Establish a  
 21 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Polit-  
 22 ical Union with the United States of America’, and for  
 23 other purposes”, approved March 24, 1976 (Public Law  
 24 94–241; 48 U.S.C. 1806(b)(1)), is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, Wake  
2 Island,” after “Guam”; and

3 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
5 striking “December 31, 2029” and inserting  
6 “December 31, 2031”; and

7 (B) by inserting “, Wake Island,” after  
8 “Guam” each place such term appears.

9 **SEC. 1062. NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE**  
10 **COMMITTEES OF COMBAT WOUNDED IN AC-**  
11 **TION.**

12 (a) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary con-  
13 cerned shall provide to the congressional defense commit-  
14 tees notification of any member of the Armed Forces  
15 wounded in action in a theater of combat within 24 hours  
16 of the incident.

17 (b) CONTENT OF NOTIFICATION.—The notification  
18 required under subsection (a) shall include—

19 (1) the time, date, and location of the incident;

20 (2) the servicemember’s unit;

21 (3) a brief description of the incident; and

22 (4) any other information the Secretary con-  
23 cerned determines appropriate.

1 **SEC. 1063. AMERICAS DEFENSE INITIATIVE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
4 shall establish an initiative, to be known as the “Americas  
5 Defense Initiative” (in this section referred to as the “Ini-  
6 tiative”), to carry out prioritized activities to enhance the  
7 defense and security of the United States, counter  
8 transnational criminal organizations and malign foreign  
9 actors, and strengthen the capacity of partner nations in  
10 the Western Hemisphere.

11 (b) ACTIVITIES.—To improve the design and posture  
12 of the joint force within the area of responsibility of the  
13 United States Southern Command, the Secretary, through  
14 the Initiative, shall—

15 (1) enhance the ability of the United States and  
16 partner nations in the detection and monitoring of  
17 the aerial and maritime transit of illegal drugs into  
18 the United States;

19 (2) support efforts to identify, disrupt, and de-  
20 grade transnational criminal organizations;

21 (3) increase persistent maritime and air domain  
22 awareness through the deployment of autonomous  
23 and unmanned systems;

24 (4) provide cost-effective, lower-maintenance,  
25 and sustainable capabilities to partner nations in the  
26 Western Hemisphere;

1           (5) strengthen regional security cooperation and  
2 interoperability with partner nations by improving  
3 the capabilities of partner nations in counter-illicit  
4 drug trafficking, counter-transnational organized  
5 crime operations, and border security operations;

6           (6) invest in geographic areas of key strategic  
7 terrain, including Panama, Jamaica, and United  
8 States Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; and

9           (7) develop and coordinate planning with the  
10 United States Northern Command, Joint Inter-  
11 agency Task Force–Counter Cartel, and relevant  
12 interagency partners.

13 (c) ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED.—

14           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
16 nually thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with  
17 the Commander of the United States Southern Com-  
18 mand, shall submit to the congressional defense  
19 committees a report on future-year activities and re-  
20 sources of the Initiative.

21           (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-  
22 graph (1) shall include the following:

23                   (A) A description of the activities and re-  
24 sources of the Initiative for the first fiscal year  
25 that begins after the date on which the report

1 is submitted, and the plan for such activities  
2 and resources for not fewer than the four fol-  
3 lowing fiscal years, organized by the activities  
4 described in paragraphs (1) through (7) of sub-  
5 section (b).

6 (B) A summary of progress made toward  
7 achieving the purposes of the Initiative, includ-  
8 ing through investments in—

9 (i) the procurement, integration, and  
10 deployment of low-cost, low-maintenance  
11 autonomous and robotic systems designed  
12 for persistent intelligence, surveillance, and  
13 reconnaissance and maritime domain  
14 awareness;

15 (ii) improved interoperability and in-  
16 formation sharing with partner nations;

17 (iii) bilateral and multilateral military  
18 exercises and training with partner na-  
19 tions; and

20 (iv) the use of security cooperation  
21 authorities to further build the capacity of  
22 partner nations.

23 (C) A description of any significant parts  
24 of the Initiative not achieved and a detailed ex-

1 planation of the obstacles that prevented  
2 achievement of the Initiative.

3 (D) A detailed explanation of any signifi-  
4 cant modifications to activities or resources of  
5 the Initiative, as compared to reports previously  
6 submitted under this subsection.

7 (E) Any other matter, as determined by  
8 the Secretary.

9 (d) BUDGET DISPLAY INFORMATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall include  
11 a detailed budget display for the Initiative in the  
12 materials of the Department of Defense submitted  
13 to Congress in support of the budget of the Presi-  
14 dent pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United  
15 States Code, for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal  
16 year thereafter.

17 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each budget display required  
18 by paragraph (1) shall include the following informa-  
19 tion:

20 (A) The resources necessary for the Initia-  
21 tive to carry out the activities required by sub-  
22 section (b) for the applicable fiscal year and not  
23 fewer than the four following fiscal years, orga-  
24 nized by the activities described in paragraphs  
25 (1) through (7) of such subsection.

1 (B) With respect to procurement ac-  
2 counts—

3 (i) amounts displayed by account,  
4 budget activity, line number, line item, and  
5 line item title; and

6 (ii) a description of the requirements  
7 for such amounts specific to the Initiative.

8 (C) With respect to research, development,  
9 test, and evaluation accounts—

10 (i) amounts displayed by account,  
11 budget activity, line number, program ele-  
12 ment, and program element title; and

13 (ii) a description of the requirements  
14 for such amounts specific to the Initiative.

15 (D) With respect to operation and mainte-  
16 nance accounts—

17 (i) amounts displayed by account title,  
18 budget activity title, line number, and sub-  
19 activity group title; and

20 (ii) a description of the specific man-  
21 ner in which such amounts will be used.

22 (E) With respect to military personnel ac-  
23 counts—



1 (i) amounts displayed by account,  
2 budget activity, budget subactivity, and  
3 budget subactivity title; and

4 (ii) a description of the requirements  
5 for such amounts specific to the Initiative.

6 (F) With respect to each project under  
7 military construction accounts (including with  
8 respect to unspecified minor military construc-  
9 tion and amounts for planning and design), the  
10 country, location, project title, and project  
11 amount by fiscal year.

12 (G) With respect to the activities described  
13 in subsection (b)—

14 (i) amounts displayed by account title,  
15 budget activity title, line number, and sub-  
16 activity group title; and

17 (ii) a description of the specific man-  
18 ner in which such amounts will be used.

19 (H) With respect to each military service—

20 (i) amounts displayed by account title,  
21 budget activity title, line number, and sub-  
22 activity group title; and

23 (ii) a description of the specific man-  
24 ner in which such amounts will be used.

1 (I) With respect to the amounts described  
2 in each of subparagraphs (B)(i), (C)(i), (D)(i),  
3 (E)(i), (G)(i), and (H)(i), a comparison be-  
4 tween—

5 (i) the amount in the budget of the  
6 President for the following fiscal year; and

7 (ii) the amount projected in the pre-  
8 vious budget of the President for the fol-  
9 lowing fiscal year.

10 (J) A detailed summary of funds obligated  
11 for the Initiative during the previous fiscal year.

12 (K) A detailed comparison of funds obli-  
13 gated for the Initiative during the previous fis-  
14 cal year to the amount of funds requested for  
15 such fiscal year.

16 (e) ANNUAL BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than  
17 March 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the Secretary  
18 shall provide to the congressional defense committees a  
19 briefing on the budget proposal for and programs of the  
20 Initiative, including the budget display information for the  
21 applicable fiscal year required by subsection (d).

22 **SEC. 1064. BRIEFINGS ON HOMELAND DEFENSE.**

23 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS.—  
24 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment  
25 of this Act, and on a quarterly basis thereafter, the Under

1 Secretary of Defense for Policy, the Under Secretary of  
2 Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the Under Sec-  
3 retary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, and  
4 the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Secu-  
5 rity, in coordination with the Northern Command, the  
6 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Indo-Pa-  
7 cific Command, shall jointly brief the Committee on  
8 Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on  
9 Armed Services of the House of Representatives on the  
10 status of Department of Defense planning for, and imple-  
11 mentation of, core homeland defense priorities, including  
12 plans for responding to a major attack on the homeland  
13 in the context of military operations in other areas of re-  
14 sponsibility, including Hawaii and Alaska.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing required under sub-  
16 section (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

17 (1) An update on current homeland defense  
18 strategies, plans, and operational concepts.

19 (2) An assessment of emerging and persistent  
20 threats to the homeland, including threats from  
21 state and non-state actors.

22 (3) A description of interagency coordination ef-  
23 forts with the Department of Homeland Security,  
24 the Department of Transportation, the National Nu-

1 clear Security Administration, and other relevant  
2 Federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial partners.

3 (4) An update on capabilities, force posture,  
4 force allocation, and resourcing requirements nec-  
5 essary to execute homeland defense missions during  
6 peacetime and wartime, including supporting civil  
7 authorities during times of crisis such as pandemic  
8 and disaster response, protection of defense critical  
9 infrastructure, mobilization of the industrial base to  
10 support needed capabilities, activation of the Selec-  
11 tive Service, and use of national stockpiles.

12 (5) Any identified resourcing gaps, risks, or  
13 challenges in homeland defense planning and mitiga-  
14 tion efforts underway.

15 (6) An update on coordination with United  
16 States Northern Command, United States Strategic  
17 Command, United States Cyber Command, Indo-Pa-  
18 cific Command, the Director of Golden Dome, and  
19 other combatant commands or agencies, as appro-  
20 priate.

21 (7) An update on the Integrated CONUS Med-  
22 ical Operations Plan and the available bed capacity  
23 within the organizations supporting the National  
24 Disaster Medical System, to include an update on  
25 medical operations in Hawaii and Alaska.

1           (8) An update on progress in planning for the  
2           management of homeland defense priorities during  
3           overseas contingency operations.

4           (c) FORM.—Each briefing under subsection (a) shall  
5           be provided in classified form, but may include an unclas-  
6           sified summary as appropriate.

7           (d) DURATION.—The requirement to provide quar-  
8           terly briefings under this section shall terminate five years  
9           after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10   **SEC. 1065. INDEPENDENCE OF STARS AND STRIPES.**

11           (a) EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE REQUIREMENT.—

12                 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
13           shall ensure that—

14                         (A) editorial policies and practices of the  
15           Stars and Stripes are in accordance with jour-  
16           nalistic standards governing United States news  
17           media of the highest quality, with emphasis on  
18           matters of interest to the Stars and Stripes  
19           readership;

20                         (B) Stars and Stripes' editorial operations  
21           are independent of the military chain of com-  
22           mand, military public affairs activities, or other  
23           external influences, and without censorship or  
24           propaganda;

1 (C) the Stars and Stripes Publisher re-  
2 mains a civilian government employee with  
3 independent professional news media experi-  
4 ence, who manages and controls the day-to-day  
5 business and financial, operational, and admin-  
6 istrative activities, and provides editorial over-  
7 sight of Stars and Stripes;

8 (D) Stars and Stripes' reporters with ac-  
9 cess to Department of Defense installations are  
10 authorized to cover events or activities open to  
11 those with installation access even though com-  
12 mercial news media may not have the same  
13 unescorted access;

14 (E) Stars and Stripes is a digital-first  
15 news organization but is also published in a  
16 print newspaper edition at a frequency and dis-  
17 tribution determined by the Publisher to best  
18 serve its readership; and

19 (F) except as provided in paragraph (3),  
20 the Stars and Stripes provides a free flow of  
21 news and information to its readership without  
22 news management or censorship from the Sec-  
23 retary of Defense or the Department of De-  
24 fense.

1           (2) PROHIBITION ON WITHHOLDING OF UNFA-  
2           VORABLE NEWS.—The calculated withholding from  
3           publication in Stars and Stripes of news unfavorable  
4           to the Department of Defense, the military services,  
5           or the United States Government is prohibited.

6           (3) EXCEPTIONS.—

7                   (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the  
8                   requirement under paragraph (1), Stars and  
9                   Stripes shall not publish original staff-produced  
10                  news stories based upon classified information  
11                  or publish information that clearly endangers  
12                  the lives of United States personnel or would  
13                  adversely affect national security.

14                  (B) LIMITATION.—The exceptions under  
15                  subparagraph (A) may not be construed to per-  
16                  mit the calculated withholding of news unfavor-  
17                  able to the Department of Defense, the military  
18                  services, or the United States Government. Any  
19                  security risk information shall not be withheld  
20                  without concurrence from both the Stars and  
21                  Stripes publisher and the relevant combatant  
22                  commander.

23           (4) STARS AND STRIPES PERSONNEL.—The ex-  
24           clusion of civilian candidates for consideration for

1 officer, journalist, or other Stars and Stripes staff  
2 positions is prohibited.

3 (b) STARS AND STRIPES OMBUDSMAN.—The Stars  
4 and Stripes Ombudsman is a highly qualified independent  
5 news media professional hired from outside of the DoD  
6 to serve a three-year term. The Stars and Stripes Om-  
7 budsman independently advises the Stripes Publisher and  
8 senior editorial leaders, DoD leadership and congressional  
9 oversight authorities on matters relating to audience inter-  
10 ests, journalistic practices, editorial interference, news  
11 management, or censorship.

12 **SEC. 1066. IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT, AND MITIGA-**  
13 **TION OF CRITICAL DEFENSE SITES.**

14 (a) DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICE.—Not  
15 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this  
16 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

17 (1) designate an existing or new office or offi-  
18 cial within the Department of Defense to serve as  
19 the lead for the identification, assessment,  
20 prioritization, and mitigation of risks to critical de-  
21 fense sites, including privately owned or commer-  
22 cially operated, in the defense industrial base, in-  
23 cluding physical and airspace protection against un-  
24 manned aircraft systems incursions and other  
25 emerging threats; and



1           (2) notify the congressional defense committees  
2           of the office or official designated under paragraph  
3           (1) and the specific authorities and resources as-  
4           signed to it.

5           (b) COMPREHENSIVE LIST AND RISK RANKING.—  
6   Not later than 180 days after the designation made under  
7   subsection (a), the designated office or official shall, in  
8   consultation with the Secretaries of the military services,  
9   the heads of relevant defense agencies, and appropriate  
10   private sector representatives—

11           (1) compile and maintain a classified list of the  
12           critical defense sites in the defense industrial base,  
13           including privately owned or commercially operated  
14           sites; and

15           (2) rank such sites by the potential devastating  
16           effect on national security if disrupted or com-  
17           promised, taking into account—

18                   (A) the criticality of the capability to cur-  
19                   rent and future military operations;

20                   (B) the absence or limited availability of  
21                   alternative sources;

22                   (C) the vulnerability to physical threats,  
23                   including unmanned aircraft systems incur-  
24                   sions, sabotage, or natural disasters; and

1 (D) any other factors the Secretary deter-  
2 mines appropriate.

3 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
5 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
6 mittees a report that includes the following elements:

7 (1) The list of critical defense sites and  
8 prioritization of those sites compiled under sub-  
9 section (b).

10 (2) A formal, unclassified definition of the term  
11 “single point of failure,” as a subset of the critical  
12 defense sites identified in subsection (b), which shall  
13 be used to refer to facilities, sites, production lines,  
14 suppliers, or capabilities, whether privately owned or  
15 commercially operated, that, if disrupted, would halt  
16 or cause undue harm to United States military pro-  
17 duction, sustainment, or operational readiness due to  
18 the lack of viable near-term substitute sources.

19 (3) A detailed assessment of current protection  
20 levels at each identified critical defense site, includ-  
21 ing any gaps in physical security, airspace protec-  
22 tion, or counter-unmanned aircraft systems capabili-  
23 ties.

24 (4) A description of the risks to national secu-  
25 rity of failing to protect such sites, including poten-

1        tial impacts on military readiness, supply chain resil-  
 2        ience, and strategic deterrence.

3            (5) A path forward that includes—

4                    (A) options for the Department of Defense  
 5                    to assume or share responsibility with industry  
 6                    for protecting these sites;

7                    (B) estimated costs and recommended  
 8                    funding mechanisms;

9                    (C) proposed legislative or regulatory  
 10                    changes necessary to close the identified gaps;  
 11                    and

12                    (D) a timeline and milestones for imple-  
 13                    mentation of mitigation measures for the high-  
 14                    est-ranked single points of failure.

15            (6) Any other recommendations the Secretary  
 16        considers appropriate.

17        (d) ANNUAL UPDATES.—The Secretary of Defense  
 18        shall provide annual updates to the report required under  
 19        subsection (c) for each of the five years following the ini-  
 20        tial report, including any changes to the definition, list,  
 21        or ranking and progress on the path forward.

22        **SEC. 1067. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR COMMISSIONS.**

23            (a) AFGHANISTAN WAR COMMISSION.—Section  
 24        1094(f) of the Afghanistan War Commission Act of 2021

1 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1942) is amended by add-  
2 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

3 “(7) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Com-  
4 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate is  
5 authorized to approve the use of Senate resources,  
6 including IT, to support the Commission in carrying  
7 out its official duties.”.

8 (b) NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION ON EMERGING  
9 BIO-TECHNOLOGY.—Section 1091(h) of the National De-  
10 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law  
11 117–81; 135 Stat. 1929) is amended by adding at the end  
12 the following new paragraph:

13 “(7) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Com-  
14 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate is  
15 authorized to approve the use of Senate resources,  
16 including IT, to support the Commission in carrying  
17 out its official duties.”.

18 (c) COMMISSION ON PLANNING, PROGRAMMING,  
19 BUDGETING AND EXECUTION REFORM.—Section 1004(h)  
20 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
21 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1884) is amended  
22 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

23 “(5) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Com-  
24 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate is  
25 authorized to approve the use of Senate resources,

1 including IT, to support the Commission in carrying  
2 out its official duties.”.

3 (d) COMMISSION ON THE NATIONAL DEFENSE  
4 STRATEGY OF 2022.—Section 1095(h) of the National  
5 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public  
6 Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1943) is amended by adding at  
7 the end the following new paragraph:

8 “(6) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The use of  
9 any Senate resources, including IT, by the Commis-  
10 sion in carrying out its official duties is hereby ap-  
11 proved.”.

12 (e) CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON THE STRA-  
13 TEGIC POSTURE OF THE UNITED STATES.—Section  
14 1687(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
15 Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 2126)  
16 is amended to read as follows:

17 “(f) GOVERNMENT COOPERATION.—

18 “(1) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

19 In addition to information, suggestions, estimates,  
20 and statistics provided under subsection (e), depart-  
21 ments and agencies of the United States may pro-  
22 vide to the Commission such services, funds, facili-  
23 ties, staff, and other support services as those de-  
24 partments and agencies may determine advisable  
25 and as may be authorized by law.

1           “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Com-  
2       mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate is  
3       authorized to approve the use of Senate resources,  
4       including IT, to support the Commission in carrying  
5       out its official duties.”.

6       (f) NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE  
7       NAVY.—Section 1092(a) of the James M. Inhofe National  
8       Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public  
9       Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 2807) is amended by adding at  
10      the end the following new paragraph:

11           “(5) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Com-  
12      mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate is  
13      authorized to approve the use of Senate resources,  
14      including IT, to support the Commission in carrying  
15      out its official duties.”.

16      (g) COMMISSION ON THE NATIONAL DEFENSE  
17      STRATEGY OF 2026.—Section 1095(d) of the National  
18      Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public  
19      Law 119–60;) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
20      lowing new paragraph:

21           “(5) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Com-  
22      mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate is  
23      authorized to approve the use of Senate resources,  
24      including IT, to support the Commission in carrying  
25      out its official duties.”.

1 **SEC. 1068. REQUIREMENT TO ASSIGN CONVENTIONAL**  
2 **NAMES TO CRITICAL MUNITIONS.**

3 (a) RESPONSIBILITY.—Not later than 60 days after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief of Staff  
5 of the Army, the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of  
6 Staff of the Air Force, the Commandant of the Marine  
7 Corps, and the Chief of Space Operations shall each—

8 (1) identify critical munitions under primary  
9 management responsibility of the respective military  
10 service;

11 (2) in place of any designation consisting solely  
12 of an acronym or alphanumeric code, assign to each  
13 such munition—

14 (A) a conventional name in the English  
15 language that is memorable and suitable for  
16 clear operational communication and training;  
17 and

18 (B) not limited in understanding to spe-  
19 cialized personnel of the Armed Forces; and

20 (3) implement the use of the assigned name in  
21 all official documentation, public communications,  
22 and relevant material of the Department of Defense  
23 related to that munition.

24 (b) COORDINATION.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—The officials specified in  
26 subsection (a) shall coordinate with the Chairman of

1 the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Under Secretary of  
2 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, and the  
3 Director of the Missile Defense Agency to ensure  
4 that names assigned under subsection (a) are con-  
5 sistent across joint programs and do not conflict  
6 with existing nomenclature for allied or foreign sys-  
7 tems.

8 (2) RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE.—In cases in  
9 which primary management under paragraph (1)  
10 with respect to a particular munition is unclear, the  
11 Deputy Secretary of Defense shall resolve any dis-  
12 putes regarding primary management responsibility.

13 (c) IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE.—Not later than  
14 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, each  
15 official specified in subsection (a) shall complete full im-  
16 plementation of the names assigned under such sub-  
17 section, including any necessary updates to logistics sys-  
18 tems, labeling, and training curricula.

19 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days  
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
21 thereafter for two years, each official specified in sub-  
22 section (a) shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
23 mittees a report containing—

24 (1) a list of all munitions reviewed and the con-  
25 ventional name assigned to each;



- 1 (2) a brief rationale for each name selected;
- 2 (3) an assessment of any costs associated with
- 3 implementation; and
- 4 (4) a description of the process used to incor-
- 5 porate operational feedback from end users in the
- 6 naming decisions.

7 (e) CRITICAL MUNITIONS DEFINED.—In this section,  
 8 the term “critical munitions” includes munitions des-  
 9 ignated on the critical munitions list of the Chairman of  
 10 the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

11 **SEC. 1069. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO NATIONAL DE-**  
 12 **FENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL**  
 13 **YEAR 2026.**

14 (a) QUALIFICATIONS FOR JUDGE ADVOCATES.—Sub-  
 15 section (a)(1)(B) of section 806 of title 10, United States  
 16 Code (article 6 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice),  
 17 as added by section 561(a) of the National Defense Au-  
 18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–  
 19 60; 139 Stat. 881), is amended to read as follows:

20 “(B) maintains a license status in good stand-  
 21 ing that provides eligibility to practice law;”.

22 (b) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT MED-  
 23 ICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS ON A NONREIMBURSABLE  
 24 BASIS TO CERTAIN OTHERWISE INELIGIBLE INDIVID-  
 25 UALS.—Section 702(a)(2) of the National Defense Au-

1   thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–  
2   60; 10 U.S.C. 1561 note) is amended by striking “Defense  
3   Criminal Investigative Organization” and inserting “mili-  
4   tary criminal investigative organization”.

5       (c) PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.—Section 1115(a) of  
6   the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
7   2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. 1580 note prec.)  
8   is amended—

9           (1) in paragraph (2)—

10               (A) by inserting “, except those assigned to  
11               the United States Marine Corps,” after “De-  
12               partment of the Navy”; and

13               (B) by striking “; and” and inserting a  
14               semicolon;

15           (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
16   graph (4); and

17           (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
18   lowing new paragraph:

19               “(3) with respect to civilian employees of the  
20   Department of the Navy assigned to the United  
21   States Marine Corps, the Deputy Commandant of  
22   the Marine Corps with principal responsibility for  
23   manpower and personnel whose responsibilities arise  
24   under section 8045 of such title; and”.

1 **SEC. 1070. DEVELOPMENT OF COGNITIVE WARFARE STRAT-**  
2 **EGY.**

3 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
5 of Defense shall develop and submit to the congressional  
6 defense committees a comprehensive strategy for cognitive  
7 warfare for the Department of Defense.

8 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection  
9 (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following elements:

10 (1) A Department-wide definition of cognitive  
11 warfare.

12 (2) An assessment of the cognitive warfare  
13 threat landscape, including the cognitive warfare  
14 threat posed by China, Russia, Iran, and other ad-  
15 versaries, as appropriate, as well as their capabili-  
16 ties, tactics and techniques, and strategic objectives.

17 (3) An assessment of the cognitive warfare ca-  
18 pabilities and objectives of key partners and allies of  
19 the United States, including the North Atlantic  
20 Treaty Organization.

21 (4) A plan for integrating cognitive warfare into  
22 Department of Defense joint planning, operations,  
23 and exercises.

24 (5) Designation of a Department of Defense en-  
25 tity with responsibility to develop, and continually

1 refine, capabilities and associated policies for the ef-  
 2 fective conduct of cognitive warfare.

3 (6) A framework for coordinating cognitive war-  
 4 fare activities with other elements of the United  
 5 States Government.

6 (7) Establishment of lines of effort, objectives,  
 7 and tasks that are necessary to implement such  
 8 strategy.

9 (8) Any other matters deemed relevant by the  
 10 Secretary.

11 **SEC. 1071. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SENSITIVE**  
 12 **MILITARY OPERATIONS.**

13 Section 130f of title 10, United States Code, is  
 14 amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)

16 (A) by inserting “(1)” before “The Sec-  
 17 retary”;

18 (B) by striking “no later than 48 hours  
 19 following such operation”; and

20 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
 21 paragraphs:

22 “(2) Not later than 48 hours following a sensitive  
 23 military operation, the Secretary shall submit a written  
 24 notification that includes, with respect to such operation,  
 25 the following information:

1           “(A) The date and time of the operation.

2           “(B) The legal authority under which the oper-  
3           ation was executed.

4           “(C) The name and date of the execute order  
5           under which the operation was conducted.

6           “(D) An identification of the target engagement  
7           authority.

8           “(E) The specific location of the operation.

9           “(F) The target or objective of the operation.

10          “(G) The pre-strike assessment with regard to  
11          the presence of targeted individuals, civilians, or  
12          uncharacterized individuals.

13          “(H) A battle damage assessment.

14          “(I) Any indication or assessment of civilian  
15          casualties or other civilian harm.

16          “(J) Any other matters deemed relevant by the  
17          Secretary.

18          “(3) Not later than 7 days following a sensitive mili-  
19          tary operation, the Secretary shall submit a written notifi-  
20          cation that includes, with respect to such operation, the  
21          following information:

22                 “(A) Updates to the elements required under  
23                 paragraph (1).

1           “(B) The strike criteria used by the target en-  
2           gagement authority and a description of how such  
3           criteria were satisfied.

4           “(C) The rules of engagement for such oper-  
5           ation.

6           “(D) The operational chain of command for the  
7           operation.

8           “(E) A detailed description of the intelligence  
9           underpinning the operation, including the capabili-  
10          ties and disciplines used such as human, signals, and  
11          geospatial.

12          “(F) The number and type of platforms and  
13          munitions used.

14          “(G) A description of each engagement, includ-  
15          ing the timing of such engagement.

16          “(H) A description of the target or objective of  
17          the operation, including whether any targeted indi-  
18          viduals were armed.

19          “(I) The status of any civilian harm allegations  
20          and investigations.

21          “(J) For capture operations, the detention plan  
22          and plan for ultimate disposition of those captured.

23          “(K) Any other matters deemed relevant by the  
24          Secretary.”; and

25          (2) in subsection (d)—

1 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as  
 2 follows:

3 “(1) a lethal, capture, or kinetic operation con-  
 4 ducted by the armed forces;”;

5 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “; or”  
 6 and inserting a semicolon;

7 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
 8 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (D) by adding at the end the following new  
 10 paragraph:

11 “(4) a lethal, capture, or kinetic operation con-  
 12 ducted by a foreign partner advised, assisted, or ac-  
 13 companied by the armed forces.”.

14 **SEC. 1071A. DECLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE FOR DEPART-**  
 15 **MENT OF DEFENSE ORIGINAL CLASSIFICA-**  
 16 **TION AUTHORITIES.**

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 issue written guidance for the ad hoc declassification  
 20 of Department of Defense information by Department of  
 21 Defense original classification authorities.

22 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The guidance required by sub-  
 23 section (a) shall be applicable to the Secretary of Defense  
 24 and any other Department of Defense official designated  
 25 as an original classification authority.

1       (c) REQUIREMENTS.—At a minimum, the guidance  
2 required by subsection (a) shall require that—

3           (1) not later than 24 hours after an ad hoc de-  
4 cision by an original classification authority to de-  
5 classify Department of Defense information, the  
6 original classification authority shall document their  
7 decision and the justification for such decision in  
8 writing;

9           (2) not later than 48 hours after an ad hoc de-  
10 cision by the original classification authority to de-  
11 classify Department of Defense information, the  
12 written documentation and justification required by  
13 paragraph (1) shall be provided to—

14           (A) relevant officials of the Department of  
15 Defense and other departments and agencies of  
16 the United States Government, as appropriate;  
17 and

18           (B) the congressional defense committees;  
19 and

20           (3) the original classification authority shall  
21 document the justification.

22       (d) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 48 hours after  
23 issuing the written guidance required by subsection (a) or  
24 making any change to the written guidance required by



1 subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit such  
2 guidance to the congressional defense committees.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) AD HOC DECLASSIFICATION.—The term “ad  
5 hoc declassification” means the declassification of  
6 Department of Defense information outside the de-  
7 liberate automatic or systematic declassification  
8 processes outlined in Executive Order 13526 “Clas-  
9 sified National Security Information” issued on De-  
10 cember 29, 2009, or a successor executive order.

11 (2) ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY.—  
12 The term “original classification authority” means a  
13 Department of Defense official appropriately author-  
14 ized to classify information in the first instance or  
15 to declassify such information.

16 **SEC. 1072. POST-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT RESTRIC-**  
17 **TIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN SENIOR**  
18 **MILITARY OFFICERS AND SENIOR CIVILIAN**  
19 **EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
20 **FENSE.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1045 of the National De-  
22 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law  
23 115–91; 10 U.S.C. 971 note prec.) is amended to read  
24 as follows:

1 **“SEC. 1045. TWO-YEAR POST-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT**  
2 **RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN SENIOR MILI-**  
3 **TARY OFFICERS AND SENIOR DEPARTMENT**  
4 **OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.**

5 “(a) RESTRICTION.—In addition to the restrictions  
6 set forth in section 207 of title 18, United States Code,  
7 an individual who is an officer or employee described in  
8 subsection (b) may not, within two years after the termi-  
9 nation of the individual’s service or employment as such  
10 officer or employee, knowingly make, with the intent to  
11 influence, any communication to or appearance before any  
12 officer or employee of the department or agency in which  
13 such individual served within one year before such termi-  
14 nation, on behalf of any other person (except the United  
15 States), in connection with any matter on which such indi-  
16 vidual seeks official action by any officer or employee of  
17 such department or agency.

18 “(b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—Subsection (a) shall  
19 apply to any individual—

20 “(1) employed as an active duty commissioned  
21 officer of the Armed Forces serving in a grade or  
22 rank for which the pay grade (as specified in section  
23 201 of title 37, United States Code) is O–9 or high-  
24 er; or

25 “(2) employed as a civilian officer or employee  
26 of the Department of Defense in a civilian grade

1 equivalent to a military grade specified in paragraph  
2 (1).

3 “(c) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF  
4 SECTION 207 OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.—The  
5 provisions of subsections (h), (j), and (k) of section 207  
6 of title 18, United States Code, shall apply to the restric-  
7 tion contained in subsection (a) of this section in the same  
8 manner as to the restrictions contained in subsection (c)  
9 of such section 207.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-  
12 ment of this Act and shall apply to activities taking place  
13 on or after such date, without regard to the termination  
14 date of an individual’s service or employment as such an  
15 officer or employee.

16 **SEC. 1073. REPEALS OF EXISTING REPORTING REQUIRE-**  
17 **MENTS.**

18 (a) TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—The fol-  
19 lowing provisions of title 10, United States Code, are here-  
20 by repealed:

21 (1) Subsection (c) of section 493a.

22 (2) Section 6135.

23 (3) Section 8227.

24 (4) Subsection (d) of section 8932.

25 (5) Subsection (e) of section 9516.

1 (b) NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACTS.—

2 The following provisions are hereby repealed:

3 (1) Section 909 of the Servicemember Quality  
4 of Life Improvement and National Defense Author-  
5 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–  
6 159; 138 Stat. 2033).

7 (2) Of the National Defense Authorization Act  
8 for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31)—

9 (A) section 112 (10 U.S.C. 7013 note);

10 (B) subsection (c) of section 224 (137  
11 Stat. 194);

12 (C) paragraph (2) of section 253 (137  
13 Stat. 212);

14 (D) section 535 (137 Stat. 262);

15 (E) section 565 (137 Stat. 275);

16 (F) paragraphs (1) and (2) of section  
17 1247(e) (137 Stat. 463);

18 (G) paragraph (2) of section 1535(c) (10  
19 U.S.C. 167b note); and

20 (H) subsection (a) of section 1685 (137  
21 Stat. 620).

22 (3) Of the James M. Inhofe National Defense  
23 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law  
24 117–263)—

25 (A) section 218 (136 Stat. 2476);

1 (B) subsection (g) of section 389 (10  
2 U.S.C. 7013 note);

3 (C) section 862 (10 U.S.C. 4811 note);

4 (D) section 1513 (10 U.S.C. 4001 note);

5 (E) subsection (b) of section 1657 (136  
6 Stat. 2951); and

7 (F) section 1664 (136 Stat. 2958).

8 (4) Of the National Defense Authorization Act  
9 for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81)—

10 (A) section 147 (135 Stat. 1584);

11 (B) subsection (c) of section 228 (10  
12 U.S.C. 2001 note prec.);

13 (C) section 377 (10 U.S.C. 2001 note  
14 prec.);

15 (D) section 1036 (135 Stat. 1901);

16 (E) subsection (c) of section 1504 (135  
17 Stat. 2022); and

18 (F) section 1602(b)(4) (10 U.S.C. 9082  
19 note).

20 (5) Of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-  
21 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Yea  
22 2021 (Public Law 116–283)—

23 (A) section 121 (134 Stat. 3424);

24 (B) subsection (d) of section 364 (6 U.S.C.  
25 106(d));

1 (C) section 539C (134 Stat. 3609);

2 (D) paragraph (1) of section 574(a) (10  
3 U.S.C. 8431 note prec.);

4 (E) section 1299I (134 Stat. 4001);

5 (F) section 1521(c)(5) (134 Stat. 4035);

6 (G) subsection (d) of section 1634 (134  
7 Stat. 4059);

8 (H) section 1673 (134 Stat. 4078);

9 (I) subsection (d) of section 1723 (10  
10 U.S.C. 394 note);

11 (J) subsection (b) of section 1727 (10  
12 U.S.C. 2224 note); and

13 (K) section 1746 (134 Stat. 4139).

14 (6) Of the National Defense Authorization Act  
15 for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92)—

16 (A) subsection (e) of section 550B (10  
17 U.S.C. 1561 note);

18 (B) section 597 (133 Stat. 1418);

19 (C) subsection (d) of section 1674 (133  
20 Stat. 1778);

21 (D) section 1675 (133 Stat. 1778); and

22 (E) section 1722 (133 Stat. 1810).

23 (7) Of the John S. McCain National Defense  
24 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law  
25 115–232)—

1 (A) subsection (b) of section 127 (132  
2 Stat. 1664);

3 (B) section 1018 (10 U.S.C. 221 note);

4 (C) subsection (d) of section 1082 (132  
5 Stat. 1988);

6 (D) section 1276 (132 Stat. 2070); and

7 (E) section 1657 (132 Stat. 2151).

8 (8) Section 1267 of the National Defense Au-  
9 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law  
10 115–91; 132 Stat. 2070).

11 (9) Of the National Defense Authorization Act  
12 for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328)—

13 (A) section 123 (130 Stat. 2030); and

14 (B) section 912 (130 Stat. 2349).

15 (10) Section 1656 of the National Defense Au-  
16 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law  
17 114–92).

18 **SEC. 1074. REPORT AND BRIEFING ON WORLDWIDE EXPEDI-**  
19 **TIONARY MULTIPLE AWARD CONTRACT TER-**  
20 **RITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE UNITED**  
21 **STATES CONTRACT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
24 shall submit a report and provide a briefing to the Com-  
25 mittees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House

1 of Representatives on the Worldwide Expeditionary Mul-  
2 tiple Award Contract Territorial Integrity of the United  
3 States contract (commonly referred to as the “WEXMAC–  
4 TITUS contract”).

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-  
6 section (a) shall include—

7 (1) a description of regulations prescribed by  
8 the Secretary that govern the provision of humani-  
9 tarian assistance and logistics support by the De-  
10 partment of Defense for purposes of the detention of  
11 migrants;

12 (2) a description of the procedures used to  
13 award contracts for the construction and operation  
14 of migrant detention facilities at military installa-  
15 tions in the United States;

16 (3) a list of contracts awarded for the construc-  
17 tion and operation of migrant detention facilities at  
18 military installations in the United States, including  
19 a breakdown of how funding will be allocated at each  
20 such facility; and

21 (4) a summary of any feedback, if applicable,  
22 that the Department of Defense has received from  
23 local communities on the impact the construction  
24 and operation of migrant detention facilities has had



1 on local resources, including sewage systems and  
2 water resources.

3 **SEC. 1075. DOCUMENTATION OF VERBAL APPROVAL OF RE-**  
4 **QUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.**

5 Section 1707 of the National Defense Authorization  
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C.  
7 113 note) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “approves a  
9 Request for Assistance from the Department of  
10 Homeland Security or the Department of Health  
11 and Human Services” and inserting “approves a  
12 written Request for Assistance from another Federal  
13 agency”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) by striking “submits to the Secretary  
16 of Homeland Security or the Secretary of  
17 Health and Human Services” and inserting  
18 “submits to the requesting Federal agency”;  
19 and

20 (B) by striking “from the Department of  
21 Homeland Security or the Department of  
22 Health and Human Services, as applicable,”;  
23 and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
25 sections:

1       “(d) REQUIREMENT FOR DOCUMENTATION OF  
2 OTHER THAN WRITTEN REQUESTS.—

3               “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of Defense  
4 approves a Request for Assistance submitted by a  
5 Federal agency in other than written form, the Sec-  
6 retary of Defense shall, not later than 7 days fol-  
7 lowing the approval of the Request for Assistance,  
8 ensure that such approval is documented in writing  
9 and electronically transmitted to the Committees on  
10 Armed Services in the Senate and House of Rep-  
11 resentatives.

12              “(2) ELEMENTS.—The written documentation  
13 required under paragraph (1) shall include, at a  
14 minimum—

15                   “(A) the requesting department or agency;

16                   “(B) the date on which the request was re-  
17 ceived;

18                   “(C) the date on which the request was  
19 verbally approved;

20                   “(D) the Department of Defense official  
21 who provided the verbal approval;

22                   “(E) a description of the assistance to be  
23 provided;

24                   “(F) the legal authority under which the  
25 assistance is provided;

1           “(G) the estimated duration of the assist-  
2           ance; and

3           “(H) any anticipated reimbursement or  
4           cost-sharing arrangement associated with the  
5           assistance.

6           “(e) REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL.—The Secretary  
7           of Defense shall electronically transmit to the Committees  
8           on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
9           resentatives within 7 days of providing support under sec-  
10          tion 272, 273, or 274 of title 10, United States Code, a  
11          notification that includes—

12           “(1) the agency to which the support was pro-  
13          vided;

14           “(2) the authority under which support was  
15          provided;

16           “(3) the source and amount of funds provided  
17          for such purpose or project;

18           “(4) a description of the arrangements, if any,  
19          for the sustainment of such purpose or project and  
20          the source of funds to support sustainment of the  
21          capabilities and performance outcomes achieved  
22          using the support, if applicable; and

23           “(5) a description of objectives for such purpose  
24          or project and the projected timeline.

25          “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           “(1) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term ‘Federal  
2       agency’ means any department, independent estab-  
3       lishment, commission, authority, board bureau, of-  
4       fice, administrative unit, or other entity of the Fed-  
5       eral Government.

6           “(2) REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE.—The term  
7       ‘Request for Assistance’ means any written, oral,  
8       visual, non-verbal, or other communication based on  
9       mission requirements and expressed in terms of de-  
10      sired outcome, formally asking the Department of  
11      Defense to provide assistance to a local, State, trib-  
12      al, or other Federal agency.”.

13 **SEC. 1076. INCREASE OF THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND,**  
14                   **CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM THRESH-**  
15                   **OLD.**

16       Section 2208(k)(2) of title 10, United States Code,  
17   is amended by striking “\$500,000 for procurements by a  
18   major range and test facility installation or a science and  
19   technology reinvention laboratory and not less than  
20   \$250,000 for procurements at all other facilities” and in-  
21   serting “\$500,000 for procurements by a major range and  
22   test facility installation, a science and technology reinven-  
23   tion laboratory, or any other facility”.

1 **SEC. 1077. NATIONAL GUARD RURAL REVIVAL AND MOD-**  
2 **ERNIZATION PLAN.**

3 (a) STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RE-  
4 QUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the  
5 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army, in co-  
6 ordination with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau,  
7 shall develop a comprehensive strategy and roadmap to op-  
8 timize Army National Guard readiness, force posture, and  
9 infrastructure in remote or isolated areas to include the  
10 Arctic. The strategy shall take into consideration the pos-  
11 ture and plans of the United States Northern Command  
12 as well as Golden Dome for America in the assessment  
13 and development of the strategy, to ensure infrastructure  
14 investments meet homeland defense requirements and  
15 maximize operational effectiveness. The strategy shall be  
16 known as the “Army National Guard Rural Revival and  
17 Modernization Plan” (referred to in this section as the  
18 “Plan”).

19 (b) ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN.—The Plan required  
20 under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 (1) INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW.—A comprehen-  
23 sive audit and assessment of all National Guard ar-  
24 mories, readiness centers, training support centers,  
25 and ranges within remote or isolated areas. The

1       audit should include an assessment of necessary fa-  
2       cilities improvements and include a plan for—

3               (A) joint-force and extreme-cold-weather  
4       tactical training, including integrated survival,  
5       mobility, logistics, and combat operations spe-  
6       cific to degraded and contested Arctic environ-  
7       ments;

8               (B) forward-operating logistical hubs, cold-  
9       weather equipment staging, and intra-theater  
10      supply-chain distribution points;

11              (C) emergency management, disaster re-  
12      sponse, and homeland defense staging zones;  
13      and

14              (D) communications nodes and remote  
15      command-and-control capabilities.

16              (2) END-STRENGTH AND BILLET OPTIMIZATION  
17      STRATEGY.—A feasible plan to address and fill criti-  
18      cally vacant, unassigned, or under-strength National  
19      Guard billets within the designated regions to meet  
20      increasing operational tempo (OPTEMPO). The op-  
21      timization plan shall include—

22              (A) an analysis of recruitment and reten-  
23      tion barriers unique to rural, isolated, or high-  
24      cost geographic areas;

1 (B) a targeted marketing, recruitment, and  
2 localized incentives framework, including spe-  
3 cialized remote duty allowances, signing bo-  
4 nuses, and educational stipends, designed to  
5 source personnel directly from local and rural  
6 communities; and

7 (C) a potential rotational assignment  
8 framework to temporarily bridge immediate  
9 operational readiness gaps while permanent per-  
10 sonnel pipelines are materialized to include as-  
11 sociated funding.

12 (3) DUAL-USE CENTER MODERNIZATION BLUE-  
13 PRINT.—A comprehensive capitalization and mod-  
14 ernization plan for existing multi-mission, dual-use  
15 facilities. The blueprint shall—

16 (A) identify specific structural and techno-  
17 logical upgrades necessary to sustain prolonged,  
18 multi-domain operations in austere environ-  
19 ments, predicated on a comprehensive cyber-re-  
20 silience and vulnerability assessment of the ex-  
21 isting operational technology at installations  
22 and facilities, with an emphasis on—

23 (i) grid resilience, microgrid integra-  
24 tion, and continuous primary power capa-

bilities under extreme environmental degradation;

(ii) communications modernization, including secure tactical satellite integration and redundant high-latitude network systems;

(iii) hangar, maintenance bay, and cold-storage runway and housing upgrades to handle modern tactical, rotary-wing, and autonomous aerial platforms, and personnel; and

(iv) dual-use airfield infrastructure reutilization and expansion of existing runways to accommodate modern military and civilian aircraft; and

(B) ensure all proposed command and control (C2) and facility infrastructure is engineered to operate seamlessly within Denied, Degraded, Intermittent, or Limited environments, incorporating resilient closed and restricted network architectures.

(c) COMMINGLING AND PRIVATE-SECTOR

LEVERAGING PLANNING FRAMEWORK.—In developing the facility expansion and modernization elements of the Plan, the Secretary of the Army shall evaluate and identify op-



1 opportunities to leverage enhanced use lease (EUL) authori-  
 2 ties or enter into public-private partnerships. The Plan  
 3 shall—

4           (1) include specific strategies to co-locate dual-  
 5 use commercial, community, or telecommunications  
 6 infrastructure within National Guard footprints to  
 7 lower Federal infrastructure cost premiums and en-  
 8 hance installation resilience; and

9           (2) establish or clarify statutory data-sharing  
 10 authorities and indemnification for the rapid ex-  
 11 change of cyber threat intelligence, risk assessments,  
 12 and incident response data between the Department  
 13 of Defense and the co-located commercial entities.

14       (d) DIRECT FUNDING AND MINOR CONSTRUCTION  
 15 THRESHOLD RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Plan shall in-  
 16 clude an assessment of funding mechanisms and potential  
 17 legislative adjustments required to execute the infrastruc-  
 18 ture developments, conversions, and modifications identi-  
 19 fied under the Plan, including an evaluation of how the  
 20 Secretary may utilize funds available for unspecified minor  
 21 military construction under section 2805 of title 10,  
 22 United States Code.

23       (e) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS AND REPORTING.—

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

1 Secretary of the Army and the Chief of the National  
2 Guard Bureau shall provide an interim briefing to  
3 the congressional defense committees on the initial  
4 findings of the armory audit and the initial per-  
5 sonnel recruitment milestones.

6 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Concurrently with the  
7 submission of the President’s budget request for the  
8 upcoming fiscal year following the completion of the  
9 Plan, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the  
10 congressional defense committees a formal report de-  
11 tailing the finalized strategy.

12 **SEC. 1078. REDESIGNATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
13 **FENSE AS THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR.**

14 (a) CHANGES TO DEPARTMENTAL AND POSITIONAL  
15 TITLES IN POSITIVE LAW TITLES OF UNITED STATES  
16 CODE.—Titles 10, 32, and 37, United States Code, are  
17 amended, in each case with the matter inserted to be in  
18 the same typeface and typestyle as the matter stricken,  
19 by—

20 (1) striking “Department of Defense” each  
21 place it appears and inserting “Department of  
22 War”; and

23 (2) striking “Secretary of Defense” each place  
24 it appears and inserting “Secretary of War”.

1 (b) CONFORMING CHANGES TO TITLE 10, UNITED  
2 STATES CODE.—Title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
3 ed, in each case with the matter inserted to be in the same  
4 typeface and typestyle as the matter stricken—

5 (1) in sections 143, 2701(a)(4), 7381(c),  
6 8226(c), and 9381(c), by striking “OSD” each place  
7 it appears and inserting “Office of the Secretary of  
8 War”;

9 (2) in sections 148(c)(6), 165(c), 194(f),  
10 392(e), 430b(d)(2), 1501(b), 1784(g), 2111b(e),  
11 2461(b), 2563(a), 2701(f), 2704(c), 2704(d)(3),  
12 7543(a), and 7687(a), by striking “DoD” and  
13 “DOD” each place it appears and inserting “De-  
14 partment of War”;

15 (3) in section 127e(h), by striking “ASD” and  
16 inserting “Assistant Secretary of War”;

17 (4) in sections 1175a(j)(5), 4863(b)(3)(C), and  
18 4872(d)(3), by striking “Undersecretary of Defense”  
19 each place it appears and inserting “Under Sec-  
20 retary of War”;

21 (5) in section 2926(f)(5)(D), by striking “Sec-  
22 retary for Defense” and insert “Secretary of War”;

23 (6) in sections 131(b), 137a, 138,  
24 139b(b)(3)(B)(vii), 398a(c), 1142(b)(19), by strik-

1       ing “Secretaries of Defense” each place it appears  
 2       and inserting “Secretaries of War”;

3           (7) in section 2164b, by striking “DODEA”  
 4       each place it appears and inserting “Department of  
 5       War Education Activity”; and

6           (8) in section 4091, by striking “Defense Test  
 7       Resource Management Center” each place it appears  
 8       and inserting “Department of War Test Resource  
 9       Management Center”.

10       (c) EXCEPTIONS FOR DATE SPECIFIC ISSUANCES IN  
 11   TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.—(1) The amendments  
 12   in subsections (a)(1) and (b)(2) shall not apply to sections  
 13   120(d), 1721(c), 2216a(c)(1), 2263(b)(2), 2856a(c)(2),  
 14   2856b(c), 3138(f)(4), 4505(h)(5), 4506(d)(2)(A),  
 15   4506(f), 4832(c)(4), and 5502(c)(3)(B) of title 10, United  
 16   States Code.

17       (2) The amendments in subsection (a)(1) shall not  
 18   apply to the term “Department of Defense Interim Guid-  
 19   ance dated February 29, 2000” in section 2475(a) of title  
 20   10, United States Code.

21       (3) The amendments in subsection (a)(2) shall not  
 22   apply to sections 499c(a)(1)(D), 500d(c), 2281(d)(2),  
 23   3138(f)(4), 5502(c)(3)(A), and 5502(c)(3)(B) of title 10,  
 24   United States Code.

1 (d) OTHER REFERENCES.—Chapter 1 of title 10,  
2 United States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
3 102 the following new section:

4 **“§ 103. References to the Secretary of Defense and**  
5 **Department of Defense**

6 “Any reference to the Secretary of Defense and De-  
7 partment of Defense in any law, regulation, map, docu-  
8 ment, record, or other paper of the United States shall  
9 be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary of War and  
10 Department of War, respectively.”.

11 **SEC. 1079. SERVICE-WIDE ENTERPRISE STRATEGY FOR**  
12 **HUMAN PERFORMANCE.**

13 (a) ENTERPRISE STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later  
14 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
15 the Secretary of each military department shall establish  
16 a service-wide strategy for human performance to identify  
17 service-wide requirements and policies to optimize the use  
18 and acquisition of human performance technology and  
19 services.

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under sub-  
21 section (a) shall—

22 (1) identify a program of primary responsibility  
23 for human performance across the service to inte-  
24 grate, synchronize, and optimize human performance  
25 technology and services across each service;

1           (2) identify requirements for the procurement  
2           of human performance technology and services;

3           (3) identify security requirements, including  
4           risks stemming from wearable technology devices for  
5           which the hardware is assembled in China;

6           (4) provide a timeline and estimated funding  
7           for implementation of the human performance enter-  
8           prise solution, including acquisition plans, for the  
9           period covering fiscal years 2027 through 2031; and

10          (5) provide metrics and performance indicators  
11          for assessing the effectiveness and value of the  
12          human performance enterprise solution.

13          (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 270 days  
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Secretary  
15 of a military department shall submit to the congressional  
16 defense committees a description of the strategy required  
17 under subsection (a), including a detailed description of  
18 the elements required in subsection (b).

19          (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20           (1) HUMAN PERFORMANCE.—The term “human  
21           performance” means optimization of physical and  
22           mental health (such as physical readiness, mental  
23           readiness, sleep readiness, nutritional readiness,  
24           spiritual readiness) required for optimal performance  
25           and improved readiness.

1           (2) HUMAN PERFORMANCE TECHNOLOGY AND  
2           SERVICES.—The term “human performance tech-  
3           nology and services” means wearables and data  
4           management platforms that support human perform-  
5           ance.

6   **SEC. 1080. RECORDS PRESERVATION PROCESSES FOR CER-**  
7           **TAIN AT-RISK AFGHAN ALLIES.**

8           (a) DEFINITION OF AFGHAN ALLY.—In this section  
9           and only for the purpose of the Department of Defense  
10          records preservation processes established by this section,  
11          the term “Afghan ally” means an alien who is a citizen  
12          or national of Afghanistan, or in the case of an alien hav-  
13          ing no nationality, an alien who last habitually resided in  
14          Afghanistan, who—

15               (1) was—

16                   (A) a member of—

17                       (i) the special operations forces of the  
18                       Afghanistan National Defense and Secu-  
19                       rity Forces;

20                       (ii) the Afghanistan National Army  
21                       Special Operations Command;

22                       (iii) the Afghan Air Force; or

23                       (iv) the Special Mission Wing of Af-  
24                       ghanistan;

1 (B) a female member of any other entity  
2 of the Afghanistan National Defense and Secu-  
3 rity Forces, including—

4 (i) a cadet or instructor at the Af-  
5 ghanistan National Defense University;  
6 and

7 (ii) a civilian employee of the Ministry  
8 of Defense or the Ministry of Interior Af-  
9 fairs;

10 (C) an individual associated with former  
11 Afghan military and police human intelligence  
12 activities, including operators and Department  
13 of Defense sources;

14 (D) an individual associated with former  
15 Afghan military counterintelligence, counterter-  
16 rorism, or counternarcotics;

17 (E) an individual associated with the  
18 former Afghan Ministry of Defense, Ministry of  
19 Interior Affairs, or court system, and who was  
20 involved in the investigation, prosecution, or de-  
21 tention of combatants or members of the  
22 Taliban or criminal networks affiliated with the  
23 Taliban;

24 (F) an individual employed in the former  
25 justice sector in Afghanistan as a judge, pros-



1           ecutor, or investigator who was engaged in rule  
2           of law activities for which the United States  
3           provided funding or training; or

4           (G) a senior military officer, senior enlisted  
5           personnel, or civilian official who served on the  
6           staff of the former Ministry of Defense or the  
7           former Ministry of Interior Affairs of Afghani-  
8           stan; and

9           (2) provided service to an entity or organization  
10          described in paragraph (1) for not less than one  
11          year during the period beginning on December 22,  
12          2001, and ending on September 1, 2021, and did so  
13          in support of the United States mission in Afghani-  
14          stan.

15          (b) INCLUSIONS.—For purposes of this section, the  
16          Afghanistan National Defense and Security Forces in-  
17          cludes members of the security forces under the Ministry  
18          of Defense and the Ministry of Interior Affairs of the Is-  
19          lamic Republic of Afghanistan, including the Afghanistan  
20          National Army, the Afghan Air Force, the Afghanistan  
21          National Police, and any other entity designated by the  
22          Secretary of Defense as part of the Afghanistan National  
23          Defense and Security Forces during the relevant period  
24          of service of the applicant concerned.

1       (c) AFGHAN ALLIES RECORDS PRESERVATION PRO-  
2 GRAM.—

3           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5 retary of Defense shall establish a process by which  
6 an individual may apply to the Secretary of Defense  
7 for classification as an Afghan ally.

8           (2) APPLICATION SYSTEM.—The process estab-  
9 lished under paragraph (1) shall—

10           (A) include the development and mainte-  
11 nance of a secure online portal through which  
12 applicants may provide information verifying  
13 their status as Afghan allies and upload sup-  
14 porting documentation; and

15           (B) allow—

16           (i) an applicant to submit his or her  
17 own application;

18           (ii) a designee of an applicant to sub-  
19 mit an application on behalf of the appli-  
20 cant; and

21           (iii) the submission of an application  
22 regardless of where the applicant is lo-  
23 cated, provided that the applicant is out-  
24 side the United States.

1           (3) REVIEW PROCESS.—As soon as practicable  
2       after receiving a request for classification described  
3       in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall—

4           (A) review—

5               (i) the service record of the applicant,  
6               if available;

7               (ii) if the applicant provides a service  
8               record or other supporting documentation,  
9               any information within the internal or con-  
10              tractor-held records of the Department of  
11              Defense that helps verify the service record  
12              concerned, including information or an at-  
13              testation provided by any current or  
14              former official of the Department of De-  
15              fense who has personal knowledge of the  
16              eligibility of the applicant for such classi-  
17              fication; and

18              (iii) available data holdings in the pos-  
19              session of the Department of Defense or  
20              any contractor of the Department of De-  
21              fense, including as applicable biographic  
22              and biometric records, iris scans, finger-  
23              prints, voice biometric information, hand  
24              geometry biometrics, other identifiable in-  
25              formation, and any other information re-

lated to the applicant, including relevant derogatory information; and

(B)(i) in a case in which the Secretary of Defense determines that the applicant is an Afghan ally without significant derogatory information, the Secretary shall preserve a complete record of such application for potential future use by the applicant or a designee of the applicant; and

(ii) include with such preserved record—

(I) any service record concerned, if available;

(II) if the applicant provides a service record, any information that helps verify the service record concerned; and

(III) any biometrics for the applicant.

(4) REVIEW PROCESS FOR DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR RECORDS PRESERVATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an applicant with respect to whom the Secretary of Defense denies a request for classification and records preservation based on a determination that the applicant is not an Afghan ally or based on derogatory information—

1 (i) the Secretary shall provide the ap-  
2 plicant with a written notice of the denial  
3 that provides, to the maximum extent  
4 practicable, a description of the basis for  
5 the denial, including the facts and infer-  
6 ences, or evidentiary gaps, underlying the  
7 individual determination; and

8 (ii) the applicant shall be provided an  
9 opportunity to submit not more than 1  
10 written appeal to the Secretary for each  
11 such denial.

12 (B) DEADLINE FOR APPEAL.—An appeal  
13 under clause (ii) of subparagraph (A) shall be  
14 submitted—

15 (i) not more than 120 days after the  
16 date on which the applicant concerned re-  
17 ceives notice under clause (i) of that sub-  
18 paragraph; or

19 (ii) on any date thereafter, at the dis-  
20 cretion of the Secretary of Defense.

21 (C) REQUEST TO REOPEN.—

22 (i) IN GENERAL.—An applicant who  
23 receives a denial under subparagraph (A)  
24 may submit a request to reopen a request  
25 for classification and records preservation

1 under the process established under para-  
2 graph (1) so that the applicant may pro-  
3 vide additional information, clarify existing  
4 information, or explain any unfavorable in-  
5 formation.

6 (ii) LIMITATION.—After considering  
7 one such request to reopen from an appli-  
8 cant, the Secretary of Defense may deny  
9 subsequent requests to reopen submitted  
10 by the same applicant.

11 (5) TERMINATION.—The application process  
12 under this subsection shall terminate on the date  
13 that—

14 (A) is not earlier than ten years after the  
15 date of the enactment of this Act; and

16 (B) on which the Secretary of Defense  
17 makes a determination that such termination is  
18 in the national interest of the United States.

19 (6) GENERAL PROVISIONS.—

20 (A) PROHIBITION ON FEES.—The Sec-  
21 retary of Defense may not charge any fee in  
22 connection with a request for a classification or  
23 records preservation under this section.

24 (B) DEFENSE PERSONNEL.—Any limita-  
25 tion in law with respect to the number of per-

sonnel within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the military departments, or a Defense Agency (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code) shall not apply to personnel employed for the primary purpose of carrying out this section.

(C) REPRESENTATION.—An alien applying for records preservation under this section may be represented during the application process, including at relevant interviews and examinations, by an attorney or other accredited representative. Such representation shall not be at the expense of the United States Government.

**SEC. 1081. PROHIBITION ON COVERED TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PREDICTION MARKET CONTRACTS.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “covered individual” means—

(A) a member of the Armed Forces;

(B) a civilian employee of the Department of Defense; or

(C) an employee of a Department of Defense contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee or personal services contractor.

1 (2) DESIGNATED AGENCY ETHICS OFFICIAL.—

2 The term “designated agency ethics official” means  
3 the designated agency ethics official, as that term is  
4 defined in section 13101 of title 5, United States  
5 Code, for the Department of Defense.

6 (3) MATERIAL NONPUBLIC INFORMATION.—The  
7 term “material nonpublic information” means infor-  
8 mation—

9 (A) that a reasonable investor would con-  
10 sider important in making a decision relating to  
11 a prediction market contract; and

12 (B) that is not publicly available.

13 (4) PREDICTION MARKET CONTRACT.—The  
14 term “prediction market contract” means any finan-  
15 cial instrument, contract, or derivative—

16 (A) listed on or offered by a platform, re-  
17 gardless of whether the platform is domiciled in  
18 the United States; and

19 (B) tied to the occurrence or non-occu-  
20 rence of an event, including event contracts, as  
21 described in section 5c(c)(5)(C)(i) of the Com-  
22 modity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a-  
23 2(c)(5)(C)(i)).

24 (b) PROHIBITION.—No covered individual may use  
25 material nonpublic information derived from the position



1 of the covered individual as a member of the Armed  
2 Forces, civilian employee of the Department of Defense,  
3 or employee of a Department of Defense contractor, sub-  
4 contractor, grantee, or subgrantee or personal services  
5 contractor or gained from the performance of the official  
6 responsibilities of the covered individual as a means for  
7 making a profit through a covered transaction.

8 (c) REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after receiving  
9 notification of any covered transaction the value of which  
10 is more than \$250 and to which the covered individual  
11 is a party, the covered individual shall submit to the des-  
12 ignated agency ethics official a report describing the cov-  
13 ered transaction, which shall include—

14 (1) the value of the prediction market contract,  
15 including the purchase price and number of pre-  
16 diction market contracts purchased;

17 (2) the date and time of the covered trans-  
18 action;

19 (3) the name of the prediction market contract  
20 and the position taken on the prediction market con-  
21 tract;

22 (4) the prediction market contract trading plat-  
23 form used to complete the covered transaction; and

24 (5) the profit or loss of the covered transaction  
25 after the prediction market contract closes, or the

1 covered individual exits the position, provided that if  
 2 the prediction market contract is not closed on the  
 3 date on which the report under this section is sub-  
 4 mitted, an additional report shall be submitted not  
 5 later than 30 days after the date on which the pre-  
 6 diction market contract closes or the covered indi-  
 7 vidual exits the position.

8 (d) POLICY.—

9 (1) PENALTIES.—Not later than 45 days after  
 10 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
 11 Defense shall establish appropriate penalties for vio-  
 12 lating the prohibition under subsection (b).

13 (2) REPORTING.—A violation of the prohibition  
 14 under subsection (b) shall be reported by the des-  
 15 ignated agency ethics official to the Secretary of De-  
 16 fense.

17 **SEC. 1082. PROHIBITION ON USE OF PREDICTION MARKETS**

18 **BY PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**

19 **FENSE.**

20 (a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180  
 21 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
 22 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of  
 23 the military departments, shall issue regulations prohib-  
 24 iting members of the covered Armed Forces and civilian  
 25 employees of the Department of Defense from entering

1 into transactions on prediction markets in cases that re-  
2 late to—

3           (1) the Department of Defense, the Armed  
4 Forces, the military departments, the defense agen-  
5 cies, a combatant command, or any other component  
6 of the Department;

7           (2) military operations, military plans, military  
8 activities, mobilization, deployments, force posture,  
9 readiness, casualties, military exercises, contingency  
10 operations, or the use of force;

11           (3) intelligence activities, counterintelligence ac-  
12 tivities, special operations, cybersecurity operations,  
13 cyber incidents, or operations in the information en-  
14 vironment;

15           (4) terrorism, armed conflict, foreign military  
16 operations, foreign internal instability, sanctions, ex-  
17 port controls, foreign military sales, security assist-  
18 ance, or defense articles or services;

19           (5) defense acquisition, contract awards, bid  
20 protests, milestone decisions, program delays, pro-  
21 duction rates, weapons deliveries, the defense indus-  
22 trial base, or other matters involving Department  
23 procurement or acquisition;

24           (6) authorization, appropriation, apportion-  
25 ment, allotment, obligation, expenditure, rescission,

1 reprogramming, transfer, or withholding of funds for  
2 the Department;

3 (7) classified information, controlled unclassi-  
4 fied information, procurement-sensitive information,  
5 deliberative information, predecisional information,  
6 or other nonpublic Government information; or

7 (8) any other category of event, contingency,  
8 occurrence, decision, action, outcome, or cir-  
9 cumstance that the Secretary determines, by regula-  
10 tion, creates a risk to the integrity of Department  
11 operations, the protection of nonpublic Government  
12 information, the impartiality of Department per-  
13 sonnel, or public confidence in the Department.

14 (b) CONTRACTOR REGULATIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
17 retary of Defense shall revise the Defense Federal  
18 Acquisition Regulation Supplement to require an ap-  
19 propriate clause in relevant contracts to prohibit  
20 contractor personnel from participating in prediction  
21 markets in cases described in subsection (a).

22 (2) CONTRACTOR REPORTING.—The clause re-  
23 quired under paragraph (1) shall require the con-  
24 tractor to report to the contracting officer and ap-  
25 propriate security officials any credible information

1        indicating that contractor personnel described in  
2        paragraph (1) knowingly violated the prohibition re-  
3        quired by such clause.

4            (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
5        subsection shall be construed to limit any other re-  
6        quirement relating to conflicts of interest, procure-  
7        ment integrity, insider threat, cybersecurity, con-  
8        tractor responsibility, or eligibility for access to clas-  
9        sified information.

10        (c) ENFORCEMENT.—The regulations under sub-  
11        sections (a) and (b) shall specify a range of punishments  
12        for the use of prediction markets in violation of this sec-  
13        tion.

14        (d) COVERED ARMED FORCES DEFINED.—In this  
15        section, the term “covered Armed Forces” means the  
16        Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

17        **SEC. 1083. BAN ON BETS ON MILITARY OPERATIONS.**

18        (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term  
19        “wager”—

20            (1) means the staking or risking by any person  
21        of something of value upon the outcome of an event,  
22        including the outcome of any portion or aspect  
23        thereof, upon an agreement or understanding that  
24        the person or another person will receive something  
25        of value in the event of a certain outcome; and

1           (2) does not include insurance for which the in-  
2           sured holds a lawful insurable interest—

3                   (A) under State law, within the meaning of  
4           the Act entitled “An Act to express the intent  
5           of the Congress with reference to the regulation  
6           of the business of insurance”, approved March  
7           9, 1945 (commonly known as the “McCarran-  
8           Ferguson Act” (15 U.S.C. 1011 et seq.)); or

9                   (B) under foreign law, with respect—

10                   (i) to risks located outside the United  
11           States; or

12                   (ii) the reinsurance of risks covered  
13           under clause (i).

14           (b) PROHIBITED CONDUCT.—

15                   (1) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for any  
16           person to place, accept, or facilitate the placement or  
17           acceptance of a wager regarding a military oper-  
18           ation, including pursuant to any contingency oper-  
19           ation, sensitive military operation, introduction of  
20           American forces into hostilities, authorization for the  
21           use of military force, or war.

22                   (2) CIVIL ACTION.—The Attorney General may  
23           bring a civil action for injunctive relief in an appro-  
24           priate district court of the United States against any  
25           person who violates paragraph (1).

1 (c) AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN TRAVEL OR  
3 TRANSPORTATION IN AID OF RACKETEERING ENTER-  
4 PRISES.—Section 1952(b)(i)(1) of title 18, United  
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after “gam-  
6 bling” the following: “(including conduct prohibited  
7 by section 3(a) of the Military Operations Bets Ban  
8 Act of 2026)”.

9 (2) PROHIBITION OF ILLEGAL GAMBLING BUSI-  
10 NESSES.—Section 1955(b) of title 18, United States  
11 Code, is amended—

12 (A) in paragraph (1)(i), by inserting “sec-  
13 tion 3(a) of the Military Operations Bets Ban  
14 Act of 2026 or” after “is a violation of”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (4), by inserting “con-  
16 duct prohibited by section 3(a) of the Military  
17 Operations Bets Ban Act of 2026,” after  
18 “‘gambling’ includes but is not limited to”.

19 (3) PROHIBITION ON FUNDING OF UNLAWFUL  
20 INTERNET GAMBLING.—Section 5362(1) of title 31,  
21 United States Code, is amended—

22 (A) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
23 “and” at the end;

24 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as  
25 subparagraph (F); and

1 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (D)  
 2 the following:

3 “(i) includes conduct prohibited by  
 4 section 3(a) of the Military Operations  
 5 Bets Ban Act of 2026, without regard to  
 6 subparagraph (F) of this paragraph; and”.

7 (4) PROHIBITION ON TRADING EVENT CON-  
 8 TRACTS RELATING TO WAR OR UNITED STATES  
 9 ARMED FORCES MILITARY OPERATIONS.—Section  
 10 5c(c)(5)(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7  
 11 U.S.C. 7a–2(c)(5)(C)) is amended—

12 (A) in clause (i)—

13 (i) in the matter preceding subclause  
 14 (I)—

15 (I) by striking “the occurrence,”  
 16 and inserting “an occurrence,”;

17 (II) by striking “1a(2)(i)),” and  
 18 inserting “1a(19)(i)),”; and

19 (III) by striking “or trans-  
 20 actions” each place it appears and in-  
 21 serting “transactions, or swaps”;

22 (ii) by striking subclause (IV); and

23 (iii) by redesignating subclauses (V)  
 24 and (VI) as subclauses (IV) and (V), re-  
 25 spectively; and



1 (B) by striking clause (ii) and inserting the  
2 following:

3 “(ii) PROHIBITIONS.—No agreement,  
4 contract, transaction, or swap may be list-  
5 ed or made available for clearing or trad-  
6 ing on or through a registered entity if—

7 “(I) the agreement, contract,  
8 transaction, or swap involves war or  
9 United States Armed Forces military  
10 operations; or

11 “(II) the Commission determines  
12 the agreement, contract, transaction,  
13 or swap is contrary to the public in-  
14 terest under clause (i).”.

15 (d) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this section  
16 or amendment made by this section, or the application of  
17 such provision or amendment to any person or cir-  
18 cumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder  
19 of this section and the amendments made by this section,  
20 and the application of the provision or amendment to any  
21 other person or circumstance, shall not be affected.

22 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
23 on the date that is 30 days after the date of enactment  
24 of this Act.

1 **SEC. 1084. UNIVERSAL GUIDANCE ON REMOTE AND ISO-**  
2 **LATED INSTALLATION DESIGNATIONS.**

3 (a) UNIVERSAL GUIDANCE REQUIRED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary of Defense shall issue guidance applicable to  
7 all military departments establishing a standardized  
8 definition and tiered classification system for deter-  
9 mining the remote and isolated designation status of  
10 military installations for the purposes of Morale,  
11 Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) and resale, work-  
12 force shortages, providing critical services to mem-  
13 bers and families, and infrastructure The guidance  
14 shall—

15 (A) supersede any conflicting definitions,  
16 criteria, or designations issued by individual  
17 military departments with respect to remote  
18 and isolated status, except as otherwise pro-  
19 vided in subsection (c);

20 (B) apply uniformly across all branches of  
21 the Armed Forces and all military departments;

22 (C) align with and support the program  
23 eligibility determinations, MWR program cat-  
24 egory assignments, and NAF activity entitle-  
25 ments established under Department of Defense  
26 Instruction 1015.10 (Military Morale, Welfare,

1 and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated  
2 Fund Instrumentalities) and Department of  
3 Defense Instruction 1015.18 (Nonappropriated  
4 Fund Instrumentality Procurement Policy); and

5 (D) establish a tiered system of remote  
6 and isolated designations as provided in sub-  
7 section (b).

8 (2) CONSOLIDATION OF DoDI 1015.10 AND  
9 DoDI 1015.18 WITH NEW GUIDANCE.—In developing  
10 the guidance required under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
11 retary of Defense shall ensure that—

12 (A) each tier classification established  
13 under subsection (b) directly corresponds to  
14 specific MWR program categories and funding  
15 levels authorized under DoDI 1015.10, such  
16 that installations within a given tier are as-  
17 signed MWR program categories commensurate  
18 with their degree of isolation;

19 (B) the guidance clarifies and reconciles  
20 any inconsistencies between current remote and  
21 isolated designations used by the military de-  
22 partments and the location category definitions  
23 employed by DoDI 1015.10 in determining ap-  
24 propriated fund support levels;

1 (C) procurement authorizations for non-  
2 appropriated fund instrumentalities (NAF) at  
3 remote and isolated installations under DoDI  
4 1015.18 are calibrated to reflect the tier des-  
5 ignation of such installations, with higher-tier  
6 installations receiving proportionally greater  
7 procurement flexibility; and

8 (D) any future revisions to DoDI 1015.10  
9 or DoDI 1015.18 are reviewed for consistency  
10 with the universal guidance required by this  
11 section within 180 days of such revision, and  
12 updated as necessary to maintain alignment.

13 (3) CONSULTATION.—In developing the guid-  
14 ance required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of  
15 Defense shall consult with—

16 (A) the Secretaries of the military depart-  
17 ments;

18 (B) the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of  
19 Staff;

20 (C) the Under Secretary of Defense for  
21 Personnel and Readiness; and

22 (D) the Under Secretary of Defense for  
23 Acquisition and Sustainment.

24 (b) TIERED CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The guidance issued pursu-  
2           ant to subsection (a) shall establish a tiered system  
3           for classifying military installations by degree of re-  
4           moteness and isolation. The Secretary shall des-  
5           ignate not fewer than three and not more than five  
6           tiers. In developing the tier criteria, the Secretary  
7           shall consider, at a minimum, the following factors:

8                   (A) Whether the installation is located  
9                   CONUS or OCONUS, as defined in subsection  
10                  (f), recognizing that OCONUS installations  
11                  generally face a broader range of access limita-  
12                  tions that may not be captured by proximity or  
13                  distance metrics alone.

14                  (B) Commissary availability and off-base  
15                  subsistence access, including—

16                          (i) the distance and travel time to the  
17                          nearest on-installation commissary, off-in-  
18                          stallation grocery store, or supermarket  
19                          equivalent;

20                          (ii) the hours of operation of such fa-  
21                          cilities;

22                          (iii) price competitiveness relative to  
23                          standard retail markets; and

1                   (iv) the variety and adequacy of avail-  
2                   able goods to support servicemember and  
3                   family dietary needs.

4                   (C) Childcare and school availability, in-  
5                   cluding—

6                   (i) the capacity and waitlist status of  
7                   on-installation childcare facilities and Child  
8                   Development Centers;

9                   (ii) the availability and quality of off-  
10                  installation licensed childcare providers;  
11                  and

12                 (iii) the availability, quality, and ac-  
13                 creditation status of kindergarten through  
14                 grade 12 educational institutions both on-  
15                 installation and in the surrounding com-  
16                 munity, including Department of Defense  
17                 Education Activity (DODEA) Schools,  
18                 local public schools, and private or charter  
19                 school options.

20                 (D) Housing availability, including—

21                   (i) the quantity, quality, and vacancy  
22                   rate of on-installation government quar-  
23                   ters;

1 (ii) the availability and affordability of  
2 off-installation rental and for-purchase  
3 housing in the surrounding community;

4 (iii) the adequacy of the applicable  
5 Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rate  
6 relative to local housing market conditions;  
7 and

8 (iv) the availability of accessible hous-  
9 ing for servicemembers with special needs  
10 or larger family sizes.

11 (E) Commute distance and time associated  
12 with housing availability, including—

13 (i) the average driving distance and  
14 travel time between available off-installation  
15 housing and the installation gate;

16 (ii) the availability and reliability of  
17 public transportation options;

18 (iii) road infrastructure quality and  
19 seasonal road conditions; and

20 (iv) the degree to which limited off-in-  
21 stallation housing inventory forces  
22 servicemembers and families to reside at  
23 distances that impose an unreasonable  
24 commute burden.

25 (F) Healthcare availability, including—

1 (i) the capacity and scope of services  
2 offered by the on-installation military  
3 treatment facility, if any;

4 (ii) the distance to the nearest off-in-  
5 stallation civilian hospital, including con-  
6 sideration if care is only available in a  
7 neighboring country, and whether these fa-  
8 cilities have emergency and trauma serv-  
9 ices, urgent care facility, and primary care  
10 provider accepting TRICARE and civilian  
11 healthcare insurance like the Federal Em-  
12 ployee Health Benefits Plan;

13 (iii) the availability of specialty care  
14 including pediatric, mental health, obstet-  
15 ric, and dental services both on and off in-  
16 stallation; and

17 (iv) appointment wait times relative to  
18 community standards.

19 (G) Fitness center and recreational facility  
20 availability, including—

21 (i) the presence, capacity, quality, and  
22 hours of operation of on-installation fitness  
23 centers, gymnasiums, aquatic facilities, and  
24 outdoor recreation areas;



1                   (ii) the extent to which  
2                   servicemembers and families must rely ex-  
3                   clusively on on-installation fitness re-  
4                   sources due to the absence or inadequacy  
5                   of off-installation commercial fitness and  
6                   recreational options; and

7                   (iii) the condition and modernization  
8                   status of on-installation MWR facilities.

9                   (H) Regional employment rate and mili-  
10                  tary spouse employment opportunities, includ-  
11                  ing—

12                   (i) the unemployment rate in the sur-  
13                   rounding labor market area;

14                   (ii) the availability of career-level civil-  
15                   ian employment opportunities accessible to  
16                   military spouses within a reasonable com-  
17                   mute distance;

18                   (iii) the presence of industries or em-  
19                   ployers known to be military-spouse-friend-  
20                   ly;

21                   (iv) access to higher education and vo-  
22                   cational training programs; and

23                   (v) the availability of remote or  
24                   telework employment options given existing

1 telecommunications infrastructure at the  
2 installation location.

3 (I) Physical accessibility of the installation,  
4 including road conditions, distance from the  
5 nearest population center, presence of geo-  
6 graphic barriers such as mountains, bodies of  
7 water, or desert terrain, and seasonal inacces-  
8 sibility due to weather or environmental condi-  
9 tions.

10 (J) Access to commercial air transpor-  
11 tation, including the distance to the nearest  
12 commercial airport, frequency of commercial air  
13 service, and availability of reasonable airfares.

14 (K) The cost-of-living differential between  
15 the installation location and relevant baseline  
16 comparators, including the availability and cost  
17 of off-installation housing.

18 (L) For OCONUS installations, host na-  
19 tion restrictions on the movement of  
20 servicemembers and their families, status of  
21 forces agreement limitations, force protection  
22 and travel restrictions, foreign language or cul-  
23 tural barriers affecting access to community  
24 services, and the operational posture of the in-  
25 stallation.

1 (M) Emergency services, including—

2 (i) access to critical emergency serv-  
3 ices, including the availability, response  
4 time, and operational capacity of emer-  
5 gency medical services, fire and rescue  
6 services, law enforcement support, emer-  
7 gency evacuation capabilities, disaster re-  
8 sponse infrastructure, and mutual aid  
9 agreements with surrounding civilian juris-  
10 dictions;

11 (ii) the reliability of emergency com-  
12 munications systems;

13 (iii) the extent to which geographic  
14 isolation, weather conditions, or transpor-  
15 tation limitations impede timely access to  
16 emergency assistance for servicemembers  
17 and their families.

18 (2) SCORING METHODOLOGY AND APPEALS.—In  
19 assigning a tier designation to an installation, the  
20 Secretary shall develop and apply a standardized  
21 scoring methodology that—

22 (A) weights the factors described in para-  
23 graph (1) and any additional factors the Sec-  
24 retary deems appropriate on a consistent basis  
25 across all military departments;

1 (B) distinguishes between CONUS and  
2 OCONUS installations with separate scoring  
3 criteria reflective of the unique circumstances of  
4 each category;

5 (C) permits periodic re-evaluation of an in-  
6 stallation's tier designation upon a significant  
7 change in circumstances, including changes to  
8 base population, infrastructure, or surrounding  
9 community development;

10 (D) includes a formal appeals process by  
11 which a Secretary of a military department or  
12 an installation commander may request re-eval-  
13 uation of a tier designation, with a decision re-  
14 quired not later than 180 days after submission  
15 of such request;

16 (E) incorporates both quantitative and  
17 qualitative measures, including servicemember  
18 and military family quality-of-life indicators,  
19 workforce vacancy rates, spouse employment  
20 outcomes, childcare wait times, healthcare ap-  
21 pointment availability, and access to emergency  
22 services; and

23 (F) accounts for cumulative effects of mul-  
24 tiple access limitations, such that installations  
25 experiencing deficiencies across several cat-

1           egories may receive a higher tier designation  
2           notwithstanding moderate scores in any indi-  
3           vidual category.

4       (c) PRESERVATION OF EXISTING DESIGNATIONS.—

5           (1) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING DESIGNA-  
6           TIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1)(A), all  
7           military installations that have been designated as  
8           remote and isolated by any military department as  
9           of the date of the enactment of this Act shall retain  
10          their remote and isolated designation until the date  
11          that is 12 months after the date of the enactment  
12          of this Act, at which time the Secretary of Defense  
13          shall publish a new and comprehensive list of instal-  
14          lations designated as remote and isolated under the  
15          tiered classification system established pursuant to  
16          subsection (b).

17          (2) EFFECT ON PROGRAMS AND ENTITLE-  
18          MENTS.—During the period in which existing des-  
19          ignations are preserved under paragraph (1),  
20          servicemembers assigned to installations with an ex-  
21          isting remote and isolated designation shall continue  
22          to receive all programs, entitlements, and MWR sup-  
23          port authorized under such designation. No service-  
24          member or dependent shall lose access to any pro-  
25          gram solely as a result of the transition to the tiered

1 classification system prior to the publication of the  
2 new list required by paragraph (1).

3 (3) NEW LIST PUBLICATION.—The new list  
4 published pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

5 (A) include each military installation des-  
6 ignated as remote and isolated, organized by  
7 tier designation under the tiered classification  
8 system;

9 (B) identify any installation that held a re-  
10 mote and isolated designation under prior mili-  
11 tary department criteria that is not included in  
12 the new list, together with a written justifica-  
13 tion for the removal of such designation; and

14 (C) be published in a manner accessible to  
15 all servicemembers, Department of Defense em-  
16 ployees, and the general public.

17 (d) CONGRESSIONAL REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION  
18 REQUIREMENTS.—

19 (1) INITIAL CONSOLIDATED LIST.—Not later  
20 than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this  
21 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
22 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
23 the House of Representatives a consolidated list of  
24 all military installations currently designated as re-

1       mote and isolated by each military department. The  
2       list shall—

3               (A) identify each installation by name, lo-  
4               cation, and military department;

5               (B) identify the criteria applied by each  
6               military department to designate such installa-  
7               tions as remote and isolated as of the date of  
8               submission;

9               (C) note the approximate date each instal-  
10              lation received its current remote and isolated  
11              designation; and

12              (D) identify any installations for which re-  
13              mote and isolated status is in dispute or under  
14              review by a military department as of the date  
15              of submission.

16              (2) PRE-PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL BRIEF-  
17              ING.—Not later than 30 days before publishing the  
18              new and comprehensive list of remote and isolated  
19              installations required under subsection (c)(1), the  
20              Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Commit-  
21              tees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House  
22              of Representatives a briefing on the updated list.  
23              The briefing shall include—

24                      (A) a complete draft of the proposed new  
25                      list, organized by tier designation;

1 (B) an explanation of the scoring method-  
2 ology and weighting criteria applied under the  
3 tiered classification system to assign tier des-  
4 ignations to each installation;

5 (C) a comparison of the proposed new list  
6 to the consolidated list submitted under para-  
7 graph (1), identifying installations added to, re-  
8 moved from, or reclassified on the updated list,  
9 and the rationale for each such change;

10 (D) an assessment of the anticipated ef-  
11 fects of the new designations on MWR program  
12 categories, appropriated fund support levels,  
13 and NAF entitlements under DoDI 1015.10  
14 and DoDI 1015.18; and

15 (E) a summary of any formal requests for  
16 re-designation received during the development  
17 of the new list and the disposition of each such  
18 request.

19 (3) SUBSEQUENT UPDATES.—Following publi-  
20 cation of the initial list under subsection (c)(1), the  
21 Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
22 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
23 tives an updated list not less frequently than every  
24 three years, or within 180 days of any significant re-  
25 vision to the universal guidance issued under sub-



1 section (a). Such updated list shall include the same  
2 information required under paragraph (2) of this  
3 subsection with respect to any changes from the  
4 prior list.

5 (e) PERIODIC REVIEW AND UPDATING OF GUID-  
6 ANCE.—The Secretary of Defense shall review the uni-  
7 versal guidance issued pursuant to subsection (a), includ-  
8 ing the tiered classification system, not less frequently  
9 than once every three years. Such review shall consider—

10 (1) changes in population, infrastructure, or  
11 community development in the vicinity of designated  
12 installations;

13 (2) feedback from installation commanders,  
14 servicemember surveys, and military family organi-  
15 zations;

16 (3) revisions to applicable Department of De-  
17 fense Instructions or policy directives; and

18 (4) any significant changes to the global basing  
19 posture or force structure of the Armed Forces that  
20 may affect the remote and isolated status of installa-  
21 tions.

22 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
23 tion shall be construed to—

24 (1) limit the authority of the Secretary of De-  
25 fense to designate additional installations as remote

1 and isolated beyond those identified under the tiered  
2 classification system where warranted by unique  
3 operational, environmental, or mission requirements;

4 (2) limit the authority of the Secretary of De-  
5 fense to revise DoDI 1015.10 or DoDI 1015.18 in  
6 accordance with applicable law; or

7 (3) require the disclosure of any classified infor-  
8 mation with respect to installations or operations in  
9 submitting reports, lists, or briefings required under  
10 this section.

11 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) CONUS.—The term “CONUS” means the  
13 continental United States, excluding Alaska and Ha-  
14 waii.

15 (2) COMMUNITY SUPPORT ACCESS.—The term  
16 “community support access” means the availability,  
17 within reasonable proximity of an installation, of  
18 commercial retail establishments, medical and dental  
19 care providers, recreational and entertainment  
20 venues, educational institutions, and other commu-  
21 nity services routinely used by servicemembers and  
22 their families.

23 (3) MILITARY DEPARTMENT.—The term “mili-  
24 tary department” has the meaning given that term  
25 in section 101(a)(8) of title 10, United States Code.

1           (4) MILITARY INSTALLATION.—The term “mili-  
2       tary installation” has the meaning given that term  
3       in section 2801(c)(4) of title 10, United States  
4       Code.

5           (5) OCONUS.—The term “OCONUS” means  
6       outside the continental United States, including  
7       Alaska, Hawaii, United States territories, and all  
8       foreign countries.

9           (6) OFF-BASE SUBSISTENCE ACCESS.—The  
10      term “off-base subsistence access” means the avail-  
11      ability of grocery stores, commissary equivalents,  
12      restaurants, and other food retail establishments ac-  
13      cessible to servicemembers and their dependents  
14      without undue burden.

15 **SEC. 1085. DECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION CON-**  
16 **CERNING UNITED STATES PERSONNEL CLAS-**  
17 **SIFIED AS PRISONER OF WAR OR MISSING IN**  
18 **ACTION DURING CERTAIN CONFLICTS.**

19       (a) DECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION.—

20           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in sub-  
21      section (b), the Secretary of Defense shall declassify  
22      any information referred to in paragraph (2), or, if  
23      such declassification is not possible, make such in-  
24      formation available to family members to review.

25           (2) INFORMATION COVERED.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) applies  
2 to any record, live-sighting report, or other in-  
3 formation in the custody of the Department of  
4 Defense that relates to the location, treatment,  
5 or condition of any POW/MIA from World War  
6 II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War on or  
7 after the date on which such individual passed  
8 from United States control into a status classi-  
9 fied as a prisoner of war or missing in action,  
10 as the case may be, until that individual is re-  
11 turned to United States control.

12 (B) POW/MIA DEFINED.—For purposes  
13 of this section, a POW/MIA from World War  
14 II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War is any  
15 member of the Armed Forces or civilian em-  
16 ployee of the United States who was at any  
17 time classified as a prisoner of war or missing  
18 in action during World War II, the Korean  
19 War, or the Vietnam War and whose person or  
20 remains have not been returned to United  
21 States control.

22 (b) DECLASSIFICATION LIMITATION.—

23 (1) CONSENT REQUIREMENT.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of De-  
25 fense may not declassify a record or other infor-

1           mation available to the public pursuant to sub-  
2           section (a) if the record or other information  
3           specifically mentions a person by name unless—

4                   (i) in the case of a person who is alive  
5                   (and not incapacitated) and whose where-  
6                   abouts are known, that person expressly  
7                   consents in writing to the declassification  
8                   of the record or other information; or

9                   (ii) in the case of a person who is  
10                  dead or incapacitated or whose where-  
11                  abouts are unknown, a family member or  
12                  family members of that person determined  
13                  by the Secretary of Defense to be appro-  
14                  priate for such purpose expressly consent  
15                  in writing to the declassification of the  
16                  record or other information.

17           (B) LIMITATION ON DELEGATION.—The  
18           authority of a person to consent to disclosure of  
19           a record or other information for the purposes  
20           of subparagraph (A) may be delegated to an-  
21           other person or an organization only by means  
22           of an express legal power of attorney granted  
23           by the person authorized by that paragraph to  
24           consent to the disclosure.

1           (2) EXCEPTIONS TO LIMITATION.—The limita-  
2           tion on disclosure in subparagraph (A) of paragraph  
3           (1) does not apply—

4                   (A) in the case of a person who is dead or  
5           incapacitated or whose whereabouts are un-  
6           known if the family member or members of that  
7           person determined pursuant to such subpara-  
8           graph cannot be located after a reasonable ef-  
9           fort; or

10                   (B) to the access of an adult member of  
11           the family of a person to any record or informa-  
12           tion to the extent that the record or other infor-  
13           mation relates to that person.

14           (c) DEADLINES.—

15                   (1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of records or  
16           other information that are required by subsection (a)  
17           to be declassified and that are in the custody of the  
18           Department of Defense on the date of the enactment  
19           of this Act, the Secretary shall declassify such  
20           records and other information pursuant to this sec-  
21           tion not later than three years after such date. Such  
22           records or other information shall be declassified as  
23           soon as a review carried out for the purposes of sub-  
24           section (b) is completed.

1           (2) AUTHORITY TO WITHHOLD.—If the Sec-  
2       retary of Defense determines that the declassifica-  
3       tion of any record or other information referred to  
4       in subsection (a) by the date required by paragraph  
5       (1) may compromise the safety of a POW/MIA who  
6       may still be alive in the area of conflict, then the  
7       Secretary may withhold that record or other infor-  
8       mation from the disclosure otherwise required by  
9       this section. Whenever the Secretary makes a deter-  
10      mination under the preceding sentence, the Sec-  
11      retary shall immediately notify the President and  
12      Congress of that determination.

13      (d) COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES.—The  
14      Secretary of Defense shall work with the heads of other  
15      Federal departments and agencies to address the disposi-  
16      tion of records in possession of such agencies, including  
17      records received or discovered after the deadlines referred  
18      to in subsection (c).

19      **SEC. 1086. REQUIREMENT FOR MARKINGS ON LETHAL MILI-**  
20                                   **TARY PLATFORMS.**

21      Chapter 141 of title 10, United States Code, is  
22      amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 2397. Requirement for markings on lethal military**  
 2 **platforms**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may  
 4 not employ a manned platform with offensive lethal weap-  
 5 ons capabilities to conduct an attack if such platform does  
 6 not include markings to—

7 “(1) signify its affiliation with the United  
 8 States Armed Forces; and

9 “(2) distinguish itself from the civilian popu-  
 10 lation, equipment, or platforms when conducting an  
 11 attack.

12 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
 13 tion shall be construed to prohibit the employment of a  
 14 manned platform with integrated weapons capabilities of  
 15 a purely defensive character.”.

16 **SEC. 1087. EXTENSION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY**  
 17 **COMMISSION.**

18 Section 1095(e) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
 19 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139  
 20 Stat. 1072) is amended by striking “90 days after” and  
 21 inserting “15 months after”.

22 **SEC. 1088. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR TRANSFER**  
 23 **OF INDIVIDUALS LOCATED AT CAMP AS**  
 24 **SAYLIYAH.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the amounts authorized  
 26 to be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act



1 for the Department of Defense may be used to transfer  
2 or assist in the transfer or involuntary return of an indi-  
3 vidual described in subsection (b) to—

4 (1) Afghanistan;

5 (2) a third country from which it may reason-  
6 ably be assumed that the individual will be sent to  
7 Afghanistan; or

8 (3) any location the transfer or involuntary re-  
9 turn to which would otherwise violate existing law.

10 (b) INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED.—An individual de-  
11 scribed in this subsection is an individual housed at Camp  
12 As Sayliyah who—

13 (1) is a national of Afghanistan (or in the case  
14 of an individual having no nationality, an individual  
15 who last habitually resided in Afghanistan); and

16 (2) was transported to Camp As Sayliyah by  
17 the United States Government for the purpose of  
18 consideration for admission to the United States.

19 (c) WAIVER.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to Afghanistan  
21 or a third country from which it may reasonably as-  
22 sumed that an individual described in subsection (b)  
23 will be sent to Afghanistan, the Secretary may waive  
24 the application of subsection (a) in the case of such  
25 an individual with respect to whom there is pre-ex-

1       isting derogatory information that would preclude  
2       the individual from settling in the United States or  
3       Qatar.

4           (2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days be-  
5       fore the date on which the Secretary intends to exer-  
6       cise the waiver authority under paragraph (1), the  
7       Secretary shall notify the relevant committees of  
8       Congress of such intent.

9   **SEC. 1089. ANALYSIS OF FORCE REQUIREMENTS FOR AL-**  
10                   **TERNATIVE WARFIGHTING SCENARIOS.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the  
12       date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Cost  
13       Assessment and Program Evaluation and the Program  
14       Evaluation Competitive Analysis Cell established under  
15       section 139a(e) of title 10, United States Code, shall pro-  
16       vide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of  
17       the Senate and the House of Representatives on force re-  
18       quirements for alternative warfighting scenarios.

19       (b) SCOPE OF SCENARIOS.—The alternative  
20       warfighting scenarios to be addressed under subsection (a)  
21       shall include, at a minimum, the following types of sce-  
22       narios:

23           (1) A variety of first island chain scenarios in  
24       the Pacific, including protracted and simultaneous  
25       conflicts.

1           (2) Regional contingencies from not fewer than  
2           two additional geographic combatant command areas  
3           of responsibility.

4           (3) Conflicts with near-peer adversaries that re-  
5           sult in horizontal escalation across geographic re-  
6           gions.

7           (4) Hybrid or gray-zone conflict scenarios com-  
8           bining cyber operations, electronic warfare, space-  
9           based disruption, and irregular maritime activity by  
10          adversary forces.

11          (c) ASSESSMENT OF REQUIREMENTS.—For each sce-  
12          nario addressed under subsection (a), the briefing required  
13          by that subsection shall assess the following:

14               (1) Required force composition (naval, air, and  
15               land-based units, including joint and allied contribu-  
16               tions).

17               (2) Current readiness levels of United States  
18               forces to execute the scenario.

19               (3) Identified shortfalls in personnel, equip-  
20               ment, logistics, basing access, medical support capa-  
21               bilities, contingency contracting capability, munitions  
22               stockpiles, industrial base production capacities, and  
23               sustainment capabilities.

24               (4) Estimated timelines for force reconstitution  
25               and sustainment under combat conditions, including

1 replacement and training of military manpower per-  
2 sonnel due to attrition.

3 (5) Opportunities to increase the quantity and  
4 availability of required military effects through the  
5 use of lower-cost, rapidly producible, attritable, au-  
6 tonomous, commercial, or otherwise scalable capa-  
7 bilities capable of achieving acceptable operational  
8 outcomes, together with an evaluation of the risks,  
9 benefits, costs, implementation timelines, and any  
10 legislative or regulatory barriers associated with  
11 such approaches.

12 (d) OBJECTIVES.—The purposes of the assessment of  
13 alternative warfighting scenarios under this section are—

14 (1) to test and evaluate United States force  
15 readiness across a spectrum of potential contin-  
16 gencies;

17 (2) to identify risks and gaps in such readiness;  
18 and

19 (3) to inform future force planning, posture,  
20 and investment decisions.

21 **SEC. 1090. GUIDANCE ON THE TREATMENT OF CLAIMS**  
22 **UNDER THE HAVANA ACT.**

23 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
24 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue guidance on  
25 treatment of claims under the HAVANA Act (Public Law

1 117–46) with respect to the inclusion of current and  
 2 former members of the Armed Forces.

3 **SEC. 1091. ASSESSMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
 4 **PHOSPHATE SUPPLY CHAIN**  
 5 **VULNERABILITIES; RELATED LAND EX-**  
 6 **CHANGE AUTHORIZATION.**

7 (a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
 9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
 10 retary of Defense (referred to in this subsection as  
 11 the “Secretary”) shall complete a comprehensive as-  
 12 sessment of the vulnerabilities in the Department of  
 13 Defense phosphate supply chain, including—

14 (A) the reliance of defense-relevant indus-  
 15 tries and military operations on foreign-sourced  
 16 phosphate and phosphate-derived products; and

17 (B) the risks to national security posed by  
 18 patterns of import dependence, foreign supply  
 19 concentration, and the susceptibility of global  
 20 commodity supply chains to disruption in exist-  
 21 ence as of the date of the assessment.

22 (2) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required  
 23 under paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, an  
 24 evaluation of the following:

1           (A) The extent to which the Department of  
2           Defense, the defense industrial base, and de-  
3           fense-related agricultural and manufacturing  
4           supply chains depend on phosphate and phos-  
5           phate-derived products, including—

6                   (i) phosphate-based munitions compo-  
7                   nents, propellants, flame retardants, en-  
8                   ergy storage, and pyrotechnics;

9                   (ii) phosphoric acid and phosphate  
10                  compounds used in metal finishing, corro-  
11                  sion protection, and other defense manu-  
12                  facturing processes; and

13                  (iii) phosphate fertilizers essential to  
14                  domestic agricultural production sup-  
15                  porting military food supply chains and  
16                  civil-military operations during a national  
17                  emergency.

18           (B) Current and projected domestic pro-  
19           duction capacity for phosphate rock and proc-  
20           essed phosphate products, including an assess-  
21           ment of the number, location, and operational  
22           status of domestic mining and processing facili-  
23           ties.

1 (C) The vulnerability of the phosphate sup-  
2 ply chain to deliberate or inadvertent disrup-  
3 tion, including—

4 (i) the degree of United States net  
5 import reliance for phosphate at each stage  
6 of the supply chain, from raw ore to fin-  
7 ished defense-relevant products;

8 (ii) the concentration of foreign sup-  
9 pliers, including the market share and geo-  
10 political risk profile of Morocco, China,  
11 and other major producers;

12 (iii) the risk of supply disruption aris-  
13 ing from hostile foreign actions, armed  
14 conflicts, sanctions, trade restrictions, ex-  
15 port controls imposed by foreign govern-  
16 ments, or anti-competitive behaviors by  
17 state-owned or state-influenced enterprises;

18 (iv) the risk of disruption arising from  
19 single points of failure in domestic trans-  
20 portation, processing, or storage infra-  
21 structure; and

22 (v) the adequacy and feasibility of  
23 substitution, including the availability of  
24 alternative materials, alternative suppliers,  
25 or alternative production methods capable

1 of replacing phosphate in defense-critical  
2 applications within operationally relevant  
3 timeframes.

4 (D) The adequacy of existing United  
5 States phosphate stockpiles, including any  
6 quantities held in or eligible for inclusion in the  
7 National Defense Stockpile established under  
8 the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling  
9 Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.), and the sufficiency  
10 of such stockpiles to sustain defense-relevant  
11 consumption during a supply disruption  
12 of 6, 12, and 24 months, respectively.

13 (E) The relationship between domestic  
14 phosphate production capacity and the long-term  
15 ability of the United States to reduce supply  
16 chain vulnerability through domestic  
17 sourcing.

18 (F) A comparison of phosphate supply  
19 chain vulnerabilities with vulnerabilities of other  
20 materials designated, as of the date of the assessment,  
21 as strategic and critical materials under the Strategic  
22 and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.)  
23 or as critical minerals on the list of critical minerals  
24 published under section 7002(c)(3) of the En-  
25



1           ergy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C. 1606(c)(3)), for  
2           the purpose of informing relative prioritization.

3           (3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The assessment re-  
4           quired under paragraph (1) shall include rec-  
5           ommendations with respect to—

6                   (A) actions the Department of Defense  
7                   should take to reduce identified vulnerabilities  
8                   in the phosphate supply chain, including  
9                   through stockpiling, domestic production incen-  
10                  tives, or other supply chain resilience measures;  
11                  and

12                  (B) any legislative or regulatory action  
13                  necessary to address identified gaps in phos-  
14                  phate supply chain security.

15           (4) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

16                   (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days  
17                   after the date on which the assessment required  
18                   under paragraph (1) is completed, the Secretary  
19                   shall submit a report containing the findings,  
20                   conclusions, and recommendations of the as-  
21                   sessment to—

22                           (i) the Committee on Armed Services  
23                           of the Senate;

24                           (ii) the Committee on Armed Services  
25                           of the House of Representatives;

1 (iii) the Committee on Energy and  
2 Natural Resources of the Senate; and

3 (iv) the Committee on Natural Re-  
4 sources of the House of Representatives.

5 (B) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The report re-  
6 quired under subparagraph (A)—

7 (i) shall be submitted in an unclassi-  
8 fied form; but

9 (ii) may include a classified annex if  
10 the Secretary determines that the inclusion  
11 of certain information in an unclassified  
12 report would be detrimental to the national  
13 security of the United States.

14 (b) RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF THE SECRETARY  
15 OF THE INTERIOR.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
16 of law, the actions of the Secretary of the Interior in the  
17 approval and issuance of land patent No. 11-2021-0002  
18 pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act  
19 of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) are reaffirmed and rati-  
20 fied.

21 (c) CONFIRMATION OF USE OF CERTAIN NON-FED-  
22 ERAL LAND IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FOR VALID PUB-  
23 LIC PURPOSES.—

24 (1) CONFIRMATION OF USES.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—The use by the Univer-  
2           sity of Utah of the land described in paragraph  
3           (2) as a University research park, as approved  
4           by the letter from the Secretary of the Interior  
5           to the University of Utah dated December 10,  
6           1970, and any modifications of the approved  
7           plan of development and management approved  
8           by the Department of the Interior prior to the  
9           date of enactment of this Act, is confirmed as  
10          a valid public purpose consistent with the re-  
11          quirements of the Act of June 14, 1926 (com-  
12          monly known as the “Recreation and Public  
13          Purposes Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter 578; 43  
14          U.S.C. 869 et seq.), subject to the terms and  
15          conditions included in the letter and approvals.

16          (B) OTHER USES.—Any other uses of the  
17          land described in paragraph (2) by the Univer-  
18          sity of Utah that are consistent with use as a  
19          University research park and related university  
20          purposes (including development of student  
21          housing and a transit hub) are confirmed as  
22          valid public purposes consistent with the re-  
23          quirements of the Act of June 14, 1926 (com-  
24          monly known as the “Recreation and Public

1 Purposes Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter 578; 43  
 2 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

3 (2) DESCRIPTION OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.—

4 The land referred to in paragraph (1) is the approxi-  
 5 mately 593.54 acres of land conveyed to the Univer-  
 6 sity of Utah under the Act of June 14, 1926 (com-  
 7 monly known as the “Recreation and Public Pur-  
 8 poses Act”) (44 Stat. 741, chapter 578; 43 U.S.C.  
 9 869 et seq.), by patent numbered 43–99–0012 and  
 10 dated October 18, 1968, and more particularly de-  
 11 scribed as tracts D (excluding parcels numbered 1,  
 12 2, 3, 4, and 5), G, and J, T. 1 S., R. 1 E., Salt  
 13 Lake Meridian.

14 (d) CONTINENTAL DIVIDE NATIONAL SCENIC  
 15 TRAIL.—

16 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

17 (A) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
 18 means the Secretary of Agriculture.

19 (B) TRAIL.—The term “Trail” means the  
 20 Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.

21 (C) TRAIL COMPLETION TEAM.—The term  
 22 “Trail Completion Team” means the joint For-  
 23 est Service-Bureau of Land Management Trail  
 24 completion team established under paragraph  
 25 (3).

1           (2) COMPLETION OF CONTINENTAL DIVIDE NA-  
2           TIONAL SCENIC TRAIL.—Subject to the availability  
3           of appropriations, the Secretary and the Secretary of  
4           the Interior shall seek to complete the Trail as a  
5           continuous route not later than 10 years after the  
6           date of enactment of this Act.

7           (3) TRAIL COMPLETION TEAM.—

8                   (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year  
9                   after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
10                  retary and the Secretary of the Interior shall  
11                  establish a joint Forest Service-Bureau of Land  
12                  Management Trail completion team to work in  
13                  coordination with the administrator of the  
14                  Trail—

15                         (i) to facilitate the completion and op-  
16                         timization of the Trail, consistent with the  
17                         purposes of the Trail; and

18                         (ii) to assist in the development of the  
19                         comprehensive development plan for the  
20                         Trail under paragraph (4).

21           (B) CONSULTATION.—As appropriate, the  
22           Trail Completion Team shall consult with other  
23           Federal agencies, affected State, Tribal, and  
24           local governments, landowners, affected land-

grant mercedes owners and users, acequias, and other interested parties in—

(i) the completion and optimization of the Trail; and

(ii) the development and completion of the comprehensive development plan for the Trail under paragraph (4).

(4) COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date of establishment of the Trail Completion Team under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall complete a comprehensive development plan for the Trail.

(B) PLAN INCLUSIONS.—The comprehensive development plan under subparagraph (A) shall—

(i) identify any gaps in the Trail for which the Secretary and the Secretary of the Interior have not been able to acquire land;

(ii) identify opportunities for the use of easements acquired from willing sellers to facilitate completion of the Trail; and

1 (iii) include general and site-specific  
2 Trail development plans, including antici-  
3 pated costs of the plans.

4 (5) PARTNERSHIPS.—The Secretary and the  
5 Secretary of the Interior shall seek to enter into  
6 agreements with volunteer and nonprofit organiza-  
7 tions, as appropriate, to facilitate the completion  
8 and administration of the Trail.

9 (6) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection—

10 (A) provides any authority to acquire land  
11 or interests in land for inclusion in the Trail be-  
12 yond the authorities provided for the Trail in  
13 the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C.  
14 1241 et seq.), including acquisition by eminent  
15 domain; or

16 (B) makes the acquisition of land or inter-  
17 ests in land for the Trail a priority over other  
18 land acquisition authorizations.

19 (e) WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN BUREAU OF LAND  
20 MANAGEMENT LAND, NEW MEXICO.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
22 rights, the Federal land described in paragraph (2)  
23 is withdrawn from all forms of—

24 (A) location, entry, and patent under the  
25 mining laws; and

1 (B) disposition under the mineral leasing,  
2 mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

3 (2) DESCRIPTION.—The Federal land referred  
4 to in paragraphs (1) and (3) is the approximately  
5 4,288 acres of land administered by the Director of  
6 the Bureau of Land Management and generally de-  
7 picted as “Tract A”, “Tract B”, “Tract C”, and  
8 “Tract D” on the map entitled “Placitas, New Mex-  
9 ico Area Map” and dated November 13, 2019.

10 (3) SURFACE ESTATE.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the reserva-  
12 tion of the mineral estate under subparagraph  
13 (B), nothing in this subsection prohibits the  
14 Secretary of the Interior from conveying the  
15 surface estate of the Federal land described in  
16 paragraph (2) in accordance with—

17 (i) the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
18 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et  
19 seq.); or

20 (ii) the Act of June 14, 1926 (com-  
21 monly known as the “Recreation and Pub-  
22 lic Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

23 (B) MINERAL ESTATE.—Any conveyance  
24 of the surface estate of the Federal land de-



1           scribed in paragraph (2) shall require a reserva-  
2           tion of the mineral estate to the United States.

3 **SEC. 1092. PLAN FOR DOMAIN AWARENESS AT THE SOUTH-**  
4 **ERN LAND BORDER.**

5       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6           (1) COMMON OPERATING PICTURE.—The term  
7       “common operating picture” means an integrated,  
8       interoperable, near-real-time geospatial and temporal  
9       display and repository of multi-source sensor, ana-  
10      lytic, and operational data and intelligence designed  
11      to improve situational awareness, deconfliction, and  
12      coordinated response among participating agencies.

13          (2) DOMAIN AWARENESS.—The term “domain  
14      awareness” means the aggregate understanding of  
15      activities, actors, and conditions across the air, land,  
16      maritime, cyber, and space domains relevant to bor-  
17      der security.

18          (3) SOUTHERN LAND BORDER.—The term  
19      “southern land border” means the land border of  
20      the United States adjacent to Mexico.

21       (b) PLAN REQUIRED.—

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 develop and submit to the  
25      congressional defense committees a plan for the De-

1       partment of Defense to contribute to a common op-  
2       erating picture to improve domain awareness at the  
3       southern land border.

4           (2) COMMUNICATION.—Not later than 60 days  
5       after developing the plan required by paragraph (1),  
6       the Secretary of Defense shall transmit the plan to  
7       such interagency partners as the Secretary considers  
8       appropriate.

9           (3) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by para-  
10      graph (1) shall include the following:

11           (A) A description of the proposed architec-  
12      ture, data sources (including Department of  
13      Defense and non-Department of Defense sen-  
14      sors), technical standards for interoperability,  
15      and cybersecurity and data protection measures  
16      for the common operating picture described in  
17      such paragraph.

18           (B) A description of the procedures and  
19      authorities for data sharing.

20           (C) A concept of operations describing how  
21      a common operating picture would support  
22      operational coordination, deconfliction, and in-  
23      formation sharing among Federal, State, Trib-  
24      al, local, and authorized international partners.

1           (D) A phased implementation schedule  
2           with milestones and timelines for  
3           operationalizing the common operating picture  
4           at the southern land border, including bench-  
5           marks for capability deployment and full oper-  
6           ational capability.

7           (E) An identification of resource require-  
8           ments, estimated costs, and funding sources,  
9           and a plan for inclusion of requirements for the  
10          common operating picture in the annual budget  
11          justification materials of the Department of De-  
12          fense.

13          (F) Plans for training, sustainment, and  
14          technical support for users across participating  
15          agencies.

16          (G) Metrics and procedures for—  
17               (i) assessing effectiveness; and  
18               (ii) periodic review and continuous im-  
19          provement.

20          (4) FORM.—The plan required by paragraph  
21          (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may  
22          contain a classified annex as necessary.

1 **SEC. 1093. PROHIBITION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY**  
2 **POLICY THAT ALTERS THE REQUIREMENTS**  
3 **FOR CHAPLAINS TO DISPLAY VISIBLE OFFI-**  
4 **CER RANK ON MILITARY UNIFORMS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may  
6 not implement any policy that alters the requirements for  
7 chaplains to display visible officer rank on military uni-  
8 forms unless expressly authorized by an Act of Congress.

9 (b) REQUIREMENT TO WEAR OFFICER RANK INSIG-  
10 NIA.—The Secretary of Defense shall require chaplains  
11 serving in the Armed Forces to display visible officer rank  
12 insignia on military uniforms in accordance with the re-  
13 quirements applicable to commissioned officers of the  
14 Armed Forces.

15 (c) LIMITATION ON FUNDING.—None of the funds  
16 authorized be appropriated or otherwise made available by  
17 this Act may be obligated or expended to implement, ad-  
18 minister, or enforce any policy that removes or obscures  
19 the display of visible officer rank on the uniforms of chap-  
20 lains serving in the Armed Forces.

1 **TITLE XI—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL**  
2 **MATTERS**

3 **SEC. 1101. PREVAILING RATE DETERMINATIONS FOR DE-**  
4 **FENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 81 of title 10, United  
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing new section:

8 **“§ 1599k. Prevailing rate determinations for defense**  
9 **industrial base**

10 “(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, under  
11 the sole and exclusive discretion of the Secretary, may es-  
12 tablish the pay of prevailing rate employees located at any  
13 defense industrial base facility.

14 “(b) FACTORS.—Pay established under subsection  
15 (a) shall be based on the Secretary’s assessment of—

16 “(1) pay rates of private industry for substan-  
17 tially similar work;

18 “(2) the cost of living in the geographic area of  
19 the defense industrial base facility concerned; and

20 “(3) whether additional compensation is nec-  
21 essary to incentivize recruitment and retention in a  
22 specific job at a particular defense industrial base  
23 facility.

24 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE FACILITY.—

2 The term ‘defense industrial base facility’ has the  
3 meaning given that term in section 2208(u)(3) of  
4 this title.

5 “(2) PREVAILING RATE EMPLOYEE.—The term  
6 ‘prevailing rate employee’ has the meaning given  
7 that term in section 5342 of title 5.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
9 at the beginning of chapter 81 of such title is amended  
10 by adding at the end the following new item:

“1599k. Prevailing rate determinations for defense industrial base.”.

11 **SEC. 1102. JOB GRADING SYSTEM FOR PREVAILING RATE**  
12 **EMPLOYEES AT DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE**  
13 **FACILITIES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 81 of title 10, United  
15 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
16 lowing new section:

17 **“§ 1599k. Job grading system for prevailing rate em-**  
18 **ployees at defense industrial base facili-**  
19 **ties**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, under  
21 the sole and exclusive discretion of the Secretary, shall es-  
22 tablish and maintain a job grading system for positions  
23 to which subchapter IV of chapter 53 of title 5 applies  
24 that are located at any defense industrial base facility.

1       “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out subsection  
2 (a), the Secretary shall—

3               “(1) establish the basic occupational alignment  
4       and grade structure or structures for the job grad-  
5       ing system;

6               “(2) establish and define individual occupations  
7       and the boundaries of each occupation;

8               “(3) establish job titles within occupations;

9               “(4) develop and publish job grading standards;

10       and

11               “(5) provide a method to ensure consistency in  
12       the application of job standards.

13       “(c) DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE FACILITY DE-  
14 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘defense industrial base  
15 facility’ has the meaning given that term in section  
16 2208(u)(3) of this title.”.

17       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
18 at the beginning of chapter 81 of such title is amended  
19 by adding at the end the following new item:

      “1599k. Job grading system for prevailing rate employees at defense industrial  
          base facilities.”.

20 **SEC. 1103. PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR CIVILIAN PER-**  
21 **SONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES CYBER**  
22 **COMMAND.**

23       Section 1599f(i) of title 10, United States Code, is  
24 amended—

1           (1) in the subsection heading, by striking  
2       “THREE-YEAR”; and  
3           (2) by striking “three years” and inserting  
4       “two years”.

5 **SEC. 1104. ENHANCED AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFERS BE-**  
6 **TWEEN CYBER EXCEPTED SERVICE AND COM-**  
7 **PETITIVE SERVICE.**

8       Section 1643(a)(1) of the National Defense Author-  
9 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328;  
10 10 U.S.C. 1599f note) is amended—

11           (1) by striking, “military departments and De-  
12       fense Agencies concerned” and inserting “the De-  
13       partment of Defense”; and

14           (2) by striking “in such military departments  
15       and Defense Agencies”.

16 **SEC. 1105. REMOVAL OF DIRECT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES**  
17 **FROM PERSONNEL LIMITATION ON THE OF-**  
18 **FICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

19       Section 143(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
20 amended by striking “(including Direct Support Activities  
21 of that Office and the Washington Headquarters Services  
22 of the Department of Defense)”.



1 **SEC. 1106. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS FOR CAR-**  
2 **RYING OUT A HIRING FREEZE, REDUCTION IN**  
3 **FORCE, OR HIRING DELAY WITHOUT CAUSE**  
4 **AT A PUBLIC SHIPYARD.**

5 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by  
6 this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027  
7 for the Department of Defense may be used to—

8 (1) carry out a hiring freeze at a public ship-  
9 yard;

10 (2) carry out a reduction in force at a public  
11 shipyard; or

12 (3) delay without cause the filling of a vacant  
13 Federal civilian employee position at a public ship-  
14 yard.

15 **SEC. 1107. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS FOR CAR-**  
16 **RYING OUT CERTAIN HIRING FREEZES, RE-**  
17 **DUCTIONS IN FORCE, AND HIRING DELAYS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to  
19 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available  
20 for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Defense may  
21 be used to—

22 (1) carry out a hiring freeze applicable to a cov-  
23 ered entity;

24 (2) carry out a reduction in force applicable to  
25 a covered entity; or

1           (3) delay without cause the filling of a vacant  
2       Federal civilian employee position in a covered enti-  
3       ty.

4       (b) COVERED ENTITY DEFINED.—In this section, the  
5       term “covered entity” means any entity financed through  
6       a working-capital fund established under section 2208 of  
7       title 10, United States Code.

8       **SEC. 1108. DISCLOSURE OF TELEWORK, REMOTE WORK,**  
9                               **AND EXEMPTIONS FOR RETURN-TO-IN-PER-**  
10                              **SON-WORK REQUIREMENTS IN DEPARTMENT**  
11                              **OF DEFENSE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

12       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2027, the  
13       Secretary of Defense, and the Secretaries of the military  
14       departments, shall ensure that the disclosure of telework  
15       and remote work eligibility, and exemptions for return-to-  
16       in-person-work requirements, is considered for all an-  
17       nouncements of vacant positions in the Department of De-  
18       fense.

19       (b) MILITARY SPOUSES.—The Secretary of Defense  
20       shall encourage all agencies of the Department of Defense  
21       to consider, consistent with merit system principles and  
22       mission requirements, the use of telework and remote  
23       work flexibilities to support the employment of military  
24       spouses.

1       (c) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of De-  
 2 fense shall brief the Committee on Armed Services of the  
 3 Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the  
 4 House of Representatives—

5           (1) not later than July 1, 2027, on—

6               (A) the implementation of this section; and

7               (B) the data collection mechanisms to en-  
 8 sure successful tracking of such implementa-  
 9 tion; and

10          (2) annually, for three years thereafter, on—

11               (A) the implementation of this section; and

12               (B) how many vacancy announcements in-  
 13 clude the disclosure described in subsection (a).

14 **SEC. 1109. PILOT PROGRAM TO RETAIN HIGH-PERFORMING**  
 15 **SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS WITHIN THE**  
 16 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

17       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may es-  
 18 tablish a pilot program under which the Secretary may  
 19 award pay, bonus, or other incentives to civilian super-  
 20 visors and managers in the Department of Defense, based  
 21 on performance metrics established by the Secretary (in  
 22 this section referred to as the “pilot program”).

23       (b) DURATION.—The Secretary may carry out the  
 24 pilot program during the five-year period beginning on the  
 25 date on which the Secretary establishes the pilot program.

1       (c) IDENTIFICATION AND NUMBER OF POSITIONS.—

2   The Secretary—

3           (1) shall identify the positions for which pay,  
4       bonus, or other incentives may be awarded under the  
5       pilot program; and

6           (2) may award such pay, bonus, or other incen-  
7       tives for not more than 250 positions at any time.

8       (d) RATES OF SPECIAL PAY.—If so designated by the  
9   President under section 5305(a)(1) of title 5, United  
10   States Code, the Secretary may establish a rate for special  
11   pay under such section for positions under the pilot pro-  
12   gram.

13       (e) PAY, BONUS, AND INCENTIVE AUTHORITIES.—In  
14   carrying out the pilot program, the Secretary may use any  
15   pay, bonus, or incentive authority available to the Sec-  
16   retary for the recruitment, employment, and retention of  
17   civilian personnel within the Department of Defense.

18       (f) REPORTS.—

19           (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days  
20       after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
21       retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
22       committees a report that includes the following:

23                   (A) The number of personnel expected to  
24       participate in the pilot program.

1 (B) The criteria used to determine which  
2 personnel will participate in the pilot program.

3 (C) The performance metrics used to de-  
4 termine which personnel will receive pay, bonus,  
5 or other incentives.

6 (2) ANNUAL REPORTS.—One year after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, and each year  
8 thereafter until the pilot program terminates, the  
9 Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
10 sional committees a report that includes the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 (A) An update on the information included  
13 in the report required by paragraph (1).

14 (B) The pay rate used in carrying out the  
15 pilot program, in aggregate and per position.

16 (C) The metrics by which the Secretary is  
17 evaluating the continued performance of the  
18 personnel participating in the pilot program.

19 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
20 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-  
21 propriate congressional committees” means—

22 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and  
23 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-  
24 ernmental Affairs of the Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and  
 2 the Committee on Oversight and Government  
 3 Reform of the House of Representatives.

4 **SEC. 1110. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN**  
 5 **CHANGES TO CIVILIAN WORKFORCE OF DE-**  
 6 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 Section 1597 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 8 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 9 section:

10 “(f) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN  
 11 CHANGES TO CIVILIAN WORKFORCE.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days be-  
 13 fore approving any change to the civilian workforce  
 14 of the Department of Defense that will result in a  
 15 loss of 50 or more full-time civilian employees of the  
 16 Department at any facility, the Secretary of Defense  
 17 shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
 18 written notification of such proposed change.

19 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Any notification submitted  
 20 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

21 “(A) A description of the impact that the  
 22 proposed change will have on the ability to  
 23 maintain the missions of the facility.

24 “(B) A detailed accounting of the costs of  
 25 implementing the proposed change.

1                   “(C) An assessment of the cost of, and  
 2                   time necessary for, restoration of any lost capa-  
 3                   bility to meet future mission needs.”.

4       **TITLE XII—MATTERS RELATING**  
 5               **TO FOREIGN NATIONS**  
 6               **Subtitle A—Assistance and**  
 7               **Training**

8       **SEC. 1201. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO MILI-**  
 9               **TARY FORCES OF JORDAN.**

10           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense is au-  
 11           thorized to provide assistance (including training, equip-  
 12           ment, logistics support, supplies, stipends, services, and  
 13           sustainment) to the military forces associated with the  
 14           Government of Jordan through December 31, 2027, for  
 15           the following purposes:

16                   (1) Securing the territory of Jordan, including  
 17                   all international borders of Jordan.

18                   (2) Increasing stability in the Middle East re-  
 19                   gion.

20                   (3) Countering and degrading regional threats,  
 21                   including threats posed by the Islamic State of Iraq  
 22                   and Syria, al-Qaeda and associated and successor  
 23                   organizations, the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Pal-  
 24                   estinian Islamic Jihad, Iran, and Iranian-backed  
 25                   proxy groups.

1           (4) Bolstering the capacity of the military  
2 forces associated with the Government of Jordan  
3 and increasing collaboration and interoperability  
4 among such military forces, the United States  
5 Armed Forces, and the military forces of allied and  
6 partner countries.

7           (b) NOTICE BEFORE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days be-  
9 fore the Secretary intends to exercise the authority  
10 to provide assistance under this section, the Sec-  
11 retary shall notify the congressional defense commit-  
12 tees in writing of such intent.

13           (2) ELEMENTS.—Each notification required by  
14 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

15           (A) The amount, type, and purpose of as-  
16 sistance to be provided.

17           (B) An identification of the units of the  
18 military forces associated with the Government  
19 of Jordan that would receive such assistance.

20           (C) The goals and objectives of the provi-  
21 sion of such assistance.



1 **SEC. 1202. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE DE-**  
2 **FENSE INSTITUTION CAPACITY BUILDING**  
3 **FOR FRIENDLY FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

4 Section 332 of title 10, United States Code, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “for the  
7 purposes specified in subsection (b)(1)(A)” before  
8 the period;

9 (2) in subsection (b)(1)(A)—

10 (A) by redesignating clauses (iii) and (iv)  
11 as clauses (iv) and (v), respectively; and

12 (B) by inserting after clause (ii) the fol-  
13 lowing new clause (iii):

14 “(iii) enhancing the legal capacity of  
15 the ministry or regional organization to  
16 undertake and carry out institutional func-  
17 tions and security missions—

18 “(I) in accordance with the law  
19 of armed conflict; and

20 “(II) in a manner that respects  
21 human rights and fundamental free-  
22 doms, the rule of law, and civilian  
23 control of the military;” and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
25 section:

9       Section 333(a) of title 10, United States Code, is  
10   amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
11   graphs:

“ (11) Space domain awareness and space operations.

17 SEC. 1204. ABRAHAM ACCORDS DEFENSE COOPERATION  
18 INITIATIVE.

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1 (b) RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—

2 The Initiative shall be carried out pursuant to the authori-  
3 ties provided in title 10, United States Code.

4 (c) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Initiative  
5 shall include—

6 (1) deterring aggression by Iran and proxies of  
7 Iran in the Middle East;

8 (2) coordination with the Comprehensive Secu-  
9 rity Integration and Prosperity Agreement; and

10 (3) enhancing regional planning and coopera-  
11 tion among the military forces of covered countries,  
12 particularly with respect to long-term regional  
13 projects such as—

14 (A) counter-unmanned aircraft systems ca-  
15 pabilities;

16 (B) ground-based air defenses;

17 (C) theater ballistic missiles and cruise  
18 missiles;

19 (D) intelligence, surveillance, and recon-  
20 naissance and tactical command and control;

21 (E) special operations forces development;

22 (F) joint air or naval military exercises;

23 and

24 (G) any other military capability the Sec-  
25 retary considers appropriate.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
3 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
4 the House of Representatives a report setting forth—

5 (1) a strategy for achieving the objectives de-  
6 scribed in subsection (c); and

7 (2) the amount of funding necessary to carry  
8 out the Initiative.

9 (e) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MATCHING FUNDS.—  
10 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary should seek  
11 to require each participating covered country to contribute  
12 matching funds to the Initiative.

13 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ABRAHAM ACCORDS COUNTRY.—The term  
15 “Abraham Accords country” means—

16 (A) a country that is a signatory of the  
17 Abraham Accords Declaration, done at Wash-  
18 ington September 15, 2020; and

19 (B) any regional, Arab, or Muslim-majority  
20 country that has sought to normalize relations  
21 with the State of Israel since 2020.

22 (2) INITIATIVE.—The term “Initiative” means  
23 the United States-Abraham Accords Defense Co-  
24 operation Initiative established under subsection (a).

1 **SEC. 1205. REDESIGNATION OF NAVAL SMALL CRAFT IN-**  
2 **STRUCTION AND TECHNICAL TRAINING**  
3 **SCHOOL AS SPECIAL BOAT TRAINING COM-**  
4 **MAND.**

5 Section 352 of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**Naval**  
8 **Small Craft Instruction and Technical**  
9 **Training School**” and inserting “**Special**  
10 **Boat Training Command**”;

11 (2) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) by striking “Naval Small Craft In-  
13 struction and Technical Training School” and  
14 inserting “Special Boat Training Command”;  
15 and

16 (B) by striking “the ‘School’” and insert-  
17 ing “the ‘Command’”;

18 (3) in subsection (c), in the matter preceding  
19 paragraph (1), by striking “School” and inserting  
20 “Command”;

21 (4) in subsection (d), by striking “School” and  
22 inserting “Command”;

23 (5) in subsection (e), by striking “School” each  
24 place it appears and inserting “Command”; and

25 (6) in subsection (f), by striking “School” and  
26 inserting “Command”.

1 **SEC. 1206. EXTENSION OF DEFENSE OPERATIONAL RESIL-**  
2 **IENCE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PILOT**  
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1212 of the James M. Inhofe National De-  
5 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (10 U.S.C.  
6 311 note) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “December  
8 31, 2027” and inserting “December 31, 2032”;

9 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “2027” and  
10 inserting “2032”; and

11 (3) in subsection (g), in the first sentence, by  
12 striking “2027” and inserting “2032”.

13 **SEC. 1207. FEASIBILITY REPORT ON MULTINATIONAL JUN-**  
14 **GLE WARFARE EXERCISES IN AREA OF RE-**  
15 **SPONSIBILITY OF UNITED STATES SOUTHERN**  
16 **COMMAND.**

17 (a) STUDY.—The Commander of the United States  
18 Southern Command shall conduct a study on the feasi-  
19 bility and advisability of establishing a program of recur-  
20 ring multinational jungle warfare exercises with partner  
21 countries in South America.

22 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection  
23 (a) shall include the following:

24 (1) An assessment of the feasibility and advis-  
25 ability of establishing such a program, with a focus  
26 on the following exercise purposes:

1           (A) To enhance interoperability between  
2           the United States Armed Forces and the mili-  
3           tary forces of partner countries in jungle and  
4           dense terrain environments.

5           (B) To improve combined capabilities in  
6           small-unit tactics, reconnaissance, logistics,  
7           medical support, and communications in aus-  
8           tere jungle conditions.

9           (C) To strengthen regional partnerships  
10          and build capacity among participating coun-  
11          tries to counter transnational threats, including  
12          illicit trafficking and non-state armed groups.

13          (D) To support the readiness of the United  
14          States Armed Forces for operations in tropical  
15          and jungle environments.

16          (2) An identification of recommended invitees  
17          for such a program, including partner countries in  
18          South America and any additional ally or partner  
19          the Commander of the United States Southern Com-  
20          mand considers appropriate.

21          (3) Recommendations on locations within the  
22          area of responsibility of the United States Southern  
23          Command that should be considered for the conduct  
24          of exercises under such a program, including host-

1 country training areas in South America, as agreed  
2 upon with participating countries.

3 (c) COORDINATION.—The Commander of the United  
4 States Southern Command shall coordinate with the Sec-  
5 retary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the head  
6 of any other relevant Federal agency, as appropriate, to  
7 consider whether a program of exercises under this section  
8 would align with United States security cooperation objec-  
9 tives in the Western Hemisphere.

10 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
11 of the enactment of this Act, the Commander of the  
12 United States Southern Command shall submit to the con-  
13 gressional defense committees a report on the findings of  
14 the study required by subsection (a).

15 **SEC. 1208. REDESIGNATION OF THE AFRICA CENTER FOR**  
16 **STRATEGIC STUDIES AS THE JAMES M.**  
17 **INHOFE CENTER FOR AFRICA SECURITY**  
18 **STUDIES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Defense re-  
20 gional center for security studies known as the Africa Cen-  
21 ter for Strategic Studies is hereby redesignated as the  
22 “James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

24 (1) REFERENCE TO REGIONAL CENTERS FOR  
25 STRATEGIC STUDIES.—Section 342(b)(2)(D) of title



1       10, United States Code, is amended by striking “Af-  
2       rica Center for Strategic Studies” and inserting  
3       “James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Stud-  
4       ies”.

5           (2) ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS.—  
6       Section 2611(a)(2)(D) of title 10, United States  
7       Code, is amended by striking “Africa Center for  
8       Strategic Studies” and inserting “James M. Inhofe  
9       Center for Africa Security Studies”.

10          (3) PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO  
11       SUDAN.—Section 1270A(b)(1) of the Sudan Demo-  
12       cratic Transition, Accountability, and Fiscal Trans-  
13       parency Act of 2020 (22 U.S.C. 10010(b)(1)) is  
14       amended by striking “Africa Center for Strategic  
15       Studies” and inserting “James M. Inhofe Center for  
16       Africa Security Studies”.

17          (c) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Department  
18       of Defense Africa Center for Strategic Studies in any law,  
19       regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the  
20       United States shall be deemed to be a reference to the  
21       James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies.

1 **SEC. 1209. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO DECREASE**  
2 **UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES PRESENCE**  
3 **IN NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION**  
4 **MEMBER COUNTRY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 120 days before de-  
6 creasing the permanent or rotational United States Armed  
7 Forces presence in a North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
8 member country, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to  
9 the congressional defense committees an assessment of  
10 North Atlantic Treaty Organization deterrence efforts, in-  
11 cluding a description and evaluation of the following:

12 (1) Current United States force posture in  
13 North Atlantic Treaty Organization member coun-  
14 tries, and whether such force posture maintains an  
15 adequate level of deterrence for such countries.

16 (2) Allied military force posture in each country  
17 on the eastern flank of the North Atlantic Treaty  
18 Organization.

19 (3) The manner in which decreasing the United  
20 States Armed Forces presence, as of the date of the  
21 enactment of this Act, will change the overall deter-  
22 rence posture of the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-  
23 zation.

24 (4) Consultations with North Atlantic Treaty  
25 Organization allies regarding efforts to identify and  
26 backfill, or otherwise mitigate, the capability gap re-

1 sulting from the proposed decrease in the permanent  
2 or rotational United States Armed Forces presence  
3 in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization member  
4 country concerned.

5 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall not apply  
6 in the event that the President—

7 (1) identifies a need for an immediate use of  
8 military force that necessitates decreasing the per-  
9 manent or rotational United States Armed Forces  
10 presence in a North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
11 member country; and

12 (2) delivers a War Powers Report to Congress  
13 as outlined in section 4(a) of the War Powers Act  
14 (50 U.S.C. 1543(a)).

15 **Subtitle B—Matters Relating to the**  
16 **Middle East**

17 **SEC. 1211. ASSISTANCE TO LEBANESE ARMED FORCES FOR**  
18 **COUNTERING HEZBOLLAH AND OTHER TER-**  
19 **RORIST GROUPS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense is au-  
21 thorized to provide assistance for training, equipment, and  
22 sustainment to vetted divisions of the Lebanese Armed  
23 Forces for purposes of—

24 (1) taking meaningful steps to prevent  
25 Hezbollah, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, al-

1        Qaeda, the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Palestinian  
2        Islamic Jihad, and all United States-designated ter-  
3        rorist organizations in the territory of Lebanon from  
4        carrying out any attacks, operations, or hostile ac-  
5        tivities against United States interests and the inter-  
6        ests of allies and partners of the United States; and

7            (2) bolstering the capacity of the Lebanese  
8        Armed Forces to disarm Hezbollah completely.

9        (b) PRIORITIZATION.—In allocating the funds au-  
10       thorized to be appropriated for the provision of assistance  
11       under this section, the Secretary shall prioritize the train-  
12       ing and equipping of appropriately vetted special oper-  
13       ations units and associated enabling forces of the Leba-  
14       nese Armed Forces.

15       (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The total amount of  
16       funds used to provide assistance under subsection (a) may  
17       not exceed \$36,000,000.

18       (d) NOTICE BEFORE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—  
19       Of the funds authorized to be appropriated for the  
20       Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund, as specified in the  
21       funding table in section 4501, not more than five percent  
22       of such funds shall be obligated until the date on which  
23       the Secretary certifies to the congressional defense com-  
24       mittees that—

1           (1) the Government of Lebanon has declared  
2       Hezbollah's military activities illegal;

3           (2) the Lebanese Armed Forces are acting in  
4       accordance with the goal of disarming Hezbollah  
5       completely;

6           (3) the Lebanese Armed Forces are actively de-  
7       nying efforts, including by the Government of Iran,  
8       to send weapons, supplies, and financial support to  
9       Hezbollah;

10          (4) the Lebanese Armed Forces are acting to  
11       prevent Hezbollah from threatening or attacking the  
12       neighboring countries of Lebanon; and

13          (5) the commander of the Lebanese Armed  
14       Forces is following and implementing directives of  
15       the Government of Lebanon regarding—

16                (A) the establishment of a monopoly of  
17                force within Lebanon; and

18                (B) the disarmament of Hezbollah.

19       (e) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—

20           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 31,  
21       2027, and every 90 days thereafter, the Secretary  
22       shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
23       a report that contains the following:

24                (A) An explanation of the vetting process  
25                used by the Department of Defense to ensure

1 the commitment of recipients of assistance  
2 under subsection (a) to the goals set forth in  
3 subsection (d).

4 (B) An assessment of the willingness and  
5 capacity of the Lebanese Armed Forces to con-  
6 front and disarm Hezbollah.

7 (C) An assessment of the willingness and  
8 capacity of special operations units of the Leba-  
9 nese Armed Forces to confront and disarm  
10 Hezbollah.

11 (D) An assessment of any significant gaps  
12 in the capability of special operations units of  
13 the Lebanese Armed Forces to confront and  
14 disarm Hezbollah, if any, and a plan to close  
15 any such gaps, including metrics over time and  
16 an identification of required training and equip-  
17 ment.

18 (E) For the preceding quarter—

19 (i) information on the number and  
20 type of weapons the Lebanese Armed  
21 Forces have seized from Hezbollah;

22 (ii) an assessment of the extent to  
23 which actions taken by the Lebanese  
24 Armed Forces against Hezbollah have de-  
25 graded the capabilities of Hezbollah; and

1 (iii) an assessment of the extent to  
2 which Iran has been able to maintain its  
3 support for Hezbollah.

4 (F) An assessment of the threat posed by  
5 Hezbollah to Israel and Syria, and whether  
6 such threat has increased or decreased, as com-  
7 pared to the preceding quarter.

8 (G) The number of personnel of the Leba-  
9 nese Armed Forces who have been deployed in  
10 the counter-Hezbollah mission, and an assess-  
11 ment of whether the Lebanese Armed Forces  
12 have deployed sufficient troops to support such  
13 mission.

14 (H) The number of special forces per-  
15 sonnel recruited into the Lebanese Armed  
16 Forces and the confessional religious makeup of  
17 such forces.

18 (I) With respect to the provision of assist-  
19 ance under this section to such special forces  
20 personnel—

21 (i) the type and amount of training  
22 provided;

23 (ii) a description of the equipment  
24 provided; and

1 (iii) the number of training exercises  
2 conducted.

3 (J) Any other information the Secretary  
4 considers appropriate.

5 (2) FORM.—Each report required by paragraph  
6 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may  
7 contain a classified annex.

8 (f) SUSPENSION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SUP-  
9 PORT TO LEBANESE ARMED FORCES.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines,  
11 in any of the quarterly reports required by sub-  
12 section (e), that the Lebanese Armed Forces has the  
13 capability to make progress in confronting and dis-  
14 arming Hezbollah, but is unwilling to do so, or that  
15 the Lebanese Armed Forces is not acting against  
16 Hezbollah commensurate with the capabilities of the  
17 Lebanese Armed Forces, the Secretary shall—

18 (A) suspend the provision of Department  
19 of Defense support to the Lebanese Armed  
20 Forces; and

21 (B) not later than five business days after  
22 making such a determination, notify the con-  
23 gressional defense committees of the determina-  
24 tion.



1           (2) INAPPLICABILITY.—A suspension under  
2       paragraph (1) shall not apply to assistance provided  
3       under section 333 of title 10, United States Code.

4       (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
5       tion may be construed to constitute a specific statutory  
6       authorization for the introduction of United States Armed  
7       Forces into hostilities or into situations in which hostilities  
8       are clearly indicated by the circumstances.

9       (h) TERMINATION.—The authority to provide assist-  
10      ance under this section shall cease to have effect on De-  
11      cember 31, 2027.

12   **SEC. 1212. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR REIMBURSE-**  
13                   **MENT OF CERTAIN COALITION NATIONS FOR**  
14                   **SUPPORT PROVIDED TO UNITED STATES**  
15                   **MILITARY OPERATIONS.**

16      Section 1233 of the National Defense Authorization  
17      Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122 Stat.  
18      393) is amended—

19           (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding  
20      paragraph (1), by striking “beginning on October 1,  
21      2025, and ending on December 31, 2026” and in-  
22      serting “beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending  
23      on December 31, 2028”; and

24           (2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “beginning  
25      on October 1, 2025, and ending on December 31,

1       2026” and inserting “beginning on October 1, 2026,  
2       and ending on December 31, 2028”.

3   **SEC. 1213. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**  
4                   **TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VETTED SYRIAN**  
5                   **GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.**

6       Section 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P.  
7   “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for  
8   Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3541)  
9   is amended—

10           (1) in subsection (a)—

11                   (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
12                   by striking “December 31, 2026” and inserting  
13                   “December 31, 2027”; and

14                   (B) in paragraph (4), in the matter pre-  
15                   ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “Islamic  
16                   State of Iraq and Syria”;

17           (2) by redesignating subsections (b) through (n)  
18       as subsections (c) through (o), respectively;

19           (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
20       lowing new subsection (b):

21       “(b) **LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.**—None of the  
22   funds authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-  
23   tion may be expended for cooperation with the Govern-  
24   ment of Syria until the date on which the Secretary of

1 Defense certifies to the congressional defense committees  
2 that the Government of Syria has taken credible steps—

3 “(1) to remove all foreign fighters and jihadists  
4 from the military forces of Syria and from other  
5 services of the Government of Syria;

6 “(2) to disarm all foreign fighters and jihadists  
7 who remain in Syria;

8 “(3) to implement a system to monitor foreign  
9 fighters and jihadists so as to prevent attacks on the  
10 United States and allies and partners of the United  
11 States, including the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic  
12 Forces;

13 “(4) with respect to individuals who pose a  
14 threat to the security of the United States or the se-  
15 curity of allies and partners of the United States, to  
16 prohibit the issuance of visas, passports, travel per-  
17 mits, or other legal documents for purposes of entry  
18 into Syria;

19 “(5) to counter al-Qaeda and associated and  
20 successor groups;

21 “(6) to prevent members and leaders of al-  
22 Qaeda and associated and successor groups from en-  
23 tering or remaining in Syria, with the aim of pre-  
24 venting such individuals and organizations from

1 launching external attacks on the United States and  
 2 allies and partners of the United States;

3 “(7) to implement a system to fairly integrate  
 4 into the military forces of Syria the Syrian Defense  
 5 Forces, which have been long-time partners of the  
 6 United States in countering the Islamic State of  
 7 Iraq and Syria; and

8 “(8) to prevent attacks and violence against the  
 9 Kurds and Druze of Syria.”;

10 (4) in subsection (d), as redesignated, by strik-  
 11 ing “subsection (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;  
 12 and

13 (5) in subsection (e)(2)(J), as redesignated, in  
 14 the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “Islamic  
 15 State of Iraq and Syria”.

16 **SEC. 1214. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**  
 17 **TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTER THE**  
 18 **ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA.**

19 Section 1236 of the Carl Levin and Howard P.  
 20 “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for  
 21 Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3558)  
 22 is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (a)—

24 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph

25 (1)—

1 (i) by inserting “equipment and train-  
2 ing to counter threats from unmanned aer-  
3 ial systems,” after “\$6,000,000,”; and

4 (ii) by striking “December 31, 2026”  
5 and all that follows through “Defending”  
6 in paragraph (1) and inserting “December  
7 31, 2027 for defending”; and

8 (B) by striking paragraph (2);

9 (2) by redesignating subsections (b), (c), and  
10 (e) through (o) as subsections (d), (e), and (f)  
11 through (p), respectively;

12 (3) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
13 lowing new subsections (b) and (c):

14 “(b) CERTIFICATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
16 graph (3), of the funds authorized to be appro-  
17 priated under this section, not more than 25 percent  
18 of such funds may be obligated or expended until the  
19 date on which the Secretary of Defense certifies to  
20 the appropriate congressional committees that the  
21 Government of Iraq has taken credible steps—

22 “(A) to prevent attacks by Iran, Iranian-  
23 linked proxy groups, and Iranian-backed Shia  
24 militia groups against—

1 “(i) United States forces, facilities,  
2 and interests in Iraq; and

3 “(ii) allies and partners of the United  
4 States in Iraq, including such allies and  
5 partners in the Kurdistan region of Iraq;

6 “(B) to investigate and hold accountable  
7 any Iraqi who participates in such attacks; and

8 “(C) to gain further operational control  
9 over Iran-backed Shia militia groups under the  
10 control of the Iraqi Security Forces, with the  
11 Prime Minister of Iraq as the commander in  
12 chief, in order to end Iran’s financial support to  
13 and control over such militia groups.

14 “(2) DETERMINATION.—In the event that the  
15 Secretary of Defense is unable to make the certifi-  
16 cation described in paragraph (1) because the Gov-  
17 ernment of Iraq has not taken credible steps with re-  
18 spect to an action described in any of subparagraphs  
19 (A) through (C) of that paragraph, the Secretary  
20 may—

21 “(A) submit to the appropriate congres-  
22 sional committees a plan to provide direct de-  
23 fensive support to Kurdish Peshmerga forces;  
24 and

1           “(B) not earlier than five business days  
2           after the date on which the appropriate con-  
3           gressional committees receive such plan, com-  
4           mence implementation of the plan.

5           “(3) APPLICABILITY.—The limitation on use of  
6           funds and the certification requirement under para-  
7           graph (1) shall not apply to funds authorized to be  
8           appropriated for the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Serv-  
9           ice or Kurdish Peshmerga forces.

10          “(c) FUNDS FOR KURDISH PESHMERGA FORCES.—  
11       Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
12       subsection (a), not less than 50 percent of such funds shall  
13       be directed toward provision of assistance to Kurdish  
14       Peshmerga forces.”;

15               (4) in subsection (e), as redesignated, in the  
16       matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “sub-  
17       section (b)(1)(A)” and inserting “subsection  
18       (d)(1)(A)”;

19               (5) in subsection (j), as redesignated—

20                       (A) in paragraph (1)(C)(i), by striking  
21               “subsection (k)(2)” and inserting “subsection  
22               (l)(2)”;

23                       (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

24                       (C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
25       paragraph (2);

1 (6) in subsection (l), as redesignated—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking subpara-  
3 graph (D); and

4 (B) in paragraph (2)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

6 (I) by striking “and enhance”  
7 and inserting “or enhance”; and

8 (II) by striking “supporting  
9 international coalition efforts” and in-  
10 serting “defending”;

11 (ii) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by strik-  
12 ing “subsection (i)(1)(C)” and inserting  
13 “subsection (j)(1)(C)”; and

14 (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
15 “subsection (j)” and inserting “subsection  
16 (k)”; and

17 (7) in subsection (o)(6), as redesignated, by  
18 striking “December 31, 2026” and inserting “De-  
19 cember 31, 2027”.

20 **SEC. 1215. MODIFICATION OF UNITED STATES-ISRAEL SUB-**  
21 **TERRANEAN OPERATIONS COOPERATION.**

22 Section 1279 of the National Defense Authorization  
23 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 22 U.S.C.  
24 8606 note) is amended—



1 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**ANTI-**  
 2 **TUNNEL**” and inserting “**SUBTERRANEAN OPER-**  
 3 **ATIONS**”;

4 (2) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
 6 “ANTI-TUNNEL” and inserting “SUBTERRA-  
 7 NEAN OPERATIONS”; and

8 (B) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence,  
 9 by inserting “and subterranean operations”  
 10 after “anti-tunnel”; and

11 (3) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence,  
 13 by inserting “and subterranean operations”  
 14 after “anti-tunnel”;

15 (B) in paragraph (3)(B), by inserting “and  
 16 subterranean operations” after “anti-tunnel”;  
 17 and

18 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking  
 19 “\$80,000,000” and inserting “\$100,000,000”.

20 **SEC. 1216. MODIFICATION OF UNITED STATES-ISRAEL CO-**  
 21 **OPERATION TO COUNTER UNMANNED SYS-**  
 22 **TEMS IN ALL WARFIGHTING DOMAINS.**

23 Section 1278(b)(4) of the National Defense Author-  
 24 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (22 U.S.C. 8606 note)

1 is amended by striking “\$70,000,000” and inserting  
2 “\$100,000,000”.

3 **SEC. 1217. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL FRAMEWORK FOR UP-**  
4 **GRADED TECHNOLOGIES, UNIFIED RE-**  
5 **SEARCH, AND ENHANCED SECURITY (FU-**  
6 **TURES) ACT OF 2026.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES—  
8 ISRAEL DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION INITIA-  
9 TIVE.—

10 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-  
11 fense, in consultation with the Minister of Defense  
12 of Israel, shall establish a cooperative initiative, to  
13 be known as the “United States-Israel Defense  
14 Technology Cooperation Initiative”, to expand and  
15 accelerate bilateral defense technology research, de-  
16 velopment, testing, evaluation, coordination, and in-  
17 dustrial cooperation by—

18 (A) identifying jointly developed or Israeli-  
19 origin technologies with operational utility for  
20 integration into United States systems and pro-  
21 grams of record;

22 (B) conducting collaborative research ini-  
23 tiatives involving government, private sector,  
24 and academic institutions in the United States  
25 and Israel, in a manner that protects sensitive

1           technology and information and the national se-  
2           curity interests of the United States and Israel;

3           (C) facilitating the transition of tech-  
4           nologies from research and development into  
5           procurement and acquisition pathways;

6           (D) establishing frameworks for joint ven-  
7           tures, licensing agreements, and United States-  
8           based co-production or manufacturing partner-  
9           ships with Israeli industry;

10          (E) coordinating with relevant Department  
11          of Defense components, including the Irregular  
12          Warfare Technical Support Directorate, capa-  
13          bility development and innovation divisions, the  
14          Defense Innovation Unit, the United States-  
15          Israel Operations Technology Working Group,  
16          the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agen-  
17          cy, the Missile Defense Agency and United  
18          States Space Command, and the military serv-  
19          ices, to align efforts and avoid duplication; and

20          (F) promoting joint training exercises and  
21          information-sharing mechanisms to enhance  
22          operational readiness to deploy jointly developed  
23          technologies.

1           (2) INITIATIVE DOMAINS.—The Initiative shall  
2       be carried out through cooperative efforts in do-  
3       mains such as the following:

4           (A) Counter-Unmanned Systems including  
5       aerial, maritime, and ground platforms.

6           (B) Anti-tunneling and subterranean  
7       threats.

8           (C) Missile and air defense technologies,  
9       including Golden Dome for America.

10          (D) Artificial intelligence, quantum, ma-  
11       chine learning, and autonomous systems.

12          (E) Directed energy and advanced sensing.

13          (F) Cyber defense, electronic warfare, and  
14       digital resilience.

15          (G) Biotechnology, biomanufacturing, and  
16       medical defense.

17          (H) Network integration, data fusion, and  
18       contested logistics.

19          (I) Defense industrial base cooperation,  
20       manufacturing, and co-production.

21          (J) Other emerging technologies to address  
22       medium- or long-term threats as jointly agreed  
23       to by the United States and Israel.

24       (b) REPORTING.—

1           (1) INTERIM PROGRESS UPDATE.—Not later  
2           than 180 days after the date of the enactment of  
3           this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to  
4           the congressional defense committees an interim  
5           briefing or written update describing—

6                   (A) steps taken to stand up the Initiative;

7                   (B) early coordination with Israeli counter-  
8           parts;

9                   (C) initial technology areas identified for  
10           accelerated cooperation and technologies with  
11           operational utility for integration into United  
12           States systems and programs of record;

13                  (D) Department of Defense components  
14           designated to lead implementation;

15                  (E) any early transition, prototyping, or  
16           integration activities initiated during the period  
17           covered by the update; and

18                  (F) any co-production agreements success-  
19           fully negotiated, including production locations  
20           and cost-sharing arrangements.

21           (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year  
22           after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
23           nually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-  
24           mit to the congressional defense committees a report

1 on implementation of the program established under  
2 this section. Each such report shall include—

3 (A) a description of activities conducted  
4 under the program;

5 (B) an assessment of progress made in ad-  
6 vancing shared national security interests;

7 (C) an assessment of the program's col-  
8 laboration with other relevant Department pro-  
9 grams, including the United States-Israel oper-  
10 ations-technology working group and United  
11 States-Israel cooperative programs run by the  
12 capability development and innovation division  
13 and the irregular warfare technical support di-  
14 rectorate;

15 (D) a description of technologies  
16 transitioned into United States acquisition pro-  
17 grams or fielded systems;

18 (E) a description of partnerships estab-  
19 lished with United States and Israeli industry,  
20 including production locations and cost-sharing  
21 arrangements; and

22 (F) recommendations for future priorities  
23 and assessment of resource needs, including  
24 further authorities necessary to promote the

1           long-term integration of joint capabilities be-  
2           tween the United States and Israel.

3           (3) FORM.—Each report required under para-  
4           graph (2) shall be submitted in unclassified form but  
5           may include a classified annex.

6           (4) PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY.—The Secretary of  
7           Defense shall make available on a publicly accessible  
8           website of the Department of Defense periodic, un-  
9           classified updates, to the maximum extent prac-  
10          ticable, on activities conducted under the Initiative,  
11          including a description of how these activities con-  
12          tribute to American technological and military su-  
13          premacy and bolster the United States defense in-  
14          dustrial base. Such updates shall be made in a man-  
15          ner that ensures that classified information or other  
16          information that would compromise operational secu-  
17          rity, export controls, or sensitive technology are not  
18          released.

1 **Subtitle C—Matters Relating to Eu-**  
2 **rope and the Russian Federa-**  
3 **tion**

4 **SEC. 1221. EXTENSION OF PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY**  
5 **OF FUNDS RELATING TO SOVEREIGNTY OF**  
6 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION OVER INTER-**  
7 **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TERRITORY OF**  
8 **UKRAINE.**

9 Section 1245(a) of the James M. Inhofe National De-  
10 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law  
11 117–263; 136 Stat. 2847) is amended by striking “or  
12 2026” and inserting “2026, or 2027”.

13 **SEC. 1222. OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY POS-**  
14 **TURE IN EUROPE.**

15 (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Until the  
16 date that is 90 days after the date on which the Com-  
17 mander of the United States European Command and the  
18 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the heads of  
19 other relevant Federal departments and agencies, have  
20 each, independently, submitted to the congressional de-  
21 fense committees the certification described in subsection  
22 (b) and the applicable assessment described in subsection  
23 (c), none of the amounts authorized to be appropriated  
24 by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year  
25 2027 may 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 to below 76,000 for  
5           longer than a 45-day period;

6           (2) to divest, consolidate, or otherwise return to  
7           a host country any parcel of land or facility located  
8           on real property under the jurisdiction of the United  
9           States European Command as of June 1, 2025;

10          (3) to divest, redeploy, withdraw, or otherwise  
11          permanently move out of the area of responsibility of  
12          the United States European Command any Depart-  
13          ment of Defense equipment or physical property  
14          with an initial purchase value of more than  
15          \$500,000 and positioned in such area of responsi-  
16          bility as of June 1, 2025; or

17          (4) to relinquish the role of the Commander of  
18          the United States European Command as North At-  
19          lantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Com-  
20          mander Europe.

21          (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification  
22          described in this subsection is a certification that a pro-  
23          posed action described in any of paragraphs (1) through  
24          (4) of subsection (a)—

1           (1) is in the national security interest of the  
2       United States; and

3           (2) is being undertaken only after appropriate  
4       consultations with all North Atlantic Treaty Organi-  
5       zation (NATO) allies and relevant non-NATO part-  
6       ners.

7       (c) ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—An assessment described in  
9       this subsection is the following:

10           (A) In the case of a proposed action de-  
11       scribed in any of paragraphs (1) through (3) of  
12       subsection (a)—

13           (i) an analysis of the impact of such  
14       an action on—

15           (I) the security of the United  
16       States;

17           (II) the ability of the Armed  
18       Forces to provide forward defense of  
19       the United States;

20           (III) NATO's defense and deter-  
21       rent posture against current and fu-  
22       ture Russian aggression, as well as  
23       the security of NATO as a whole; and

24           (IV) the ability of the United  
25       States to meet national NATO capa-

1                   bility targets, commitments to the  
2                   NATO Force Model, regional and the-  
3                   ater campaign plans, and other  
4                   warfighting requirements;

5                   (ii) 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 those in  
9                   the area of responsibility of United States  
10                  European Command or in support of oper-  
11                  ations and crisis response in the areas of  
12                  responsibility of the United States Central  
13                  Command and the United States Africa  
14                  Command;

15                  (iii) a description of the specific re-  
16                  quirements being prioritized that neces-  
17                  sitate such an action;

18                  (iv) a detailed analysis of the costs, as  
19                  a result of such an action, for relocation of  
20                  personnel, equipment, and associated infra-  
21                  structure;

22                  (v) an analysis of the impact of such  
23                  an action on military training and major  
24                  military exercises, including on interoper-

1 ability and joint activities with NATO al-  
2 lies and partners;

3 (vi) a description of consultations re-  
4 garding such an action with each NATO  
5 ally and all relevant non-NATO partners;

6 (vii) an assessment of the impact of  
7 such an action on the credibility of United  
8 States extended deterrence commitments  
9 to NATO allies and the potential for nu-  
10 clear proliferation in the European theater;

11 (viii) an assessment of the impact of  
12 such an action on transatlantic cooperation  
13 to deter potential threats from the People's  
14 Republic of China; and

15 (ix) with respect to an assessment  
16 under this subparagraph relating to a pro-  
17 posed action described in subsection (a)(1),  
18 an articulation of the plan, generated in  
19 coordination with NATO allies, to ensure  
20 that other members of NATO have avail-  
21 able capabilities and capacity to assume  
22 the roles and responsibilities of the United  
23 States Armed Forces to be withdrawn as a  
24 result of such action.

1 (B) In the case of a proposed action de-  
2 scribed in paragraph (4) of subsection (a)—

3 (i) an explanation of the role of  
4 United States nuclear weapons in sup-  
5 porting NATO operations and activities  
6 following such action, including changes to  
7 command and control relationships and ad-  
8 justments to the United States nuclear  
9 posture;

10 (ii) a description of consultations re-  
11 garding such action with all NATO allies  
12 and relevant non-NATO partners, includ-  
13 ing through the Nuclear Planning Group  
14 of NATO;

15 (iii) an assessment of the impact of  
16 such action on the effectiveness of NATO  
17 nuclear deterrence;

18 (iv) a risk assessment of—

19 (I) the nuclear capabilities of  
20 NATO allies; and

21 (II) the potential for nuclear pro-  
22 liferation in Europe; and

23 (v) a risk assessment of—

24 (I) the capability and capacity of  
25 nuclear-armed NATO allies to effec-

1                   tively deter and, if necessary, defeat  
 2                   likely adversaries in the nuclear do-  
 3                   main absent a United States com-  
 4                   mander serving in the role of North  
 5                   Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme  
 6                   Allied Commander Europe;

7                   (II) changes to be made to exist-  
 8                   ing United States contingency plans if  
 9                   other NATO member countries with  
 10                  nuclear capabilities were to provide  
 11                  extended nuclear deterrence to NATO;  
 12                  and

13                 (III) the impact of such provision  
 14                 of extended nuclear deterrence on  
 15                 United States nuclear posture and de-  
 16                 terrence planning requirements.

17                 (2) COORDINATION REQUIRED.—In independ-  
 18                 ently conducting the assessments described in  
 19                 clauses (iv) and (v) of paragraph (1)(B) with respect  
 20                 to a proposed action described in subsection (a)(4),  
 21                 the Secretary of Defense shall coordinate such as-  
 22                 sessment—

23                 (A) with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs  
 24                 of Staff, with respect to the independent risk  
 25                 assessment described in such clause (iv); and

1 (B) with the Commander of the United  
2 States Strategic Command, with respect to the  
3 independent assessment described in such  
4 clause (v).

5 (d) FORM.—

6 (1) CERTIFICATION.—The certification de-  
7 scribed in subsection (b) shall be submitted in un-  
8 classified form.

9 (2) ASSESSMENT.—The assessment described in  
10 subsection (c) shall be submitted in unclassified  
11 form but may include a classified annex.

12 (3) PROHIBITION ON MODIFICATION.—Any as-  
13 sessment required under this section shall be sub-  
14 mitted to the congressional defense committees with-  
15 out modification or alteration.

16 (e) SUNSET.—The limitation under subsection (a)  
17 shall terminate on December 31, 2028.

18 **SEC. 1223. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
20 provide intelligence support, including information, intel-  
21 ligence, and imagery collection authorized under title 10,  
22 United States Code, to the Government of Ukraine for the  
23 purpose of supporting military operations of the Govern-  
24 ment of Ukraine that are intended to defend and retake  
25 the territory of Ukraine.

1 (b) TERRITORY OF UKRAINE DEFINED.—In this sec-  
2 tion, the term “territory of Ukraine” includes all territory  
3 internationally recognized to be the sovereign territory of  
4 Ukraine, including Crimea and the territory the Russian  
5 Federation claims to have annexed in Kherson Oblast,  
6 Zaporizhzhia Oblast, Donetsk Oblast, and Luhansk Ob-  
7 last.

8 **SEC. 1224. UNITED STATES-UKRAINE STRATEGIC DEFENSE**  
9 **INNOVATION WORKING GROUP.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
13 of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of  
14 State, shall seek to engage with relevant stake-  
15 holders in Ukraine to establish a United States-  
16 Ukraine Strategic Defense Innovation Working  
17 Group (referred to in this section as the “Working  
18 Group”) to explore—

19 (A) pathways for the co-development, co-  
20 production, acquisition, and transfer of covered  
21 systems;

22 (B) the development of related mutual  
23 technology transfer frameworks; and

24 (C) the mutual transmission of unmanned  
25 aerial systems expertise.



1 (2) COMPOSITION.—

2 (A) CO-CHAIRS.—The Working Group  
3 shall be co-chaired by the following:

4 (i) The Under Secretary of Defense  
5 for Acquisition and Sustainment.

6 (ii) The Director of the Defense Inno-  
7 vation Unit.

8 (iii) The Director of the Joint Inter-  
9 agency Task Force 401.

10 (B) ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT OF DE-  
11 FENSE PARTICIPANTS.—The Working Group  
12 shall include participation by representatives of  
13 the following:

14 (i) The Under Secretary of Defense  
15 for Policy.

16 (ii) The United States Special Oper-  
17 ations Command.

18 (iii) Any other representative of the  
19 Department of Defense the Secretary of  
20 Defense considers appropriate.

21 (C) OTHER PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary  
22 of Defense shall seek the participation in the  
23 Working Group of representatives of the fol-  
24 lowing:

1 (i) The Ministry of Defense of  
2 Ukraine.

3 (ii) The military forces of Ukraine.

4 (iii) The Brave1 Defense Tech Clus-  
5 ter.

6 (iv) The North Atlantic Treaty Orga-  
7 nization-Ukraine Joint Analysis, Training,  
8 and Education Center.

9 (v) Any other entity mutually agreed  
10 upon by the Secretary of Defense and the  
11 Minister of Defense of Ukraine.

12 (b) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.— The co-chairs of the Work-  
14 ing Group shall be responsible for engaging with the  
15 other participants in the Working Group—

16 (A) to systematically analyze and apply  
17 lessons learned from the methodologies em-  
18 ployed by the military forces of Ukraine and the  
19 domestic defense industrial base of Ukraine to  
20 accelerate the development, production, and  
21 fielding of covered systems;

22 (B) to identify the Ukraine-designed cov-  
23 ered systems that—

24 (i) have demonstrated high oper-  
25 ational utility in active combat; and

1                   (ii) offer strategic capability enhance-  
2                   ments for the United States Armed  
3                   Forces;

4                   (C) to provide recommendations to expand  
5                   and improve incorporation of Ukraine-designed  
6                   covered systems into Department of Defense  
7                   programs, including Blue UAS, the Drone  
8                   Dominance Program, and service acquisition  
9                   programs;

10                  (D) to develop defense trade foundational  
11                  agreements between the United States and  
12                  Ukraine, including—

13                         (i) a mutual technology transfer  
14                         framework, which shall include—

15                                 (I) mutual data exchange proto-  
16                                 cols to facilitate the secure sharing of  
17                                 relevant battlefield and military infor-  
18                                 mation, such as telemetry data and  
19                                 other electronic warfare signal pro-  
20                                 files; and

21                                 (II) joint intellectual property  
22                                 ownership frameworks that—

23   (aa) protect the background  
24   intellectual property of all par-  
25   ticipants; and

1 (bb) facilitate the co-devel-  
2 opment and co-production of  
3 Ukraine-designed covered sys-  
4 tems; and

5 (ii) a memorandum of understanding  
6 on reciprocal defense procurement; and

7 (E) to assess the feasibility of testing  
8 United States-manufactured covered systems in  
9 Ukraine, including by deploying United States-  
10 manufactured covered systems to operational  
11 units of Ukraine for evaluation and use in ac-  
12 tive combat scenarios.

13 (2) MEETINGS.—The Working Group shall con-  
14 vene not less frequently than once every 120 days,  
15 with meeting frequency determined by the co-chairs,  
16 in consultation with the other participants in the  
17 Working Group.

18 (c) PRIORITIZATION OF UKRAINE-DESIGNED COV-  
19 ERED SYSTEMS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The co-chairs of the Work-  
21 ing Group shall prioritize the Ukraine-designed cov-  
22 ered systems identified under subsection (b)(1)(B)  
23 for co-development, co-production, and acquisition,  
24 including by—

1 (A) analyzing the extent to which Ukraine-  
2 designed covered systems meet existing statu-  
3 tory requirements with respect to fielding;

4 (B) identifying authorities that may be  
5 used to accelerate the establishment and ap-  
6 proval of joint ventures, cooperative production  
7 agreements, or licensed production agreements  
8 involving the Department of Defense and the  
9 military forces of Ukraine;

10 (C) identifying authorities that may be  
11 used to accelerate procurement pathways for  
12 Ukraine-designed covered systems;

13 (D) conducting a detailed supply chain as-  
14 sessment of the components and inputs that  
15 would be used in the co-production of Ukraine-  
16 designed covered systems;

17 (E) identifying the costs associated with  
18 co-developing and co-producing Ukraine-de-  
19 signed covered systems in the United States;  
20 and

21 (F) identifying the steps necessary to  
22 produce Ukraine-designed covered systems at  
23 scale in the United States.

1           (2) UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS EXPERTISE.—

2           In addition to co-development, co-production, and  
3           acquisition, the Working Group shall also focus on—

4                   (A) the mutual transmission of—

5                           (i) best practices for the rapid devel-  
6                           opment, cost-effective production, and  
7                           fielding of unmanned aerial systems and  
8                           counter-unmanned aerial systems;

9                           (ii) the tactics, techniques, and proce-  
10                          dures that enable successful battlefield em-  
11                          ployment of offensive and defensive un-  
12                          manned aerial systems; and

13                          (iii) best practices with respect to  
14                          force protection from unmanned aerial sys-  
15                          tems and the defense of fixed targets from  
16                          unmanned aerial systems;

17                   (B) the transmission of lessons learned in  
18                   Ukraine to the unmanned aerial systems and  
19                   counter-unmanned aerial systems program of  
20                   the Department of the Army; and

21                   (C) the transmission of lessons learned  
22                   through the Joint Interagency Task Force 401  
23                   to the military forces of Ukraine.

24           (3) REMEDIATION PATHWAY.—With respect to  
25           Ukraine-designed covered systems identified under

1 subsection (b)(1)(B) that do not meet existing statu-  
2 tory requirements with respect to fielding, the Work-  
3 ing Group shall explore alternative pathways for the  
4 fielding of such covered systems, including  
5 through—

6 (A) Army Drone Industrial Base Pro-  
7 grams;

8 (B) the UAS Marketplace; and

9 (C) Drone Dominance.

10 (d) REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS.—

11 (1) INITIAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN.—

12 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-  
13 ment of this Act, the Working Group shall provide  
14 the congressional defense committees with a briefing  
15 on the initial strategy for the co-development, co-  
16 production, and acquisition of Ukraine-designed cov-  
17 ered systems.

18 (2) SEMIANNUAL UPDATES.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
20 days after the date on which the briefing re-  
21 quired by paragraph (1) is provided, and every  
22 180 days thereafter until the date on which the  
23 Working Group terminates, the Working Group  
24 shall submit to the congressional defense com-

mittees a report on the progress of the Working Group.

(B) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subparagraph (A) shall, to the maximum extent practicable, include, for the preceding 180-day period, the following:

(i) A list of Ukraine-designed covered systems identified for prioritization, including the current status of such covered systems with respect to technical and legal evaluation, certification, and integration with existing United States force posture and operational needs.

(ii) A detailed list of specific fast-track acquisition or waiver authorities that may be used to accelerate the co-development, co-production, or acquisition of Ukraine-designed covered systems.

(iii) A supply chain analysis of the sourcing of inputs and component parts to eliminate dependence on countries of concern, such as the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, Iran, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.



1 (iv) A comprehensive framework to fa-  
2 cilitate the transition of prioritized  
3 Ukraine-designed covered systems from  
4 identification to co-development and co-  
5 production at scale, including an assess-  
6 ment of the feasibility of using the fol-  
7 lowing for such purpose:

8 (I) Joint ventures.

9 (II) Cooperative production  
10 agreements.

11 (III) Licensed production agree-  
12 ments.

13 (v) A detailed description of intellec-  
14 tual property ownership frameworks that  
15 could be used to facilitate the co-devel-  
16 opment and co-production of prioritized  
17 Ukraine-designed covered systems.

18 (vi) A description of any specific regu-  
19 latory, legal, or policy barriers that hinder  
20 the establishment of joint ventures, cooper-  
21 ative production agreements, or licensed  
22 production agreements.

23 (vii) A description of any regulatory,  
24 export-control, or certification barriers that

1                   impede the acquisition of Ukraine-designed  
2                   covered systems.

3                   (C) FORM.—Each report required by sub-  
4                   paragraph (A) shall be submitted in unclassi-  
5                   fied form but may include a classified annex.

6           (e) TERMINATION.—

7                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
8                   the Working Group shall terminate on the date that  
9                   is five years after the date of the enactment of this  
10                  Act.

11                  (2) ONE-YEAR EXTENSION.—The Working  
12                  Group may continue in effect until the date that is  
13                  six years after the date of the enactment of this Act  
14                  if the Secretary of Defense—

15                         (A) determines that a one-year extension is  
16                         beneficial to United States security interests;  
17                         and

18                         (B) submits to the congressional defense  
19                         committees a written justification for such an  
20                         extension.

21           (f) COVERED SYSTEM DEFINED.—In this section, the  
22           term “covered system” means—

23                         (1) an unmanned system that—

24                                 (A) is designed for a limited number of  
25                                 missions;

1 (B) is expendable in high-threat environ-  
2 ments; and

3 (C) is characterized by a low per-unit cost,  
4 relative to the value of the targets the un-  
5 manned system is designed to engage; and

6 (2) includes—

7 (A) the enabling software and hardware of  
8 such an unmanned system;

9 (B) unmanned aerial vehicles, unmanned  
10 underwater vehicles, and unmanned surface ve-  
11 hicles;

12 (C) capabilities to counter unmanned sys-  
13 tems, including early warning systems, jamming  
14 systems, and interceptors; and

15 (D) command and control architecture, in-  
16 cluding software and hardware, to enable the  
17 integrated, secure, and resilient operation of  
18 unmanned systems and capabilities to counter  
19 unmanned systems.

20 **SEC. 1225. NOTIFICATION OF GRAY ZONE ACTIVITIES BY**  
21 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AGAINST NORTH**  
22 **ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION ALLIES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than seven days after  
24 the date on which the Secretary of Defense is made aware  
25 of any gray zone activities known or reasonably suspected

1 to have been carried out by the Russian Federation  
2 against a North Atlantic Treaty Organization ally, the  
3 Secretary shall notify the appropriate committees of Con-  
4 gress of such activities.

5 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-  
7 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
8 gress” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and  
10 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-  
11 ate; and

12 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and  
13 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House  
14 of Representatives.

15 (2) GRAY ZONE ACTIVITIES.—The term “gray  
16 zone activities” has the meaning given such term in  
17 the document of the National Intelligence Council  
18 entitled “Updated IC Gray Zone Lexicon: Key  
19 Terms and Definitions”, issued in July 2024 in re-  
20 sponse to section 825(c) of the Consolidated Appro-  
21 priations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–30; 136 Stat.  
22 1028; 50 U.S.C. 3316c note).

1 **SEC. 1226. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF UKRAINE SE-**  
2 **CURITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.**

3 Section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization  
4 Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 129 Stat.  
5 1068) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (f)(12), by striking  
7 “\$400,000,000” and inserting “\$750,000,000”;

8 (2) in subsection (h), by striking “December  
9 31, 2029” and inserting “December 31, 2030”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 section:

12 “(l) FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
14 provision of law, for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal  
15 year thereafter, the Secretary of Defense may use  
16 contributions, including money, personal property,  
17 and services, from foreign governments or other en-  
18 tities to provide assistance under the authority of  
19 this section.

20 “(2) USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Such contributions  
22 shall be available to the Secretary of Defense,  
23 with the concurrence of the Secretary of  
24 State—

25 “(i) to provide additional assistance  
26 authorized under subsection (a);

1                   “(ii) for the replacement of any weap-  
2                   ons or articles provided to entities de-  
3                   scribed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
4                   subsection (a)(1) from the inventory of the  
5                   United States; and

6                   “(iii) to recover or dispose of equip-  
7                   ment previously provided to such entities.

8                   “(B) LIMITATION.—Use of such contribu-  
9                   tions for the replacement of weapons under sub-  
10                  paragraph (A)(ii) shall be limited to the re-  
11                  placement of weapons or articles with respect to  
12                  which initial notification was provided to Con-  
13                  gress after July 14, 2025.

14                  “(3) UNUSED CONTRIBUTIONS.—Not later than  
15                  seven days before the date on which the authority  
16                  provided by this section terminates, the Secretary of  
17                  Defense shall report to the congressional defense  
18                  committees any contribution originating from a for-  
19                  eign government or other entity intended to provide  
20                  assistance under this section that is not expended  
21                  for such purpose before such date of termination.”.

1 **SEC. 1227. SYNCHRONIZATION OF DEFENSE READINESS**  
2 **WITH NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZA-**  
3 **TION ALLIES.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180  
6 days thereafter through 2034, the Commander of the  
7 United States European Command shall submit to the  
8 congressional defense committees a report that includes  
9 the following:

10 (1) An evaluation of allied progress toward  
11 meeting the target of spending 3.5 percent of gross  
12 domestic product on core defense-related priorities  
13 by 2035, as agreed to at the 2025 North Atlantic  
14 Treaty Organization Summit in The Hague.

15 (2) A description of United States and allied  
16 forces available to the Supreme Allied Commander  
17 Europe under the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-  
18 tion Force Model, including—

19 (A) a description of—

20 (i) any change made during the pre-  
21 ceding year to the United States forces  
22 available to the Supreme Allied Com-  
23 mander Europe under such Force Model;  
24 and

1 (ii) any significant change in the secu-  
2 rity environment that may require changes  
3 to force requirements; and

4 (B) an analysis of the risk any such  
5 change poses to the ability of the North Atlan-  
6 tic Treaty Organization to fulfill deterrence and  
7 defense mission requirements.

8 (3) A description of any change to the oper-  
9 ational readiness of the United States and allied  
10 forces available to the Supreme Allied Commander  
11 Europe, including a description of—

12 (A) the criteria used to determine the  
13 readiness of a unit; and

14 (B) the data underpinning the assessment  
15 of the Commander of the United States Euro-  
16 pean Command with respect to the readiness of  
17 such forces.

18 (4) A description of North Atlantic Treaty Or-  
19 ganization exercises and the accompanying metrics  
20 used to validate the readiness of forces.

21 (5) An evaluation of allied progress toward im-  
22 plementing North Atlantic Treaty Organization ca-  
23 pability targets and a description of any priority ca-  
24 pability shortfalls, including any change to such  
25 progress.



1           (6) A list of critical capabilities required to exe-  
2       cute the regional plans of the North Atlantic Treaty  
3       Organization, which capabilities are largely or wholly  
4       provided by the United States, and a description of  
5       any United States efforts to support and syn-  
6       chronize with fellow North Atlantic Treaty Organi-  
7       zation allies to develop or procure such capabilities  
8       or similar capabilities, including any change to the  
9       availability of such capabilities.

10          (7) In each subsequent report submitted under  
11       this subsection—

12                (A) a description of any change to the  
13       United States forces available to the Supreme  
14       Allied Commander Europe under the North At-  
15       lantic Treaty Organization Force Model in the  
16       90 days preceding the date on which the report  
17       is submitted; and

18                (B) an analysis of the risk any such  
19       change poses to the ability of the North Atlan-  
20       tic Treaty Organization to fulfill deterrence and  
21       defense mission requirements.

22          (8) In the case of any change described in ac-  
23       cordance with paragraph (2) or (3), an assessment  
24       of whether Europe has the force structure, readiness  
25       levels, and enabling capabilities to assume responsi-

1 bility for any decrease in United States forces avail-  
2 able to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe  
3 under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Force  
4 Model.

5 (9) An assessment of the deterrence and de-  
6 fense posture of the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-  
7 zation on the alliance's eastern flank, including—

8 (A) a description of United States military  
9 force posture in each country on the eastern  
10 flank, including any changes to United States  
11 forces in Europe during the 90-day period pre-  
12 ceding the submission of the report;

13 (B) a description of allied military force  
14 posture in each country on the eastern flank;

15 (C) an evaluation of the capacity of United  
16 States and allied forces to reinforce the North  
17 Atlantic Treaty Organization's eastern flank in  
18 the event of a conflict;

19 (D) an identification of any obstacle that  
20 could delay such reinforcement, including the  
21 status of pre-positioned United States materiel  
22 in Europe, and an evaluation of the manner in  
23 which such obstacles could undermine the deter-  
24 rence and defense posture of the North Atlantic  
25 Treaty Organization; and

1           (E) a description of efforts by the United  
2           States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
3           allies to address the obstacles identified under  
4           subparagraph (D), including efforts to improve  
5           mobility, readiness, pre-positioning, infrastruc-  
6           ture, and coordination mechanisms necessary to  
7           enable timely reinforcement of the eastern  
8           flank.

9           (10) An assessment of North Atlantic Treaty  
10          Organization deterrence efforts in Romania, includ-  
11          ing a description and evaluation of—

12                (A) the United States force posture in Ro-  
13                mania, including any new rotations to Romania  
14                intended to enhance deterrence after the 2025  
15                decision to end the rotational presence of a  
16                United States brigade;

17                (B) consultations with North Atlantic  
18                Treaty Organization allies regarding efforts to  
19                backfill or otherwise mitigate the capability gap  
20                resulting from the end of such rotational pres-  
21                ence;

22                (C) the readiness of North Atlantic Treaty  
23                Organization Forward Land Forces in Roma-  
24                nia;

(D) new or expanded bilateral and multilateral training activities and military exercises conducted to build capacity and improve interoperability among United States forces, Romanian forces, and other North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies; and

(E) efforts undertaken by the United States, Romania, and other North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies to improve critical military infrastructure in Romania, including infrastructure necessary to support collective defense obligations of the alliance and to enable United States contingency operations.

(b) FORM.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

**SEC. 1228. CO-DEVELOPMENT AND CO-PRODUCTION PROGRAM WITH GERMANY FOR CERTAIN MUNITIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall seek to engage with appropriate officials of Germany in a joint program for the purpose of enabling the co-development and co-production of air defense and air-to-air munitions capabilities, including the Patriot surface-to-air missile

1 system, the Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile,  
2 and the AIM-9 Sidewinder missile, for the Armed Forces  
3 of the United States and the Bundeswehr of Germany,  
4 consistent with applicable United States law and existing  
5 bilateral defense cooperation agreements.

6 (b) USE OF AUTHORITIES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a joint pro-  
8 gram under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense,  
9 in coordination with the Secretary of State, may use  
10 the authorities under title 10, United States Code,  
11 and other applicable statutory authorities available  
12 to the Secretary of Defense.

13 (2) RECIPROCAL PROCUREMENT.—In carrying  
14 out paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense, in co-  
15 ordination with the Secretary of State, shall leverage  
16 the existing United States-Germany Reciprocal De-  
17 fense Procurement Memorandum of Understanding  
18 to the maximum extent practicable to facilitate con-  
19 tracting arrangements, quality assurance, and sup-  
20 ply chain integration.

21 (3) CO-DEVELOPMENT AND CO-PRODUCTION  
22 AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of Defense, with the  
23 concurrence of the Secretary of State, may enter  
24 into co-development agreements, co-production ar-  
25 rangements, and project agreements with Germany

1 (in accordance with existing authorities for such  
2 agreements and arrangements) to carry out the joint  
3 program under subsection (a), including arrange-  
4 ments for—

5 (A) joint research and development of  
6 next-generation variants of covered munitions  
7 systems;

8 (B) the establishment of co-production fa-  
9 cilities in the United States or Germany, or  
10 both;

11 (C) technology transfer, consistent with  
12 applicable law, including the International Traf-  
13 fic in Arms Regulations; and

14 (D) specialization to optimize defense in-  
15 dustrial strengths and avoid duplication.

16 (c) BRIEFING.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
19 nually thereafter through 2030, the Secretary of De-  
20 fense and the Secretary of State shall provide the  
21 appropriate committees of Congress with a briefing  
22 on the joint program under subsection (a).

23 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing required by  
24 paragraph (1) shall include, for the period covered  
25 by the briefing, the following:

1 (A) A summary of engagements under sub-  
2 section (a).

3 (B) A description of activities undertaken  
4 by the United States and Germany to enable  
5 co-development and co-production of munitions  
6 systems described in subsection (a).

7 (C) A description of progress made in fi-  
8 nalizing defense trade foundational agreements  
9 between the United States and Germany, in-  
10 cluding—

11 (i) implementation and use of the ex-  
12 isting Reciprocal Defense Procurement  
13 Memorandum of Understanding;

14 (ii) a security of supply agreement for  
15 such munitions systems;

16 (iii) a general security of military in-  
17 formation agreement; and

18 (iv) any cyber maturity model certifi-  
19 cation or equivalent industrial security ar-  
20 rangements.

21 (D) A detailed assessment of the use of ex-  
22 emption and other authorities under, and any  
23 useful modifications that should be made to, the  
24 International Traffic in Arms Regulations and  
25 related statutory authorities that would support

1 the expansion of co-development and co-produc-  
2 tion of munitions systems with Germany, in-  
3 cluding—

4 (i) an assessment of the feasibility  
5 and advisability of seeking a Treaty on De-  
6 fense Trade Cooperation with Germany, or  
7 an equivalent bilateral framework, to  
8 streamline technology transfer approvals  
9 for such munitions systems; and

10 (ii) a description of any interagency  
11 coordination actions taken or planned to  
12 synchronize positions regarding technology  
13 transfer to Germany for such munitions  
14 systems.

15 (E) An identification of the additional re-  
16 sources or authorities necessary to enable the  
17 fielding of munitions capabilities described in  
18 subsection (a).

19 (F) Any other matter the Secretary of De-  
20 fense and the Secretary of State consider ap-  
21 propriate.

22 (d) ADDITIONAL PARTNERS.—The President is au-  
23 thorized to use the authorities provided in this section to  
24 encourage enhanced co-development and co-production



1 with other European security partners of the United  
2 States.

3 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-  
4 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-  
5 tees of Congress” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
7 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on  
8 Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

9 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
10 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on  
11 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

12 **SEC. 1229. REPORT AND ASSESSMENT RELATING TO**  
13 **UNITED STATES FORCE POSTURE ADJUST-**  
14 **MENTS IN EUROPE.**

15 (a) REPORT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
17 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-  
18 mander of the United States European Command  
19 shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
20 a report that includes the risk assessment of the  
21 Commander with respect to United States force pos-  
22 ture changes implemented after January 20, 2025,  
23 in the area of responsibility of the United States Eu-  
24 ropean Command.

1           (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-  
2 graph (1) shall include an assessment of the fol-  
3 lowing:

4           (A) The ability of the United States to  
5 meet military campaign plans in the area of re-  
6 sponsibility of the United States European  
7 Command.

8           (B) The ability of the United States to  
9 meet the regional plans of the North Atlantic  
10 Treaty Organization adopted at the 2023  
11 Vilnius Summit.

12           (C) The ability of the United States to  
13 meet the defense and deterrence requirements  
14 of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

15           (3) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
16 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may  
17 include a classified annex.

18           (b) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT BY THE GOVERN-  
19 MENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE.—

20           (1) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—Not later than  
21 180 days after the submission of the report required  
22 by subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the  
23 United States shall submit to the congressional de-  
24 fense committees an independent assessment of—

1 (A) the analytical framework, analysis of  
2 alternatives, wargaming activities and other  
3 operational assessments, intelligence assess-  
4 ments, and operational and strategic risk as-  
5 sessments used in conducting the review of  
6 global force posture undertaken during develop-  
7 ment of the national defense strategy most re-  
8 cently prepared pursuant to section 113(g) of  
9 title 10, United States Code, specifically as it  
10 pertains to the area of responsibility of the  
11 United States European Command;

12 (B) the conclusions drawn from such re-  
13 view of global force posture; and

14 (C) the extent to which such analytical  
15 framework, analysis of alternatives, wargaming  
16 activities and other operational assessments, in-  
17 telligence assessments, and operational and  
18 strategic risk assessments informed and were  
19 consistent with changes to United States force  
20 posture in the area of responsibility of the  
21 United States European Command imple-  
22 mented after January 20, 2025.

23 (2) ELEMENTS.—The assessment required by  
24 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

1 (A) An evaluation of the completeness,  
2 rigor, and methodological validity of the analyt-  
3 ical framework, assumptions, scenarios, intel-  
4 ligence inputs, and analysis of alternatives.

5 (B) An assessment of the consistency be-  
6 tween the analytical conclusions and actual pos-  
7 ture decisions implemented after January 20,  
8 2025.

9 (C) A review of the sensitivity of conclu-  
10 sions to key assumptions and variables.

11 (D) An identification of any gaps, limita-  
12 tions, or sources of analytical risk.

13 (E) An evaluation of the implications of  
14 each such adjustment for United States na-  
15 tional security interests, the deterrence and de-  
16 fense posture of the North Atlantic Treaty Or-  
17 ganization, and execution of combatant com-  
18 mander campaign plans and North Atlantic  
19 Treaty Organization regional plans.

20 (3) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—The Secretary  
21 of Defense shall provide the Comptroller General  
22 with timely access to all data, assumptions, models,  
23 briefings, analyses, memoranda, recommendations,  
24 dissenting views, decision memoranda, and other in-  
25 formation necessary to carry out the assessment re-

quired under this subsection, including classified information, consistent with applicable law.

## **Subtitle D—Matters Relating to the Indo-Pacific Region**

### **SEC. 1231. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIAL FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACTIVITIES RELATING TO, AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR, THE AUKUS PARTNERSHIP.**

Section 1332 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (22 U.S.C. 10412) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “a senior civilian” and all that follows through “who shall be” and inserting “the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Armaments Cooperation as the senior civilian official of the Department of Defense”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act” and inserting “March 1, 2027, and semiannually thereafter”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “The plan” and inserting “Each plan”;

1 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs  
 2 (B) through (G) as subparagraphs (C)  
 3 through (H), respectively; and

4 (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
 5 (A) the following new subparagraph (B):

6 “(B) A description of the organization,  
 7 roles, and objectives of all AUKUS implementa-  
 8 tion working groups.”; and

9 (3) in subsection (c)—

10 (A) by striking “the plan” and inserting  
 11 “a plan”; and

12 (B) by striking “2029” and inserting  
 13 “2032”.

14 **SEC. 1232. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF PACIFIC DE-**  
 15 **TERRENCE INITIATIVE.**

16 (a) FUNDING.—Subsection (c) of section 1251 of the  
 17 William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Author-  
 18 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note)  
 19 is amended—

20 (1) by striking “the National Defense Author-  
 21 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2026” and inserting “the  
 22 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
 23 2027”; and

24 (2) by striking “fiscal year 2026” and inserting  
 25 “fiscal year 2027”.

1 (b) REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS.—Subsection (d) of  
2 such section is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (1)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), in the matter  
5 preceding clause (i), by striking “fiscal years  
6 2027 and 2028” and inserting “fiscal years  
7 2028 and 2029”; and

8 (B) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the  
9 end the following new clause:

10 “(viii) The independent assessment of  
11 the Commander of the United States Indo-  
12 Pacific Command with respect to the ac-  
13 tivities and resources required for the sub-  
14 ordinate unified commands of the United  
15 States Indo-Pacific Command, including  
16 United States Forces Korea and United  
17 States Forces Japan.”; and

18 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal years  
19 2027 and 2028” each place it appears and inserting  
20 “fiscal years 2028 and 2029”.

21 (c) EXTENSION OF PLAN.—Subsection (e) of such  
22 section is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph  
23 (1), by striking “fiscal years 2027 and 2028” and insert-  
24 ing “fiscal years 2028 and 2029”.

1 **SEC. 1233. EXTENSION, MODIFICATION, AND REDESIGNA-**  
 2 **TION OF TAIWAN SECURITY COOPERATION**  
 3 **INITIATIVE.**

4 Section 1323 of the Servicemember Quality of Life  
 5 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for  
 6 Fiscal Year 2025 (22 U.S.C. 3302 note) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**TAI-**  
 8 **WAN**” and inserting “**FIRST ISLAND CHAIN**”;

9 (2) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1)—

11 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
 12 graph (A), by striking “Consistent” and all  
 13 that follows through “Defense” and insert-  
 14 ing “The Secretary of Defense”;

15 (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

16 (I) by inserting “consistent with  
 17 the Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C.  
 18 3301 et seq.),” before “the military”;  
 19 and

20 (II) by striking “; and” and in-  
 21 serting a semicolon;

22 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

23 (I) by inserting “consistent with  
 24 the Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C.  
 25 3301 et seq.),” before “civilian”; and



1 (II) by striking the period at the  
2 end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (iv) by adding at the end the following  
4 new subparagraph:

5 “(C) the national security forces of the  
6 Philippines.”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (2)—

8 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
9 graph (A), by inserting “and the Phil-  
10ippines” after “Taiwan”; and

11 (ii) by adding at the end the following  
12 new subparagraph:

13 “(C) The national security forces of the  
14 Government of the Philippines to defend  
15 against coercion and aggression.”;

16 (3) in subsection (b)(1), in the matter pre-  
17 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “subparagraph  
18 (A)” and inserting “subparagraphs (A) and (C)”;

19 (4) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the  
20 following new paragraph:

21 “(3) FISCAL YEAR 2027.—Of the amounts au-  
22 thorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for  
23 the Department of Defense, not more than  
24 \$1,500,000,000 may be made available for the pur-  
25 poses of subsection (a).”;

1 (5) in subsection (e)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and  
3 the national security forces of the Philippines”  
4 after “Taiwan”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or the  
6 national security forces of the Philippines”  
7 after “Taiwan”; and

8 (6) in subsection (h), by striking “December  
9 31, 2029” and inserting “December 31, 2032”.

10 **SEC. 1234. UPDATES TO NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY**  
11 **PROGRAM OPERATING MANUAL REGARDING**  
12 **AUKUS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
15 fense, acting through the Defense Counterintelligence and  
16 Security Agency, shall submit to the congressional defense  
17 committees a plan to identify, mitigate, and remove, as  
18 appropriate, procedures and regulations contained in the  
19 National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual  
20 that unnecessarily constrain or impede government and in-  
21 dustry from meeting the objectives of the partnership  
22 among Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United  
23 States (commonly known as “AUKUS”).

24 (b) ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED.—At a minimum, the  
25 plan required by subsection (a) shall address the following

1 issues related to the National Industrial Security Program

2 Operating Manual:

3 (1) International security requirements.

4 (2) Clearance reciprocity.

5 (3) Marking and classification.

6 (4) Security training.

7 (5) Subcontracting.

8 (6) Foreign ownership, control, or influence.

9 (7) Delegation and oversight by cognizant secu-  
10 rity agencies.

11 (c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The plan re-  
12 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) A timeline for updating the National Indus-  
14 trial Security Program Operating Manual.

15 (2) A plan for mitigating National Industrial  
16 Security Program Operating Manual procedures and  
17 regulations that unnecessarily constrain AUKUS  
18 participants.

19 (3) Recommendations for any legislative action,  
20 as necessary, that would facilitate the AUKUS part-  
21 nership.

22 **SEC. 1235. OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES MILITARY POS-**  
23 **TURE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.**

24 (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts au-  
25 thorized to be appropriated by this Act may not be obli-

1 gated or expended to reduce the approximate total number  
2 of members of the Armed Forces that are permanently  
3 stationed in, or deployed to, the Republic of Korea to  
4 below 28,500, or to complete the transition of wartime  
5 operational control of the United States-Republic of Korea  
6 Combined Forces Command from United States-led com-  
7 mand to Republic of Korea-led command, until the date  
8 that is 60 days after the date on which the certification  
9 described in subsection (b) and the applicable assessment  
10 described in subsection (c) are submitted to the appro-  
11 priate committees of Congress.

12 (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification  
13 described in this subsection is a certification by the Sec-  
14 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander  
15 of United States Forces Korea, the Commander of the  
16 United States Indo-Pacific Command, the Secretary of  
17 State, and the Director of National Intelligence, to the ap-  
18 propriate committees of Congress that, as applicable, a re-  
19 duction in the approximate total number of members of  
20 the Armed Forces that are permanently stationed in, or  
21 deployed to, the Republic of Korea to below 28,500 or the  
22 completion of the transition of wartime operational control  
23 of the United States-Republic of Korea Combined Forces  
24 Command from United States-led command—

1           (1) is in the national security interest of the  
2       United States; and

3           (2) is being undertaken only after appropriate  
4       consultations with allies of the United States, includ-  
5       ing the Republic of Korea, Japan, and any country  
6       that has sent military contributions to the United  
7       Nations Command.

8       (c) ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED.—An assessment de-  
9       scribed in this subsection is the following:

10           (1) In the case of a reduction in the total num-  
11       ber of members of the Armed Forces permanently  
12       stationed in or deployed to the Republic of Korea to  
13       below 28,500, an assessment by the Secretary of De-  
14       fense, in consultation with the Commander of  
15       United States Forces Korea, the Commander of the  
16       United States Indo-Pacific Command, the Secretary  
17       of State, and the Director of National Intelligence  
18       that includes—

19           (A) an analysis of the impact of such a re-  
20       duction on—

21                   (i) the security of the United States;

22                   (ii) the security of the Republic of  
23       Korea and Japan;

24                   (iii) United States deterrence; and

1 (iv) the defense posture of the United  
2 States Indo-Pacific Command;

3 (B) an analysis of the impact of such a re-  
4 duction on the ability of the Armed Forces to  
5 execute contingency plans of the Department of  
6 Defense, including in support of operations be-  
7 yond the Korean Peninsula;

8 (C) an analysis of the additional costs for  
9 relocation of personnel, equipment, and associ-  
10 ated infrastructure;

11 (D) an analysis of the impact of such a re-  
12 duction on military training and major military  
13 exercises, including on interoperability and joint  
14 activities with the Republic of Korea and  
15 Japan;

16 (E) a description of consultations with the  
17 Republic of Korea, Japan, and countries that  
18 have sent military contributions to the United  
19 Nations Command;

20 (F) an assessment of the impact of a sub-  
21 stantial reduction in the number of members of  
22 the Armed Forces permanently stationed in or  
23 deployed to the Republic of Korea on the credi-  
24 bility of United States extended deterrence  
25 commitments to the Republic of Korea and

1 Japan, the potential for nuclear proliferation in  
2 the Indo-Pacific region, and the ability of the  
3 remaining forces permanently stationed in, or  
4 deployed to, the Republic of Korea to support  
5 integrated air and missile defense operations in  
6 defense of the Republic of Korea and Japan;  
7 and

8 (G) an independent risk assessment by the  
9 Commander of United States Forces Korea, the  
10 Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific  
11 Command, and the Chairman of the Joint  
12 Chiefs of Staff of—

13 (i) the impact of such a reduction on  
14 the security of the United States;

15 (ii) the ability of the Armed Forces to  
16 execute contingency plans of the Depart-  
17 ment of Defense, including in support of  
18 operations beyond the Korean Peninsula;  
19 and

20 (iii) the impact of such a reduction on  
21 military training and major military exer-  
22 cises, including on interoperability and  
23 joint activities with the Republic of Korea  
24 and Japan.

1           (2) In the case of the completion of the transi-  
2           tion of wartime operational control of the United  
3           States-Republic of Korea Combined Forces Com-  
4           mand from United States-led command to Republic  
5           of Korea-led command, an assessment by the Sec-  
6           retary of Defense, in consultation with the Com-  
7           mander of United States Forces Korea, the Com-  
8           mander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command,  
9           the Secretary of State, and the Director of National  
10          Intelligence that includes—

11                 (A) an assessment of the extent to which  
12                 the three conditions set forth in the bilaterally  
13                 determined conditions-based Operational Con-  
14                 trol Transition Plan that was signed on October  
15                 31, 2018, will be satisfied prior to the comple-  
16                 tion of such transition;

17                 (B) a detailed description of the manner in  
18                 which a Republic of Korea-led Combined Forces  
19                 Command will report to national command au-  
20                 thorities in the United States and the Republic  
21                 of Korea;

22                 (C) a detailed description of the planned  
23                 command relationship between a Republic of  
24                 Korea-led Combined Forces Command and the  
25                 United States-led United Nations Command;



1 (D) a description of consultations with  
2 countries that have sent military contributions  
3 to the United Nations Command;

4 (E) a description of the United States-Re-  
5 public of Korea wartime operational control  
6 consultations with Japan, and an assessment of  
7 approaches for deconflicting military operations  
8 across the United States-Republic of Korea and  
9 the United States-Japan alliances;

10 (F) an assessment of the effect, if any, of  
11 the completion of such transition on the poten-  
12 tial for nuclear proliferation in the Indo-Pacific  
13 region; and

14 (G) an independent military risk assess-  
15 ment by the Commander of United States  
16 Forces Korea, the Commander of the United  
17 States Indo-Pacific Command, and the Chair-  
18 man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of such transi-  
19 tion.

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) QUARTERLY REPORT.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,  
6       2027, and every 90 days thereafter through 2030,  
7       the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the  
8       Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Com-  
9       mand and the Commander of United States Forces  
10      Korea, shall provide the appropriate committees of  
11      Congress with a report on the United States-Repub-  
12      lic of Korea roadmap for implementation of the bi-  
13      lateral Conditions-based Operational Control Transi-  
14      tion Plan, signed on October 31, 2018.

15          (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-  
16      graph (1) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

17           (A) The current assessment of the Com-  
18      mander of the United States Indo-Pacific Com-  
19      mand and the Commander of United States  
20      Forces Korea with respect to the conditions  
21      that must be achieved before the Republic of  
22      Korea may responsibly assume wartime oper-  
23      ational control, including an assessment of the  
24      extent to which—

1 (i) the Republic of Korea has acquired  
2 and operationalized the military capabili-  
3 ties required to lead the combined defense;

4 (ii) comprehensive alliance response  
5 capabilities are sufficient to address nu-  
6 clear and missile threats by the Demo-  
7 cratic People's Republic of Korea; and

8 (iii) the security environment on the  
9 Korean Peninsula and in the Indo-Pacific  
10 region is conducive to a stable transition of  
11 wartime operational control.

12 (B) An articulation of the specific military  
13 capabilities, and associated numbers or levels of  
14 such capabilities, the Republic of Korea must  
15 acquire and operationalize in order for—

16 (i) the Republic of Korea to be consid-  
17 ered prepared to lead the combined de-  
18 fense; and

19 (ii) comprehensive alliance response  
20 capabilities to be considered sufficient to  
21 address nuclear and missile threats of the  
22 Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

23 (C) An articulation of the specific military  
24 capabilities, and associated numbers or levels of  
25 such capabilities, the United States Armed

1 Forces must acquire and operationalize in order  
2 for comprehensive alliance response capabilities  
3 to be considered sufficient to address nuclear  
4 and missile threats of the Democratic People’s  
5 Republic of Korea.

6 (D) Any other matter the Secretary of De-  
7 fense considers appropriate.

8 (f) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-  
9 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-  
10 tees of Congress” means—

11 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
12 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on  
13 Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

14 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
15 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on  
16 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

17 **SEC. 1236. INDO-PACIFIC REGIONAL SUSTAINMENT FRAME-**  
18 **WORK.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Using lessons learned from  
20 the demonstration program carried out under section 842  
21 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
22 2024 (10 U.S.C. 2341 note), the Secretary of Defense  
23 shall establish and maintain a regional sustainment frame-  
24 work in the area of responsibility of the United States  
25 Indo-Pacific Command, to be known as the “Indo-Pacific

1 Regional Sustainment Framework” (referred to in this  
2 section as the “Framework”), to foster co-sustainment ef-  
3 forts focused on providing the logistics support,  
4 sustainment activities, and personnel services necessary to  
5 maintain defense platforms, systems, subsystems, and  
6 components.

7 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Framework  
8 shall be—

9 (1) to mitigate the risks associated with oper-  
10 ations in a contested logistics environment;

11 (2) to ensure military readiness and lethality;

12 (3) to reduce strategic lift requirements;

13 (4) to leverage the industrial base capabilities  
14 of allies and partners, including through co-  
15 sustainment and co-production relationships;

16 (5) to collectively leverage the industrial base  
17 capabilities of the United States and its allies and  
18 partners to forge agreements, align logistics prior-  
19 ities, exchange best practices, strengthen supply  
20 chain resilience, and expand the defense industrial  
21 base through co-sustainment relationships, including  
22 through key bilateral and multilateral forums such  
23 as the Partnership for Indo-Pacific Industrial Resil-  
24 ience and the Five-Eyes Joint Sustainment & Supply  
25 Chain Forum;

1           (6) to provide the Commander of the United  
2       States Indo-Pacific Command with a range of flexi-  
3       ble and pre-arranged options to meet in-theater  
4       sustainment requirements;

5           (7) to integrate with and leverage regional  
6       sustainment frameworks and capabilities in other ge-  
7       ographic combatant commands to support greater  
8       integration of global co-sustainment activities; and

9           (8) to provide an integrated, responsive, and  
10      comprehensive forward sustainment capability that  
11      addresses critical gaps in force readiness.

12      (c) ADVANCE PLANNING AND PREPARATION.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—As part of the Framework,  
14      the Secretary may establish product support ar-  
15      rangements with a covered product support provider  
16      to enable a rapid response in a contingency oper-  
17      ation (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10,  
18      United States Code) to the product support require-  
19      ments of such contingency operation.

20           (2) INCLUSION.—Such arrangement may in-  
21      clude agreements with covered countries for mainte-  
22      nance, pre-positioning, storage of materials, or dis-  
23      tribution.

24      (d) AUTHORITIES.—In establishing and maintaining  
25      the Framework, the Secretary may use, in accordance with

1 section 3 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.  
2 2753), the authorities under sections 2342, 2474, 3601,  
3 4021, and 4022 of title 10, United States Code.

4 (e) DEVELOPMENT AND PROMULGATION OF DEPART-  
5 MENT OF DEFENSE GUIDANCE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
8 shall issue guidance implementing the Framework.

9 (2) ELEMENTS.—The guidance required by  
10 paragraph (1) shall include, at a minimum, provi-  
11 sions that require—

12 (A) the Under Secretary of Defense for  
13 Acquisition and Sustainment, in coordination  
14 with the Service Acquisition Executives and  
15 Life Cycle Managers, to develop and maintain  
16 a list of available regional sustainment capabili-  
17 ties as a reference catalog for product support  
18 opportunities, including a range of flexible and  
19 pre-arranged options for product support ar-  
20 rangements to meet in-theater sustainment re-  
21 quirements;

22 (B) the Commander of the United States  
23 Indo-Pacific Command, in coordination with the  
24 applicable service component commands, to  
25 identify a prioritized list of requirements for in-

1 theater sustainment of platforms, information  
2 and communication systems, subsystems, or  
3 components;

4 (C) the Secretary of each military depart-  
5 ment to identify and prioritize projects to ad-  
6 dress such requirements, including with respect  
7 to the certification of repair processes, inter-  
8 mediate testing capabilities, and vendors; and

9 (D) the integration of explosives safety and  
10 risk management principles for all activities re-  
11 lating to munitions sustainment.

12 (f) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2028, and an-  
13 nually thereafter through 2031, the Secretary shall submit  
14 to the congressional defense committees a report that in-  
15 cludes—

16 (1) any recommendations for additional re-  
17 sources or new authorities necessary for achieving  
18 the purposes under subsection (b) for the Frame-  
19 work or regional sustainment frameworks in the  
20 areas of responsibility of other combatant com-  
21 mands;

22 (2) an assessment of the feasibility and advis-  
23 ability of establishing, or a description of progress in  
24 developing, regional sustainment hubs in covered  
25 countries to enhance forward readiness and coalition



1 interoperability, including reviews of agreements and  
 2 product support integration within the Framework  
 3 to ensure effective long-term sustainment;

4 (3) an assessment of the extent to which the  
 5 options within the reference catalog developed under  
 6 subsection (e)(2)(A) are being used; and

7 (4) an assessment of measurable improvements  
 8 in readiness for priority weapons and platforms re-  
 9 sulting from the Framework.

10 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) CONTESTED LOGISTICS ENVIRONMENT.—  
 12 The term “contested logistics environment” has the  
 13 meaning given such term in section 2926(h) of title  
 14 10, United States Code.

15 (2) COVERED COUNTRY.—The term “covered  
 16 country” means—

17 (A) the Republic of Korea;

18 (B) Japan;

19 (C) Australia;

20 (D) New Zealand;

21 (E) the Philippines;

22 (F) Singapore;

23 (G) the United Kingdom;

24 (H) Canada; and

1 (I) any other country designated by the  
2 Secretary for purposes of the Framework.

3 (3) COVERED PRODUCT SUPPORT PROVIDER.—  
4 The term “covered product support provider”  
5 means—

6 (A) a product support provider that in-  
7 cludes an entity within the government of a cov-  
8 ered country;

9 (B) a private sector product support pro-  
10 vider; and

11 (C) a product support integrator domiciled  
12 in the United States or a covered country.

13 (4) PRODUCT SUPPORT; PRODUCT SUPPORT IN-  
14 TEGRATOR; PRODUCT SUPPORT PROVIDER.—The  
15 terms “product support”, “product support inte-  
16 grator”, and “product support provider” have the  
17 meanings given such terms in section 4324(d) of  
18 title 10, United States Code.

19 (5) PRODUCT SUPPORT ARRANGEMENT.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “product  
21 support arrangement” means a contract, task  
22 order, or any other type of agreement or ar-  
23 rangement, between the United States and a  
24 covered product support provider, for the per-

formance of the functions described in subparagraph (B) with respect to—

(i) a platform or information system operated by the United States and the covered country of such covered product support provider;

(ii) a subsystem or components of such a platform or information system; or

(iii) maintenance, pre-positioning, storage of materials, or distribution.

(B) FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The functions described in this subparagraph, with respect to a platform, information system, subsystem, or component described in subparagraph (A), are the following:

(i) Performance-based logistics.

(ii) Sustainment support.

(iii) Contractor logistics support.

(iv) Life-cycle product support.

(v) Weapon system product support.

**SEC. 1237. EXTENSION OF ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY  
POWER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
CHINA.**

Section 1202(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) is

1 amended by striking “January 31, 2027” and inserting  
2 “January 31, 2032”.

3 **SEC. 1238. STRATEGY FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN SOUTH**  
4 **CHINA SEA.**

5 (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,  
7 in coordination with the head of any other appropriate  
8 Federal department or agency, shall develop a strategy for  
9 crisis management in the South China Sea that—

10 (1) identifies the locations of the most likely  
11 flashpoints in the South China Sea that could lead  
12 to scenarios of crises short of war that would require  
13 heightened interagency and international coordina-  
14 tion; and

15 (2) outlines defense planning scenarios for re-  
16 sponding to each such potential flashpoint, including  
17 sequenced response options and coordination with  
18 foreign partners.

19 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The strategy required by sub-  
20 section (a) shall be designed—

21 (1) to deny the aim of the People’s Republic of  
22 China and deter further People’s Republic of China  
23 provocation or actions that expand the crisis;

1           (2) to ensure the safety of United States citi-  
2       zens and residents in the region and in the United  
3       States;

4           (3) to ensure the safety of members of the  
5       United States Armed Forces in the region, including  
6       safety from accidents;

7           (4) to preserve United States economic interests  
8       in the region, including protecting key trade and  
9       commerce routes;

10          (5) to uphold treaty obligations and protect al-  
11       lies and partners; and

12          (6) to manage possible escalation into combat  
13       operations by taking opportunities for de-escalation  
14       and maintaining strategic stability.

15       (c) DEFENSE PLANNING SCENARIOS.—Each defense  
16   planning scenario required by subsection (a)(2) shall in-  
17   clude, at a minimum, the following:

18           (1) A list of specific indicators that would ele-  
19       vate a scenario from a baseline of gray-zone condi-  
20       tions to the level of a crisis.

21           (2) An articulation of clearly identified assump-  
22       tions, phases, and potential evolutions of the crisis.

23           (3) Anticipated decision points and potential re-  
24       sponse options, sequenced across all identified  
25       phases.

1           (4) An evaluation of the potential risks and  
2           benefits of potential response options.

3           (5) A list of possible options for de-escalating  
4           the crisis situation, including a description of indica-  
5           tors of such options and recommendations of options  
6           for the Secretary of Defense to take advantage of  
7           such options.

8           (6) A plan for engagement with foreign part-  
9           ners, including an identification of any action to be  
10          pre-coordinated.

11         (d) INTERIM REPORT.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days  
13           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
14           retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on  
15           Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
16           resentatives a progress report that—

17                 (A) details the list of locations and sce-  
18                 narios identified under subsection (a)(1);

19                 (B) provides a status update on the devel-  
20                 opment of defense planning scenarios required  
21                 by subsection (a)(2);

22                 (C) sets forth a plan for the completion of  
23                 such planning scenarios by not later than one  
24                 year after such date of enactment; and

1 (D) details the process by which such plan-  
 2 ning scenarios will be reviewed, updated as nec-  
 3 essary, and validated.

4 (2) FORM.—The interim report required by  
 5 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified  
 6 form but may include a classified annex.

7 (e) REPORT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
 9 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
 10 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on  
 11 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
 12 resentatives a report that summarizes the strategy  
 13 developed under subsection (a).

14 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
 15 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may  
 16 include a classified annex.

17 **SEC. 1239. MASTER PLAN FOR FACILITY REQUIREMENTS TO**  
 18 **SUPPORT ROTATIONAL FORCE PRESENCE IN**  
 19 **THE PHILIPPINES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
 21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
 22 fense, in coordination with the Commander of the United  
 23 States Indo-Pacific Command, shall submit to the con-  
 24 gressional defense committees a master plan outlining fa-

1 cility requirements to support a rotational presence of the  
2 United States Armed Forces in the Philippines.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The master plan required by sub-  
4 section (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

5 (1) An identification of enhanced defense co-  
6 operation sites, cooperative security locations, and  
7 other locations supporting rotational presence of the  
8 United States Armed Forces in the Philippines.

9 (2) For each location identified under para-  
10 graph (1), an identification of validated facility re-  
11 quirements necessary to support rotational forces.

12 (3) A delineation of funding responsibilities be-  
13 tween the Department of Defense and the Govern-  
14 ment of the Philippines for fulfilling such require-  
15 ments.

16 (4) A timeline for fulfilling such requirements.

17 (5) Any other matter the Secretary considers  
18 appropriate.

19 (c) UPDATES.—Concurrently with the submission of  
20 the budget of the President to Congress pursuant to sec-  
21 tion 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for each of fiscal  
22 years 2028 through 2033, the Secretary shall submit to  
23 the congressional defense committees an update to the  
24 master plan required by subsection (a).



1 **SEC. 1240. MASTER PLAN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRE-**  
2 **MENTS TO SUPPORT ROTATIONAL FORCE**  
3 **PRESENCE IN AUSTRALIA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
6 fense, in coordination with the Commander of the United  
7 States Indo-Pacific Command, shall submit to the con-  
8 gressional defense committees a master plan outlining in-  
9 frastructure requirements to support a rotational presence  
10 of the United States Armed Forces in Australia.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The master plan required by sub-  
12 section (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

13 (1) An identification of cooperative security lo-  
14 cations and other locations supporting a rotational  
15 presence of the United States Armed Forces in Aus-  
16 tralia, including Marine Rotational Force-Darwin  
17 and Submarine Rotational Force-West.

18 (2) For each location identified under para-  
19 graph (1), an identification of validated infrastruc-  
20 ture requirements necessary to support rotational  
21 forces.

22 (3) A delineation of funding responsibilities be-  
23 tween the Department of Defense and the Govern-  
24 ment of Australia for fulfilling such requirements.

25 (4) A timeline for fulfilling such requirements.

1           (5) Any other matter the Secretary considers  
2           appropriate.

3           (c) UPDATES.—Concurrently with the submission of  
4 the budget of the President to Congress pursuant to sec-  
5 tion 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for each of fiscal  
6 years 2028 through 2033, the Secretary shall submit to  
7 the congressional defense committees an update to the  
8 master plan required by subsection (a).

9   **SEC. 1241. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP**  
10                   **YOUNG CIVILIAN DEFENSE LEADERS IN THE**  
11                   **INDO-PACIFIC REGION.**

12           Section 1261(e) of the James M. Inhofe National De-  
13 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (10 U.S.C.  
14 311 note) is amended by striking “December 31, 2026”  
15 and inserting “December 31, 2031”.

16   **SEC. 1242. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE**  
17                   **CYBER COOPERATION WITH COVERED FOR-**  
18                   **EIGN MILITARY PARTNERS IN SOUTHEAST**  
19                   **ASIA.**

20           Section 1256(e) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry  
21 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
22 (10 U.S.C. 333 note) is amended by striking “December  
23 31, 2028” and inserting “December 31, 2030”.

1 **SEC. 1243. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER**  
2 **FUNDS FOR BIEN HOA DIOXIN CLEANUP.**

3 Section 1253(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry  
4 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
5 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3955) is amended by  
6 striking “fiscal year 2026” and inserting “fiscal year  
7 2027”.

8 **SEC. 1244. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
9 **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE**  
10 **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.**

11 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this  
12 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
13 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, and available  
14 for the Office of the Secretary of Defense for travel ex-  
15 penses, not more than 75 percent may be obligated or ex-  
16 pended until the Secretary of Defense submits—

17 (1) the multi-year plan to fulfill the defensive  
18 requirements of the military forces of Taiwan, also  
19 known as the “Taiwan Security Assistance Road-  
20 map”, required by section 5506 of the James M.  
21 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
22 cal Year 2023 (22 U.S.C. 3355);

23 (2) the annual progress report due on Decem-  
24 ber 31, 2024, regarding implementation of the pilot  
25 program to improve cyber cooperation with covered  
26 foreign military partners in Southeast Asia required

1 by section 1256(c)(2) of the William M. (Mac)  
2 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for  
3 Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 333 note);

4 (3) briefings on revised program selection guid-  
5 ance and use of the total obligation authority with-  
6 hold technique for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative,  
7 as required by the Joint Explanatory Statement ac-  
8 companying the National Defense Authorization Act  
9 for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
10 718);

11 (4) the briefing required by section 1266 of the  
12 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
13 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1120; 22  
14 U.S.C. 3302 note) regarding the establishment of a  
15 joint program with Taiwan for the purpose of ena-  
16 bling the fielding of uncrewed systems and counter-  
17 uncrewed systems capabilities;

18 (5) the report required by section 1269 of the  
19 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
20 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1124) regard-  
21 ing enhancing the United States defense relationship  
22 with the Philippines;

23 (6) the annual report required by section 1332  
24 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
25 Year 2024 (22 U.S.C. 10412) regarding Department

1 of Defense activities to implement the AUKUS part-  
2 nership; and

3 (7) the annual report on Chinese military com-  
4 panies operating in the United States required by  
5 section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry  
6 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
7 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note).

8 **SEC. 1245. REPORT ON JAPANESE COUNTERSTRIKE CAPA-**  
9 **BILITIES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
12 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall  
13 submit to the congressional defense committees a report  
14 outlining Department of Defense efforts to support Japan  
15 in the fielding of an operational counterstrike capability.

16 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection  
17 (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

18 (1) A description of the activities and objectives  
19 of the United States-Japan Roles, Missions, and Ca-  
20 pabilities Working Group with respect to the fielding  
21 of an operational counterstrike capability by Japan.

22 (2) A description of the operations, activities,  
23 and investments the Department is undertaking in  
24 collaboration with the Government of Japan, includ-  
25 ing—

1 (A) a description of progress made by the  
2 United States and Japan in developing and de-  
3 ploying counterstrike capabilities, including in  
4 and across the First Island Chain;

5 (B) a description of the counterstrike ca-  
6 pabilities of Japan and a characterization of the  
7 potential for enhancement of such capabilities;

8 (C) a description of the impediments to  
9 fielding a strengthened alliance strike posture,  
10 including—

11 (i) domestic legal constraints;

12 (ii) regulatory restrictions, including  
13 technology and foreign disclosure con-  
14 straints;

15 (iii) industrial base-driven capacity  
16 limitations; and

17 (iv) political impediments;

18 (D) an articulation of the planning as-  
19 sumptions underpinning the assigned and an-  
20 ticipated roles, missions, and capabilities of the  
21 respective counterstrike capabilities of the  
22 United States and Japan;

23 (E) a description of the manner in which  
24 the United States and Japan will coordinate  
25 and deconflict counterstrike operations; and

1 (F) an assessment of potential alliance  
2 posture changes that would support an en-  
3 hanced alliance counterstrike capability, includ-  
4 ing in the First Island Chain.

5 (3) A description of the command and control  
6 mechanisms and information-sharing requirements  
7 needed to enable coordination and deconfliction of  
8 allied counterstrike operations, including—

9 (A) the adoption of enhanced security pro-  
10 tocols to ensure secure networks;

11 (B) the technical means needed to facili-  
12 tate integrated planning for counterstrike oper-  
13 ations; and

14 (C) the sharing of targeting information.

15 (4) An identification of challenges to the imple-  
16 mentation of the operations, activities, and invest-  
17 ments described in paragraph (2), and any rec-  
18 ommended legislative changes, resourcing require-  
19 ments, bilateral agreements, or other measures that  
20 would facilitate the implementation of such oper-  
21 ations, activities, and investments.

22 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)  
23 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include  
24 a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 1246. STRATEGY FOR CYBER COOPERATION IN THE**  
2 **INDO-PACIFIC REGION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary  
5 of Defense for Policy and the Chairman of the Joint  
6 Chiefs of Staff, in coordination with the Commander of  
7 the United States Indo-Pacific Command and the Com-  
8 mander of the United States Cyber Command, shall de-  
9 velop, submit to the congressional defense committees, and  
10 commence implementation of a strategy to enhance and  
11 institutionalize cyber cooperation between the Department  
12 of Defense and allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific re-  
13 gion.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection  
15 (a) shall include the following:

16 (1) An identification of the current and pro-  
17 jected cyber cooperation requirements of the Depart-  
18 ment of Defense in the Indo-Pacific region through  
19 2040, including requirements identified in theater  
20 security cooperation plans, relating to—

21 (A) defensive cyberspace operations;

22 (B) offensive cyber operations;

23 (C) secure information sharing;

24 (D) cyber training, exercises, and work-  
25 force development;



1 (E) protection of critical infrastructure,  
2 communications networks, and defense indus-  
3 trial base networks;

4 (F) joint planning and operational integra-  
5 tion; and

6 (G) command and control structures for  
7 joint cyber integration.

8 (2) An identification of existing cyber coopera-  
9 tion activities, agreements, and capability gaps be-  
10 tween the Department of Defense and allies and  
11 partners in the Indo-Pacific region.

12 (3) A strategic review of the cybersecurity ca-  
13 pacity and cyber resilience of allies and partners in  
14 the Indo-Pacific region that includes the following:

15 (A) With respect to each such ally or part-  
16 ner—

17 (i) an assessment of the extent to  
18 which the ally or partner has expressed in-  
19 terest or has participated in existing  
20 United States Government or Department  
21 programs to assist in the expansion of cy-  
22 bersecurity capacity across policies, tech-  
23 nical architecture, and practices of the ally  
24 or partner, the results of any such partici-

1           pation, and an identification of any bar-  
2           riers to effective participation;

3           (ii) an assessment of the extent to  
4           which the responsibility for cybersecurity  
5           capabilities and any exposure resulting  
6           from gaps in such capabilities lie with the  
7           military, another government entity, or the  
8           commercial sector of the ally or partner,  
9           and an assessment of the manner in which  
10          the structure contributes to opportunities  
11          for, or risks to, collaboration with the  
12          United States Armed Forces;

13          (iii) an identification of the cybersecu-  
14          rity standards used by each ally or part-  
15          ner, and an assessment of the extent to  
16          which such standards overlap with United  
17          States cybersecurity standards; and

18          (iv) in the case of an ally or partner  
19          that does not have shared cybersecurity  
20          standards with the United States, a review  
21          of the differences between standards, the  
22          manner in which such differences may cre-  
23          ate barriers to interoperability and collabo-  
24          ration with the Department, existing De-  
25          partment mitigation measures to ensure

1 collaboration, and recommendations for  
2 more permanent solutions.

3 (B) An identification of additional re-  
4 sources or authorities required to help address  
5 gaps in the cybersecurity architecture or prac-  
6 tices of such allies and partners, including with  
7 respect to the National Guard's State Partner-  
8 ship Program and consultations provided by the  
9 Department of State and the Department of  
10 Homeland Security.

11 (C) An identification of any capability gaps  
12 of such allies and partners with respect to cy-  
13 bersecurity capacity and cyber resilience that  
14 the Department may be able to address through  
15 security cooperation initiatives.

16 (4) An identification of—

17 (A) actions necessary to strengthen cyber  
18 cooperation, interoperability, intelligence and in-  
19 formation sharing, cyber defense and cybersecu-  
20 rity integration, and combined cyber planning  
21 with such allies and partners;

22 (B) any authorities, force posture adjust-  
23 ments, organizational changes, or legislative ac-  
24 tions required to improve cybersecurity in the  
25 Indo-Pacific region; and

1 (C) opportunities—

2 (i) to expand bilateral and multilateral  
3 cyber exercises, cyber workforce exchanges,  
4 cyber capacity-building initiatives, and  
5 operational collaboration with such allies  
6 and partners;

7 (ii) to leverage existing security co-  
8 operation mechanisms and multilateral  
9 partnerships to support the objectives of  
10 the strategy; and

11 (iii) to enhance collaboration between  
12 the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary  
13 of Defense, the United States Cyber Com-  
14 mand, and the United States Indo-Pacific  
15 Command on cybersecurity cooperation  
16 with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific  
17 region.

18 (c) FUNDING PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after  
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary  
20 of Defense for Policy and the Chairman of the Joint  
21 Chiefs of Staff, in coordination with the Commander of  
22 the United States Indo-Pacific Command and the Com-  
23 mander of the United States Cyber Command, shall sub-  
24 mit to the congressional defense committees a report that  
25 includes—

1           (1) a plan for funding and resourcing the im-  
2           plementation of the strategy developed under sub-  
3           section (a) across the period covered by the most re-  
4           cent future-years defense program submitted to Con-  
5           gress under section 221 of title 10, United States  
6           Code, as of the date of the report; and

7           (2) an identification of any resource gaps that  
8           would impede implementation of such strategy.

9           (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
10          date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary  
11          of Defense for Policy and the Chairman of the Joint  
12          Chiefs of Staff shall provide the congressional defense  
13          committees with a briefing on the strategy required by  
14          subsection (a).

15          (e) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than  
16          March 15, 2028, the Under Secretary of Defense for Pol-  
17          icy and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall  
18          submit to the congressional defense committees a report  
19          on the progress of the implementation of such strategy,  
20          including—

21                (1) a description of actions taken to implement  
22                the strategy;

23                (2) an assessment of remaining operational and  
24                capability gaps;

1           (3) an identification of any barriers to imple-  
2           mentation; and

3           (4) recommendations for any additional au-  
4           thorities or resources required to carry out the strat-  
5           egy.

6           (f) FORM.—The strategy, briefing, and report re-  
7           quired by this section shall be submitted in unclassified  
8           form but may include a classified annex.

9   **SEC. 1247. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF INDO-PA-**  
10                           **CIFIC MARITIME SECURITY INITIATIVE.**

11          (a) EXPANSION OF TYPES OF ASSISTANCE AND  
12   TRAINING.—Subsection (c) of section 1263 of the Na-  
13   tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (10  
14   U.S.C. 333 note) is amended—

15           (1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-  
16           graph (3); and

17           (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
18           lowing new paragraph (2):

19           “(2) DEMONSTRATION AND OPERATIONAL TEST  
20           AND EVALUATION OF UNCREWED SYSTEMS AND  
21           ASYMMETRIC OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS.—During the  
22           period ending on December 31, 2028, assistance  
23           provided under subsection (a)(1)(A) may also in-  
24           clude the provision, in coordination with the Depart-  
25           ment of State, of the following:

1 “(A) Operational test and evaluation of  
2 uncrewed systems and asymmetric operational  
3 concepts as part of other assistance to the na-  
4 tional military or other security forces described  
5 in subsection (a)(1)(A)(i) or the other national-  
6 level governmental organizations described in  
7 subsection (a)(1)(A)(ii).

8 “(B) Demonstration of uncrewed systems  
9 and asymmetric operational concepts as part of  
10 other assistance to the national military or  
11 other security forces described in subsection  
12 (a)(1)(A)(i) or the other national-level govern-  
13 mental organizations described in subsection  
14 (a)(1)(A)(ii).”.

15 (b) MODIFICATION OF REPORTING PERIOD.—Sub-  
16 section (i)(1) of such section is amended—

17 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
18 by striking “calendar year” and inserting “fiscal  
19 year”; and

20 (2) in subparagraph (G), by striking “calendar  
21 year” and inserting “fiscal year”.

22 (c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS ACROSS FISCAL  
23 YEARS.—Such section is further amended—

24 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-  
25 section (k); and

1           (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
2       lowing new subsection (j):

3       “(j) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS  
4 ACROSS FISCAL YEARS.—Amounts available in fiscal year  
5 2027 or any subsequent fiscal year to carry out the au-  
6 thority in subsection (a) may be used for programs under  
7 that authority that begin in such fiscal year and end not  
8 later than the end of the second fiscal year thereafter.”.

9       (d) EXTENSION.—Subsection (k) of such section, as  
10 redesignated, is amended by striking “December 31,  
11 2027” and inserting “December 31, 2031”.

12 **SEC. 1248. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF CONTRIBUTION OF**  
13 **CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHIPS**  
14 **TO MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF THE PEO-**  
15 **PLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

16       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
17 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter  
18 for a period of five years, the Director of the Defense  
19 Technology Security Administration shall submit to the  
20 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
21 House of Representatives an unclassified report, which  
22 may contain a classified annex, on the contribution of cov-  
23 ered AI chips to the military capabilities of the People’s  
24 Republic of China, including resulting threats to the artifi-



1 cial intelligence leadership and national security of the  
2 United States.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required under sub-  
4 section (a) shall include the following:

5 (1) An estimate of the total compute installa-  
6 tion base of the People’s Republic of China.

7 (2) An assessment of the methods through  
8 which the People’s Republic of China is acquiring  
9 covered AI chips, including remote access.

10 (3) An evaluation of the ability of the People’s  
11 Republic of China to produce indigenous artificial  
12 intelligence chips at scale to replace covered AI  
13 chips.

14 (4) An assessment of methods the People’s Re-  
15 public of China uses to acquire covered AI chips  
16 through unauthorized channels, covert or illicit net-  
17 works, or other forms of illegal diversion.

18 (5) An assessment of specific military capabili-  
19 ties of the People’s Republic of China to which cov-  
20 ered AI chips are directly contributing.

21 (6) An assessment of threats to the artificial in-  
22 telligence leadership of the United States posed by  
23 the access by the People’s Republic of China to cov-  
24 ered AI chips, including effects on development of  
25 frontier artificial intelligence and model diffusion.

1           (7) A net assessment of the military advantage  
2       conferred upon the People’s Liberation Army by ac-  
3       cess to covered AI chips, including a comparison of  
4       artificial intelligence capabilities without such access.

5           (8) Policy recommendations for improving the  
6       ability of the United States Government to assess  
7       the variables described in paragraphs (1) through  
8       (7), strengthening artificial intelligence leadership of  
9       the United States, and limiting the contribution of  
10      covered AI chips to the military capabilities of the  
11      People’s Republic of China.

12      (c) COVERED AI CHIP DEFINED.—In this section,  
13   the term “covered AI chip” means any advanced inte-  
14   grated circuit, computer, or other product that—

15           (1) is designed by or manufactured using tech-  
16      nology originating in the United States, including  
17      items produced abroad using intellectual property,  
18      design software, or semiconductor manufacturing  
19      equipment originating in the United States; and

20           (2)(A) is classified or classifiable under Export  
21      Control Classification Number 3A090.z, 4A090,  
22      5A002.z, related .z Export Control Classification  
23      Numbers, or any successor classification; or

1 (B) is an item that is functionally equivalent to  
 2 an item classified or classifiable as described in sub-  
 3 paragraph (A).

4 **SEC. 1249. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION OF SALES**  
 5 **TO AUSTRALIA OF IN-SERVICE VIRGINIA**  
 6 **CLASS SUBMARINES TO PROVIDE FOR SALE**  
 7 **OF ADDITIONAL IN-SERVICE SUBMARINE IN**  
 8 **LIEU OF NEW CONSTRUCTION SUBMARINE.**

9 (a) MODIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION.—Subsection  
 10 (a) of section 1352 of the AUKUS Submarine Transfer  
 11 Authorization Act (22 U.S.C. 10431) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “two” and inserting “three”;  
 13 and

14 (2) by striking “, and transfer not more than  
 15 one additional Virginia Class submarine to the Gov-  
 16 ernment of Australia on a sale basis”.

17 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Such section is fur-  
 18 ther amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) by striking “Effective beginning on”  
 21 and all that follows through “the President”  
 22 and inserting “The President”; and

23 (B) by striking “20-year period beginning  
 24 on the date of the enactment of this Act” and

1 inserting “20-year period beginning on Decem-  
2 ber 22, 2023”; and

3 (2) in subsection (i)(1)—

4 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
5 (A), by striking “Not later than” and all that  
6 follows through “15 years” and inserting “Not  
7 later than July 1 of each year through 2039”;  
8 and

9 (B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “over  
10 the” and all that follows through “this Act”  
11 and inserting “through December 22, 2038”.

12 **SEC. 1250. WAR RESERVE STOCK PROGRAM FOR TAIWAN.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 514 of  
14 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h),  
15 the President may transfer to Taiwan any or all of the  
16 items described in subsection (b).

17 (b) ITEMS DESCRIBED.—The items referred to in  
18 subsection (a) are humanitarian and medical supplies,  
19 armor, artillery, automatic weapons ammunition, missiles,  
20 and other munitions that—

21 (1) are obsolete or surplus items;

22 (2) are in the inventory of the Department of  
23 Defense;

24 (3) are intended for use as reserve stocks for  
25 Taiwan; and

1           (4) are located in a stockpile in Taiwan.

2           (c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Not later than  
3 30 days before making a transfer under the authority of  
4 this section, the President shall transmit a notification of  
5 the proposed transfer to the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
6 tions and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate  
7 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee  
8 on Armed Services of the House of Representatives. The  
9 notification shall identify the items to be transferred and  
10 the concessions to be received.

11          (d) REPORT.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
14 nually thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit  
15 a report to the appropriate committees of Congress  
16 summarizing items included in each transfer under  
17 this section, the concessions received, and timelines  
18 for delivery.

19           (2) SUBMISSION OF SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—  
20 After the submission of the initial report under this  
21 subsection, the Secretary of State may combine the  
22 submission of the subsequent reports with the re-  
23 porting requirements under the Taiwan Enhanced  
24 Resilience Act (22 U.S.C. 3351 et seq.), as appro-  
25 priate.

1 **SEC. 1251. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEFENSE ALLIANCES**  
2 **AND PARTNERSHIPS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC**  
3 **REGION.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of De-  
5 fense should continue efforts that strengthen United  
6 States defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pa-  
7 cific region so as to further the comparative advantage of  
8 the United States in strategic competition with the Peo-  
9 ple's Republic of China, including by—

10 (1) enhancing cooperation with Japan, con-  
11 sistent with the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and  
12 Security Between the United States of America and  
13 Japan, signed at Washington January 19, 1960 (11  
14 UST 1632), including by enhancing deterrence and  
15 extended deterrence, developing advanced military  
16 capabilities, upgrading command and control rela-  
17 tionships, fostering interoperability across all do-  
18 mains, improving sharing of information and intel-  
19 ligence, and fostering multilateral cooperation with  
20 the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Australia,  
21 and other partners;

22 (2) reinforcing the United States alliance with  
23 the Republic of Korea, including by maintaining the  
24 presence of approximately 28,500 members of the  
25 United States Armed Forces deployed to the Repub-  
26 lic of Korea, enhancing mutual defense industrial

1 base cooperation, responsibly implementing the con-  
2 ditions-based transition of wartime operational con-  
3 trol, and affirming the United States extended deter-  
4 rence commitment using the full range of United  
5 States defense capabilities, consistent with the Mu-  
6 tual Defense Treaty Between the United States and  
7 the Republic of Korea, signed at Washington Octo-  
8 ber 1, 1953 (5 UST 2368), in support of the shared  
9 objective of a peaceful and stable Korean Peninsula;

10 (3) fostering bilateral and multilateral coopera-  
11 tion with Australia, consistent with the Security  
12 Treaty Between Australia, New Zealand, and the  
13 United States of America, signed at San Francisco  
14 September 1, 1951 (3 UST 3420), and the United  
15 States-Australia Force Posture Initiatives, and  
16 through the defense trade partnership among Aus-  
17 tralia, the United Kingdom, and the United States  
18 (commonly known as the “AUKUS” partnership)—

19 (A) to advance shared security objectives;

20 (B) to accelerate the fielding of advanced  
21 military capabilities; and

22 (C) to build the capacity of emerging part-  
23 ners;

24 (4) bolstering security cooperation with the  
25 Philippines in accordance with the Mutual Defense

1 Treaty Between the United States and the Republic  
2 of the Philippines, signed at Washington August 30,  
3 1951 (3 UST 3947), including through the imple-  
4 mentation of the United States-Philippines Security  
5 Sector Assistance Roadmap, and other enabling sup-  
6 port necessary for the protection of Philippine sov-  
7 ereignty;

8 (5) advancing United States partnerships with  
9 Thailand and other members of the Association of  
10 Southeast Asian Nations to enhance maritime do-  
11 main awareness, promote sovereignty and territorial  
12 integrity, leverage technology and promote innova-  
13 tion, and support an open, inclusive, and rules-based  
14 regional architecture;

15 (6) broadening United States engagement with  
16 India, including through the Quadrilateral Security  
17 Dialogue—

18 (A) to advance the shared objective of a  
19 free and open Indo-Pacific region through bilat-  
20 eral and multilateral engagements and partici-  
21 pation in military exercises, expanded defense  
22 trade, and collaboration on humanitarian aid  
23 and disaster response; and

24 (B) to enable greater cooperation on mari-  
25 time security;



1           (7) strengthening the United States partnership  
2       with Taiwan, consistent with the Three Commu-  
3       niques, the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–  
4       8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), and the Six Assurances,  
5       with the goal of improving Taiwan’s defensive capa-  
6       bilities, including through the continued provision of  
7       security assistance via Foreign Military Sales, au-  
8       thorities contained in chapter 16 of title 10, United  
9       States Code, and other authorities available to the  
10      Secretary, and promoting peaceful cross-strait rela-  
11      tions;

12          (8) reinforcing the status of Singapore as a  
13      Major Security Cooperation Partner of the United  
14      States and continuing to strengthen defense and se-  
15      curity cooperation between the military forces of  
16      Singapore and the United States Armed Forces, in-  
17      cluding through participation in combined exercises  
18      and training;

19          (9) engaging with the Federated States of Mi-  
20      cronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau, and other Pa-  
21      cific Island countries, with the goal of strengthening  
22      regional security and addressing issues of mutual  
23      concern, including protecting fisheries from illegal,  
24      unreported, and unregulated fishing;

1           (10) 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 Indo-Pacific region that is principled,  
6       long-term, and anchored in democratic resilience;  
7       and

8           (11) investing in enhanced military posture and  
9       capabilities in the area of responsibility of the  
10      United States Indo-Pacific Command and strength-  
11      ening cooperation in bilateral relationships, multilat-  
12      eral partnerships, and other international fora to up-  
13      hold global security and shared principles, with the  
14      goal of ensuring the maintenance of a free and open  
15      Indo-Pacific region.

## 16           **Subtitle E—Other Matters**

### 17   **SEC. 1261. WESTERN HEMISPHERE STRATEGY.**

18       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
19      date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
20      fense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Di-  
21      rector of National Intelligence, the Secretary of Homeland  
22      Security, and the Attorney General, shall develop and sub-  
23      mit to the congressional defense committees a comprehen-  
24      sive strategy for advancing United States interests in the  
25      Western Hemisphere.

1 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection  
2 (a) shall include the following:

3 (1) An assessment of current and emerging  
4 threats to the national security of the United States  
5 in the Western Hemisphere, including regional  
6 threats and threats from countries of concern (with-  
7 in the meaning of the term “covered nation” under  
8 section 4872(f) of title 10, United States Code)  
9 across all domains (including the space and cyber-  
10 space domains).

11 (2) An assessment of current security and eco-  
12 nomic security objectives of the United States in the  
13 Western Hemisphere.

14 (3) A description of any current or proposed  
15 Department of Defense programs or activities to  
16 achieve such objectives.

17 (4) A description of the roles and responsibil-  
18 ities of the Department in supporting broader  
19 United States Government objectives in the region.

20 (5) A description of the role of allied and part-  
21 ner countries in achieving United States security ob-  
22 jectives in the Western Hemisphere.

23 (6) An evaluation of current security coopera-  
24 tion activities with partner countries, including ca-  
25 pacity-building efforts, training exercises, and intel-

1       ligence sharing, to achieve United States objectives  
2       in the Western Hemisphere.

3           (7) A plan to strengthen partnerships with al-  
4       lied and partner countries in the Western Hemi-  
5       sphere to counter shared threats.

6           (8) A description of the efforts of the Depart-  
7       ment to improve interagency coordination and unity  
8       of effort across the United States Government.

9           (9) A plan for providing military support to the  
10      diplomatic, economic, and law enforcement functions  
11      of the United States Government to achieve the  
12      strategy.

13          (10) An identification of capability gaps, re-  
14      source constraints, and authorities required to effec-  
15      tively implement the strategy.

16          (11) Any recommendations of the Secretary of  
17      Defense for additional capabilities, resources, and  
18      authorities needed for the purpose of implementing  
19      the strategy.

20          (12) Metrics and benchmarks for assessing  
21      progress in achieving the objectives of the strategy.

22      (c) FORM.—The strategy required by paragraph (1)  
23      shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain  
24      a classified annex.

1 (d) CLASSIFIED BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days  
2 after the date on which the strategy required by subsection  
3 (a) is submitted, the Secretary of Defense shall provide  
4 the congressional defense committees with a classified  
5 briefing on the strategy.

6 **SEC. 1262. ENHANCED COOPERATION IN NORTH ATLANTIC**  
7 **AND ARCTIC REGIONS.**

8 (a) ASSIGNMENT OF PERMANENT LIAISON OFFICER  
9 OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK TO UNITED STATES  
10 NORTHERN COMMAND.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-  
11 ordination with the Secretary of State, shall formally in-  
12 vite the Kingdom of Denmark to designate and assign a  
13 permanent defense liaison officer to the headquarters of  
14 the United States Northern Command.

15 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of a li-  
16 aison officer of the Kingdom of Denmark assigned to the  
17 United States Northern Command under this section shall  
18 include—

19 (1) facilitating daily coordination and informa-  
20 tion sharing between the Kingdom of Denmark and  
21 the United States Northern Command on security  
22 matters relating to the Arctic and North Atlantic re-  
23 gions; and

1           (2) supporting planning, exercises, and oper-  
2           ational integration relating to homeland defense and  
3           Arctic domain awareness.

4           (c) STATUS AND PROTECTIONS.—Such a liaison offi-  
5           cer shall be afforded the privileges and immunities cus-  
6           tomary for foreign liaison officers assigned to a United  
7           States combatant command, subject to all applicable  
8           United States laws and Department of Defense regula-  
9           tions.

10          (d) OVERSIGHT.—Not later than 60 days after the  
11          date on which a liaison officer is assigned under this sec-  
12          tion, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congres-  
13          sional defense committees a notification that—

14                (1) describes the role and responsibilities of the  
15                liaison officer and the anticipated contributions of  
16                the liaison officer to United States and allied de-  
17                fense cooperation; and

18                (2) includes a strategy to increase the integra-  
19                tion of the liaison officer into command policy dis-  
20                cussions and operational planning, as appropriate.

21          (e) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days before  
22          entering into an agreement with the Kingdom of Denmark  
23          under this section, the Secretary of Defense shall submit  
24          to the appropriate committees of Congress notice of the  
25          proposed agreement.

1 (f) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-  
2 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-  
3 tees of Congress” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
5 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Select  
6 Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

7 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
8 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent  
9 Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of  
10 Representatives.

11 **SEC. 1263. REPORT ON CAPABILITIES AND ILLICIT ACTIVI-**  
12 **TIES OF CARTELS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
15 fense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Di-  
16 rector of National Intelligence, the Attorney General, and  
17 the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall submit to the  
18 congressional defense committees a report on the capabili-  
19 ties and illicit activities of the cartels specified in sub-  
20 section (c), including the use of military-grade weaponry,  
21 technology, and training.

22 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection  
23 (a) shall include the following:

24 (1) A detailed assessment of the organizational  
25 structure, leadership hierarchy, and key operational

1 figures of each cartel, including, with respect to any  
2 individuals affiliated with the cartel, the roles of  
3 such individuals in conducting organized military-  
4 style operations and illicit activities.

5 (2) An evaluation of the capabilities of each  
6 cartel, including the size, structure, and sophistica-  
7 tion of the cartel, including—

8 (A) a description of the types and quan-  
9 tities of weapons, equipment, and technology  
10 (including drones, encrypted communications,  
11 and advanced surveillance systems) used by the  
12 cartel;

13 (B) a description of where and how the  
14 cartel obtained weapons, equipment, and tech-  
15 nology (including drones, encrypted communica-  
16 tions, and advanced surveillance systems);

17 (C) an assessment of the recruitment,  
18 training, and operational tactics of the cartel,  
19 including an identification of any cross-border  
20 operations and coordination with other criminal  
21 or terrorist organizations or any government;  
22 and

23 (D) an assessment of how the capabilities  
24 of the cartel impact the security of the United  
25 States, the security of partner nations in the



1 Western Hemisphere, and the security of the  
2 installations and personnel of the United States  
3 Armed Forces.

4 (3) A comprehensive description and evaluation  
5 of the threat of the illicit activities of the cartels to  
6 the security of the United States, the security of  
7 partner nations in the Western Hemisphere, and the  
8 security of installations and personnel of the United  
9 States Armed Forces, including—

10 (A) drug trafficking;

11 (B) human trafficking and migrant smug-  
12 gling;

13 (C) weapons trafficking;

14 (D) money laundering and illicit financial  
15 activities;

16 (E) extortion and protection rackets;

17 (F) kidnapping for ransom;

18 (G) fuel theft, including hydrocarbon  
19 smuggling;

20 (H) cyber-enabled illicit activities; and

21 (I) theft and exploitation of natural re-  
22 sources, including illegal mining and illegal log-  
23 ging.

24 (4) A description of the geographic areas, both  
25 within the United States and internationally, where

1 the cartels operate or exert control of territory or in-  
2 fluence, including control over border regions and  
3 smuggling routes.

4 (5) An assessment of the direct and indirect  
5 threats posed by the cartels to the national security  
6 of the United States and its allies.

7 (6) A summary of current efforts by the Armed  
8 Forces, law enforcement, and intelligence community  
9 of the United States to counter the activities of the  
10 cartels, including interagency coordination and co-  
11 operation with foreign governments.

12 (7) Recommendations for additional authorities,  
13 resources, or strategies to enhance the efforts of the  
14 United States to disrupt and dismantle the capabili-  
15 ties of the cartels.

16 (c) SPECIFIED CARTELS.—A cartel specified in this  
17 subsection is any entity that is engaged in the production  
18 and trafficking of narcotics that—

19 (1) the Secretary of State has designated as a  
20 foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section  
21 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
22 U.S.C. 1189);

23 (2) is subject to sanctions under Executive  
24 Order 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to  
25 blocking property and prohibiting transactions with

1 persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support  
 2 terrorism);

3 (3) is subject to sanctions under Executive  
 4 Order 14059 (relating to imposing sanctions on for-  
 5 eign persons involved in the global illicit drug trade);  
 6 or

7 (4) is a transnational criminal organization (as  
 8 defined in section 3003 of the FEND Off Fentanyl  
 9 Act (21 U.S.C. 2341)).

10 (d) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by sub-  
 11 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may  
 12 include a classified annex.

13 (e) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The unclassified portion  
 14 of the report required by subsection (a) shall be made pub-  
 15 licly available on a website of the Department of Defense.

16 **SEC. 1264. REPORT ON THREATS TO UNITED STATES INTER-**  
 17 **ESTS IN AFRICA.**

18 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-  
 19 ment of this Act, the Commander of the United States  
 20 Africa Command shall submit to the Committees on  
 21 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-  
 22 atives a report that—

23 (1) identifies and assesses the threats posed to  
 24 United States interests by terrorist groups, armed  
 25 non-state actors, and other military forces operating

1 on the African continent, particularly in, but not  
2 limited to, coastal West Africa, Somalia, the Sahel,  
3 and Nigeria;

4 (2) summarizes the actions that have been  
5 taken by the Secretary of Defense in response to  
6 such identified threats;

7 (3) sets forth areas in which Department focus  
8 and investment could be further strengthened to ad-  
9 dress such threats;

10 (4) details the current presence in Nigeria of  
11 the United States Armed Forces, the resource re-  
12 quirements relating to such presence, and the areas  
13 of focus for United States collaboration with Nige-  
14 rian partners; and

15 (5) identifies any additional resources, authori-  
16 ties, or policy modifications that would enable the  
17 Commander of the United States Africa Command  
18 to more effectively address the threats described in  
19 paragraph (1).

20 **SEC. 1265. REPORTS ON ARCTIC AND HIGH NORTH DE-**  
21 **FENSE INTEGRATION.**

22 (a) UNITED STATES DEFENSE INTEGRATION WITH  
23 CANADA AND NORDIC ALLIES IN THE ARCTIC AND HIGH  
24 NORTH.—

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, in coordination with the Secretary  
4       of State, shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
5       Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
6       tives a report on United States defense integration  
7       with Canada and Nordic allies in the Arctic and  
8       High North.

9           (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-  
10      graph (1) shall include the following:

11           (A) An assessment of the current United  
12      States defense cooperation and force presence  
13      across the Arctic and High North region.

14           (B) An assessment of current efforts to  
15      work with Canada and Nordic allies to meet  
16      shared security interests, including in—

17           (i) integrated air and missile defense;

18           (ii) training, exercises, and operations;

19           (iii) maritime domain awareness;

20           (iv) intelligence, surveillance, and re-  
21      connaissance;

22           (v) logistics, pre-positioning, and  
23      sustainment; and

24           (vi) space and cyber defense coopera-  
25      tion.

1           (C) An assessment of current infrastruc-  
2           ture, access, and basing arrangements, and any  
3           recommendation with respect to modifications  
4           that would better enable Arctic and High North  
5           operations.

6           (D) An identification of any gaps in exist-  
7           ing United States bilateral defense agreements  
8           with Canada and Nordic allies that may limit  
9           effective defense integration.

10          (E) Recommendations for strengthening  
11          coordination within the North Atlantic Treaty  
12          Organization relevant to the Arctic and High  
13          North.

14          (F) An identification of any additional re-  
15          sources or authorities that would enable deeper  
16          integration to meet shared security objectives.

17          (3) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
18          (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may  
19          include a classified annex.

20          (b) UNITED STATES-DENMARK DEFENSE COOPERA-  
21          TION REGARDING GREENLAND.—

22          (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days  
23          after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
24          retary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary  
25          of State, shall submit to the Committees on Armed

1 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
2 tives a report on the status of defense coordination  
3 and cooperation between the United States and the  
4 Kingdom of Denmark with respect to Greenland.

5 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-  
6 graph (1) shall include the following:

7 (A) A description of current United States  
8 military activities, posture, and access in Green-  
9 land.

10 (B) A description of ongoing and planned  
11 activities with the Kingdom of Denmark related  
12 to air, missile, maritime, space, and domain  
13 awareness missions in and around Greenland.

14 (C) An assessment of any recommended  
15 infrastructure resilience investments in Green-  
16 land to enhance United States and allied oper-  
17 ations.

18 (D) Recommendations for strengthening  
19 United States-Denmark defense cooperation in  
20 Greenland consistent with allied unity and High  
21 North security objectives.

22 (3) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
23 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may  
24 include a classified annex.

25 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) HIGH NORTH.—The term “High North”  
2       means the territories of Canada, the Kingdom of  
3       Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Russian  
4       Federation, Sweden, and the United States located  
5       throughout the Arctic region within the Arctic Cir-  
6       cle.

7           (2) NORDIC ALLIES.—The term “Nordic allies”  
8       means—

9                   (A) the Kingdom of Denmark, including  
10           the territory of Greenland;

11                   (B) Finland;

12                   (C) Iceland;

13                   (D) Norway; and

14                   (E) Sweden.

15 **SEC. 1266. BRIEFING ON MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE**  
16 **PRESENCE OF CUBA IN THE WESTERN HEMI-**  
17 **SPHERE.**

18       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
19       date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
20       fense, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the  
21       Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the con-  
22       gressional defense committees a report on the military and  
23       intelligence activities of Cuba in the Western Hemisphere.

24       (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection  
25       (a) shall include the following:



1           (1) An overview of military and intelligence fa-  
2           cilities and personnel of Cuba in other countries in  
3           the Western Hemisphere.

4           (2) An analysis of the military and intelligence  
5           relationship between Cuba and each other country in  
6           the Western Hemisphere.

7           (3) An assessment of the relationship between  
8           the military and intelligence networks of Cuba and  
9           any entity designated by the Secretary of State as  
10          a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section  
11          219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
12          U.S.C. 1189).

13          (4) An analysis of any cooperation, within the  
14          Western Hemisphere, between the military and intel-  
15          ligence agencies of Cuba and the military and intel-  
16          ligence agencies of the People's Republic of China.

17          (5) An assessment of the threat posed to  
18          United States national security by military and in-  
19          telligence activities of Cuba.

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. 1267. CONTINUATION OF JOINT INTERAGENCY TASK**  
2 **FORCE-COUNTER CARTEL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
4 continue to support and carry out, through December 31,  
5 2030, the activities and functions of JIATF–Counter Car-  
6 tel, in coordination with appropriate Federal departments  
7 and agencies, consistent with applicable law.

8 (b) SUPPORT; CONSULTATION.—In carrying out sub-  
9 section (a), the Secretary of Defense shall, as appropriate  
10 and consistent with applicable law—

11 (1) provide personnel, logistics, intelligence sup-  
12 port, technical assistance, planning, funding, and  
13 any other functions necessary to support the activi-  
14 ties and functions of JIATF–Counter Cartel; and

15 (2) consult with the Secretary of State, the Sec-  
16 retary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the  
17 Secretary of Homeland Security, the Director of Na-  
18 tional Intelligence, and heads of other United States  
19 departments and agencies on the provision of per-  
20 sonnel, intelligence support, diplomatic support,  
21 technical assistance, and any other assistance nec-  
22 essary for execution of the JIATF–Counter Cartel  
23 mission.

24 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—On an annual basis, the Sec-  
25 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense  
26 committees a report that includes a summary of the activi-

1 ties of JIATF–Counter Cartel over the period covered by  
2 the report, including a description of—

3 (1) the progress of JIATF–Counter Cartel in  
4 carrying out the requirements of its mission;

5 (2) the metrics used to measure such progress;  
6 and

7 (3) recommendations for congressional consid-  
8 eration.

9 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “JIATF–  
10 Counter Cartel” means the Joint Interagency Task  
11 Force–Counter Cartel established to coordinate inter-  
12 agency efforts to counter transnational cartel activity  
13 under the direction of the United States Northern Com-  
14 mand.

15 **SEC. 1268. PLAN TO ENHANCE DEFENSE COOPERATION**  
16 **WITH MOROCCO.**

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 submit to the congressional defense committees a  
20 plan to enhance United States defense cooperation with  
21 Morocco, consistent with the United States-Morocco Road-  
22 map for Defense Cooperation for 2026 through 2036.

23 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a)  
24 shall include the following:

1           (1) Options for establishing cooperative security  
2       locations in Morocco to promote regional stability  
3       and optimize joint readiness to respond to crises.

4           (2) A roadmap to deepen collaborative counter-  
5       terrorism cooperation to address threats to the  
6       United States homeland, Morocco, and the region.

7           (3) A plan to optimize joint readiness, includ-  
8       ing—

9                (A) a consideration of the feasibility and  
10       advisability of a cost-sharing plan to refurbish  
11       strategic air command runways formerly oper-  
12       ated by the United States;

13               (B) Morocco force modernization through  
14       the procurement of United States defense arti-  
15       cles; and

16               (C) the establishment of an all-domain  
17       range complex.

18           (4) A plan to establish a drone center of excel-  
19       lence in Morocco for joint all-domain operations and  
20       as a model of tech-driven partnerships for the future  
21       of warfighting.

22           (5) A review of options for increasing the scope  
23       and scale of bilateral and multilateral military exer-  
24       cises, such as African Lion, in order to ensure that  
25       such exercises include consideration of cybersecurity,

1 drone operations and counter-drone capabilities, un-  
2 dersea technologies, countering hybrid warfare, pro-  
3 tection of critical national infrastructure, logistics,  
4 mobility chains, and adaptation to adversarial use of  
5 artificial intelligence and autonomous warfighting  
6 capabilities.

7 (c) SUBMISSION OF ROADMAP.—Not later than 30  
8 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
9 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services  
10 of the Senate and the House of Representatives the  
11 United States-Morocco Roadmap for Defense Cooperation  
12 for 2026 through 2036.

13 **SEC. 1269. EXTENSION OF PUBLIC LAW 115-68 AND RE-**  
14 **LATED SECURITY COOPERATION PROGRAMS.**

15 (a) PUBLIC LAW 115-68.—Section 1210E 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) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding  
20 paragraph (1), by striking “September 30, 2027”  
21 and inserting “September 30, 2029”; and

22 (2) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding  
23 paragraph (1), by striking “2025” and inserting  
24 “2029”.

1 (b) SECURITY COOPERATION PROGRAMS.—Section  
 2 1208 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authoriza-  
 3 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (10 U.S.C. 301 note) is  
 4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding  
 6 paragraph (1), by striking “2027” and inserting  
 7 “2029”; and

8 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2027” and  
 9 inserting “2029”.

10 **SEC. 1270. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR DE-**  
 11 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE REGIONAL CENTERS**  
 12 **FOR SECURITY STUDIES.**

13 Section 342(b)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code,  
 14 is amended by inserting “operational simulation and anal-  
 15 ysis,” after “exchange of ideas,”.

16 **TITLE XIII—COOPERATIVE**  
 17 **THREAT REDUCTION**

18 **SEC. 1301. COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION FUNDS.**

19 (a) FUNDING ALLOCATION.—Of the \$221,332,000  
 20 authorized to be appropriated to the Department of De-  
 21 fense for fiscal year 2027 in section 301 and made avail-  
 22 able by the funding table in division D for the Department  
 23 of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program estab-  
 24 lished under section 1321 of the Department of Defense  
 25 Cooperative Threat Reduction Act (50 U.S.C. 3711), the

1 following amounts may be obligated for the purposes spec-  
2 ified:

3 (1) For transportation elimination disposition,  
4 \$26,414,000.

5 (2) For chemical security, \$23,435,000.

6 (3) For global nuclear security, \$29,950,000.

7 (4) For biological threat reduction,  
8 \$66,524,000.

9 (5) For proliferation prevention, \$52,052,000.

10 (6) For activities designated as Other Assess-  
11 ments/Administrative Costs, \$22,957,000.

12 (b) SPECIFICATION OF COOPERATIVE THREAT RE-  
13 Duction FUNDS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to the  
14 authorization of appropriations in section 301 and made  
15 available by the funding table in division D for the Depart-  
16 ment of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program  
17 shall be available for obligation for fiscal years 2027,  
18 2028, and 2029.

19 **TITLE XIV—OTHER**  
20 **AUTHORIZATIONS**  
21 **Subtitle A—Military Programs**

22 **SEC. 1401. WORKING CAPITAL FUNDS.**

23 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for  
24 fiscal year 2027 for the use of the Armed Forces and other  
25 activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for

1 providing capital for working capital and revolving funds,  
2 as specified in the funding table in section 4501.

3 **SEC. 1402. CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUC-**  
4 **TION, DEFENSE.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds  
6 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the Depart-  
7 ment of Defense for fiscal year 2027 for expenses, not oth-  
8 erwise provided for, for Chemical Agents and Munitions  
9 Destruction, Defense, as specified in the funding table in  
10 section 4501.

11 (b) USE.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated  
12 under subsection (a) are authorized for the destruction of  
13 lethal chemical agents and munitions in accordance with  
14 section 1412 of the Department of Defense Authorization  
15 Act, 1986 ( 50 U.S.C. 1521).

16 **SEC. 1403. DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG AC-**  
17 **TIVITIES, DEFENSE-WIDE.**

18 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for  
19 the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2027 for ex-  
20 penses, not otherwise provided for, for Drug Interdiction  
21 and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense-wide, as specified in  
22 the funding table in section 4501.

23 **SEC. 1404. DEFENSE INSPECTOR GENERAL.**

24 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for  
25 the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2027 for ex-



1 penses, not otherwise provided for, for the Office of the  
 2 Inspector General of the Department of Defense, as speci-  
 3 fied in the funding table in section 4501.

4 **SEC. 1405. DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM.**

5 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for  
 6 fiscal year 2027 for the Defense Health Program for use  
 7 of the Armed Forces and other activities and agencies of  
 8 the Department of Defense for providing for the health  
 9 of eligible beneficiaries, as specified in the funding table  
 10 in section 4501.

11 **Subtitle B—National Defense**  
 12 **Stockpile**

13 **SEC. 1411. AMENDMENTS TO STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MA-**  
 14 **TERIALS STOCK PILING ACT.**

15 The Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act  
 16 (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.) is amended—

17 (1) in section 3 (50 U.S.C. 98b)—

18 (A) in the section heading, by striking  
 19 “PRESIDENTIAL”;

20 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “Presi-  
 21 dent” and inserting “Secretary of Defense”;  
 22 and

23 (C) in subsections (b) and (c), by striking  
 24 “President” each place it appears and inserting  
 25 “Secretary”;

1           (2) in section 4(a)(4) (50 U.S.C. 98c(a)(4)), by  
2       striking “50 U.S.C. App. 2093” and inserting “50  
3       U.S.C. 4533”;

4           (3) in section 5 (50 U.S.C. 98d)—

5               (A) in subsection (a)—

6                   (i) in paragraph (1), by striking “this  
7               section” and inserting “this subsection”;  
8               and

9                   (ii) in paragraph (2)—

10                       (I) by striking “President pro-  
11               poses” and inserting “Secretary of  
12               Defense proposes”; and

13                       (II) by striking “President has  
14               submitted” and inserting “Secretary  
15               has submitted”; and

16               (B) in subsection (b), by striking “(as de-  
17               fined in section 101(a) of title 10, United  
18               States Code)” both places it appears;

19           (4) in section 6 (50 U.S.C. 98e)—

20               (A) in subsection (a)(7), by striking “(as  
21               defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United  
22               States Code)”;

23               (B) in subsection (c)—

1 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 2 “President” and inserting “Secretary of  
 3 Defense”; and

4 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking  
 5 “President” each place it appears and in-  
 6 serting “Secretary”;

7 (C) in subsections (d) and (e), by striking  
 8 “President” each place it appears and inserting  
 9 “Secretary”;

10 (D) in subsection (f)—

11 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
 12 (1), by striking “President” each place it  
 13 appears and inserting “Secretary”; and

14 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “(as  
 15 defined in section 101(a) of title 10,  
 16 United States Code)”; and

17 (E) in subsection (g)(2)(A), by striking  
 18 “(as defined in section 101(a) of title 10,  
 19 United States Code)”; and

20 (5) in section 8 (50 U.S.C. 98g)—

21 (A) in subsection (a)(1)—

22 (i) by striking “President” and insert-  
 23 ing “Secretary of Defense”; and

24 (ii) by striking “source (B)” and in-  
 25 serting “source, (B)”; and

1 (B) in subsections (b), (c), and (d), by  
2 striking “President” each place it appears and  
3 inserting “Secretary”;

4 (6) in section 10(b) (50 U.S.C. 98h–1(b))—

5 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “of the  
6 Readiness” and all that follows and inserting  
7 “of the Committee on Armed Services of the  
8 House of Representatives.”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “of the  
10 Readiness” and all that follows and inserting  
11 “of the Committee on Armed Services of the  
12 Senate.”;

13 (7) in section 11(b) (50 U.S.C. 98h–2(b))—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(as de-  
15 fined in section 101(a) of title 10, United  
16 States Code)”;

17 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “this  
18 Act” and inserting “this Act.”;

19 (8) in section 12 (50 U.S.C. 98h–3), by adding  
20 at the end the following new paragraph:

21 “(4) The term ‘congressional defense commit-  
22 tees’ has the meaning given that term in section  
23 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.”;

24 (9) in section 14 (50 U.S.C. 98h–5)—

25 (A) by striking subsection (e);

1 (B) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
 2 section (e); and

3 (C) in paragraph (2)(F) of subsection (e),  
 4 as so redesignated, by striking the semicolon  
 5 and inserting a period; and  
 6 (10) in section 16 (50 U.S.C. 98h–7)—

7 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “of the  
 8 President”; and

9 (B) in subsection (c), by striking “The  
 10 President may delegate” and all that follows  
 11 through “Executive order.”.

12 **SEC. 1412. PILOT PROGRAM ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNER-**  
 13 **SHIPS FOR RECYCLING STRATEGIC AND**  
 14 **CRITICAL MATERIALS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than May 1, 2027, the  
 16 Secretary of Defense, acting through the Assistant Sec-  
 17 retary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy, shall estab-  
 18 lish a pilot program under which the Department of De-  
 19 fense enters into public-private partnerships for the recy-  
 20 cling of strategic and critical materials.

21 (b) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.—Public-pri-  
 22 vate partnerships established under subsection (a) may in-  
 23 clude the recycling of strategic and critical materials con-  
 24 tained in—

1           (1) end-of-life equipment, particularly from  
2       night vision;

3           (2) electronics; and

4           (3) such other items as the Secretary considers  
5       appropriate.

6       (c) COLLABORATION WITH MILITARY DEPART-  
7       MENTS.—The Assistant Secretary shall collaborate with  
8       the Secretaries of the military departments to ensure that  
9       end-of-life equipment can be properly maintained and dis-  
10      posed of under a public-private partnership entered into  
11      under subsection (a).

12      (d) TERMINATION.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—The authority to enter into  
14      public-private partnerships under subsection (a)  
15      shall terminate on January 1, 2035.

16           (2) CONTINUATION OF PARTNERSHIPS.—A pub-  
17      lic-private partnership entered into under subsection  
18      (a) before January 1, 2035, may continue on and  
19      after that date.

20      (e) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—The Assistant Secretary  
21      shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-  
22      ate and the House of Representatives—

23           (1) not later than one year after the date of the  
24      enactment of this Act, on—

1 (A) the establishment of the pilot program  
2 under subsection (a);

3 (B) the parameters and metrics for success  
4 for the pilot program; and

5 (C) the entities with which the Department  
6 of Defense intends to enter into public-private  
7 partnerships under subsection (a); and

8 (2) not later than two years after the date of  
9 the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter  
10 until the termination of the last public-private part-  
11 nership entered into under subsection (a), on—

12 (A) activities carried out under public-pri-  
13 vate partnerships entered into under that sub-  
14 section; and

15 (B) any costs associated with such activi-  
16 ties.

17 (f) STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS DE-  
18 FINED.—The term “strategic and critical materials” has  
19 the meaning given that term in section 12 of the Strategic  
20 and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98h–  
21 3).

1 **SEC. 1413. INCLUSION OF RECOVERY AND RECYCLING OF**  
2 **STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS IN NA-**  
3 **TIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING ASSUMP-**  
4 **TIONS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE.**

5 Section 14(b) of the Strategic and Critical Materials  
6 Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98h–5(b)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (6), by inserting “, for both  
8 essential civilian and defense purposes,” after “pro-  
9 duction”;

10 (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-  
11 graph (8); and

12 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
13 lowing new paragraph (7):

14 “(7)(A) The extent to which expanded proc-  
15 essing, recovery (including from old mines, industrial  
16 slags, fracking wastewater, and all types of e-waste),  
17 or recycling capacity in the commercial critical mate-  
18 rials markets can assist with meeting defense needs.

19 “(B) The quantity of e-waste available domesti-  
20 cally and the ability to utilize that e-waste to meet  
21 defense needs for strategic and critical materials.”.



## **Subtitle C—Other Matters**

**SEC. 1431. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR JOINT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITY DEMONSTRATION FUND.**

Section 1704(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2573), as most recently amended by section 1421(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1136), is amended by striking “September 30, 2027” and inserting “September 30, 2028”.

**SEC. 1432. EXTENSION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE SHARING INCENTIVE FUND.**

Section 8111(d)(3) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “September 30, 2026” and inserting “September 30, 2027”.

**SEC. 1433. MODIFICATIONS TO ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Section 1516 of the Armed Forces Retirement Home Act of 1991 (24 U.S.C. 416) is amended—

(1) by striking “Secretary of Defense” each place it appears and inserting “Chief Operating Officer”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (3);

1 (3) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “, except  
3 that” and all that follows through “the indi-  
4 vidual”;

5 (B) in paragraph (3)—

6 (i) by striking subparagraph (E); and

7 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs  
8 (F) through (K) as subparagraphs (E)  
9 through (J), respectively; and

10 (iii) in subparagraph (E), as redesign-  
11 nated by clause (ii), by striking “the Serv-  
12 ices’ Retiree Advisory Council” and insert-  
13 ing “a retiree council from one of the  
14 Armed Forces”; and

15 (C) by amending paragraph (4) to read as  
16 follows:

17 “(4) The Administrator and Chairperson of the Resi-  
18 dent Advisory Committee of each facility of the Retire-  
19 ment Home shall be nonvoting members of the Advisory  
20 Council.”; and

21 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
22 section:

23 “(g) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN LAWS.—The Ad-  
24 visory Council shall not be subject to chapter 10 of title  
25 5, United States Code (commonly known as the ‘Federal

1 Advisory Committee Act’) or section 552b of such title  
 2 (commonly known as the ‘Government in the Sunshine  
 3 Act’).”.

4 **TITLE XV—SPACE ACTIVITIES,**  
 5 **STRATEGIC PROGRAMS, AND**  
 6 **INTELLIGENCE MATTERS**

7 **Subtitle A—Space Activities**

8 **SEC. 1501. MODIFICATION OF ACQUISITION AND OPER-**  
 9 **ATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS FOR SPACE**  
 10 **WARFIGHTING AND CONTROL.**

11 Section 2275d of title 10, United States Code, is  
 12 amended—

13 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**space**  
 14 **warfighting and control**” and inserting  
 15 “**warfighting in and from space**”;

16 (2) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) by inserting “, hold title to,” after “ac-  
 18 quire”; and

19 (B) by striking “space warfighting and  
 20 control” and inserting “warfighting in and from  
 21 space”; and

22 (3) in subsection (b), by striking “space  
 23 warfighting and control operations” and inserting  
 24 “warfighting in and from space”.

1 **SEC. 1502. MODIFICATION OF SPECIAL AUTHORITY FOR**  
2 **PROVISION OF SPACE LAUNCH SUPPORT**  
3 **SERVICES TO INCREASE SPACE LAUNCH CA-**  
4 **PACITY.**

5 Section 2276a of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Secretary of  
8 a military department” and inserting “Secretary of  
9 the Air Force”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1), in the first sen-  
12 tence—

13 (i) by striking “Secretary of a military  
14 department” and inserting “Secretary of  
15 the Air Force”; and

16 (ii) by striking “a military installation  
17 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary”  
18 and inserting “a Department of the Air  
19 Force installation”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2)—

21 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

22 (I) by striking “Secretary of a  
23 military department” and inserting  
24 “Secretary of the Air Force”; and

1 (II) by striking “Department of  
 2 Defense” and inserting “Department  
 3 of the Air Force”; and

4 (ii) in subparagraph (B)—

5 (I) in the first sentence—

6 (aa) by striking “Secretary  
 7 of a military department” and in-  
 8 serting “Secretary of the Air  
 9 Force”; and

10 (bb) by striking “Depart-  
 11 ment of Defense” and inserting  
 12 “Department of the Air Force”;  
 13 and

14 (II) in the second sentence, by  
 15 striking “Secretary concerned” and  
 16 inserting “Secretary”; and

17 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking “Sec-  
 18 retary of each of the military departments” and  
 19 inserting “Secretary of the Air Force”; and

20 (3) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding  
 21 paragraph (1), by striking “Secretary of a military  
 22 department” and inserting “Secretary of the Air  
 23 Force”.

1 **SEC. 1503. EXTENSION OF INDIRECT COST LIMITATIONS**  
2 **AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SPACE**  
3 **LAUNCH ACTIVITIES ON A MILITARY INSTAL-**  
4 **LATION.**

5 Section 2276a(e) of title 10, United States Code, is  
6 amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by strik-  
7 ing “2024, 2025, and 2026” and inserting “2024 through  
8 2031”.

9 **SEC. 1504. REPLACEMENT OF SPACE LAUNCH COMPLEX 46**  
10 **AT CAPE CANAVERAL SPACE FORCE STA-**  
11 **TION.**

12 The Secretary of the Air Force may not require the  
13 Navy to transition from Space Launch Complex 46 to the  
14 replacement site known as “Space Launch Complex 51”  
15 until the date on which the conditions set forth in the  
16 memorandum of agreement entitled “Memorandum of  
17 Agreement Between Director of Strategic Systems Pro-  
18 gram and the United States Space Force for the Develop-  
19 ment and Acceptance of Replacement Facilities for Space  
20 Launch Complex 46 (SLC-46)” dated April 2, 2026, are  
21 satisfied.

22 **SEC. 1505. INTEGRATION OF SPACE WEATHER INTO SPACE**  
23 **DOMAIN AWARENESS AND OPERATIONS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force  
25 shall ensure that space weather is integrated into Space

1 Force space domain awareness doctrine and operations as  
2 a core component by—

3 (1) integrating space weather data, modeling,  
4 and forecasting into operational space domain  
5 awareness systems and processes;

6 (2) updating doctrine, operational concepts, and  
7 requirements to reflect the role of space weather in  
8 space domain awareness;

9 (3) incorporating space weather considerations  
10 into the design, acquisition, and sustainment of  
11 space domain awareness capabilities; and

12 (4) to the maximum extent practicable,  
13 leveraging existing capabilities and data from other  
14 Federal agencies and the commercial sector.

15 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 31, 2027, the  
16 Secretary of the Air Force shall provide the congressional  
17 defense committees with a briefing on the implementation  
18 of this section, including—

19 (1) a description of the manner in which space  
20 weather is being incorporated into Space Force  
21 space domain awareness doctrine and operations;

22 (2) an identification of capability gaps, planned  
23 investment, and leveraging of the commercial sector  
24 to achieve such incorporation; and

1           (3) a description of roles and responsibilities  
2       within the Department of Defense with respect to  
3       the implementation of this section.

4   **SEC. 1506. DELIVERY OF PERIMETER ACQUISITION RADAR**  
5                           **ATTACK CHARACTERIZATION SYSTEM.**

6       (a) **DELIVERY DEADLINE.**—The Secretary of De-  
7       fense shall ensure that the Perimeter Acquisition Radar  
8       Attack Characterization System is delivered not later than  
9       December 31, 2028.

10      (b) **ACQUISITION STRATEGY.**—Not later than 30  
11     days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
12     retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services  
13     of the Senate and the House of Representatives an acqui-  
14     sition strategy for meeting the deadline under subsection  
15     (a).

16   **SEC. 1507. ACQUISITION OF SPACE-BASED TACTICAL DATA**  
17                           **CAPABILITY.**

18      (a) **FINDING.**—Congress finds that robust competi-  
19     tion in the space industrial base is essential to ensuring  
20     United States space superiority and the ability of the  
21     Space Force to provide national security mission-critical  
22     space warfighting systems and operations across the joint  
23     force.



1 (b) REQUIREMENT TO MAXIMIZE COMPETITION.—  
 2 Chapter 135 of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
 3 by adding at the end the following new section:

4 **“§ 2279e. Contracting for space-based functional data**  
 5 **capability**

6 “The head of an agency shall, to the maximum extent  
 7 practicable, ensure that—

8 “(1) space acquisitions employ procedures that  
 9 maximize competition; and

10 “(2) mission-critical national security space-  
 11 based systems that deliver space-based tactical data  
 12 within a program and across the armed forces shall,  
 13 to the greatest extent practicable, be procured from  
 14 an open competition allowing for competition be-  
 15 tween multiple vendors, and the products of such  
 16 vendors shall comply with interfaces and standards  
 17 that maximize resilience and interoperability with  
 18 Department of Defense systems.”.

19 **SEC. 1508. SPACE LAUNCH ENTERPRISE BILLET SUFFI-**  
 20 **CIENCY REVIEW AND ALIGNMENT PLAN.**

21 (a) BILLET SUFFICIENCY REVIEW.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
 23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
 24 retary of the Air Force, in coordination with the  
 25 Chief of Space Operations, the Commander of Space

1 Systems Command, the Commander of Space  
2 Launch Delta 45, and the Commander of Space  
3 Launch Delta 30, shall conduct a comprehensive bil-  
4 let sufficiency review of the Space Launch Enter-  
5 prise to determine whether current military end-  
6 strength authorizations are sufficient to support cur-  
7 rent and projected launch operations through fiscal  
8 year 2032.

9 (2) SCOPE.—The review shall include military  
10 billets assigned to—

11 (A) Space Launch Delta 45;

12 (B) Space Launch Delta 30;

13 (C) launch range operations and mainte-  
14 nance organizations;

15 (D) launch mission assurance and safety  
16 organizations;

17 (E) spaceport operations, sustainment, and  
18 infrastructure support organizations;

19 (F) cybersecurity and communications or-  
20 ganizations supporting launch operations; and

21 (G) any other organization the Secretary  
22 of the Air Force considers necessary to support  
23 the Space Launch Enterprise.

24 (3) ELEMENTS.—The review required by para-  
25 graph (1) shall assess the following:

1           (A) The total number of military billets  
2           currently authorized throughout the Space  
3           Launch Enterprise, as compared to the number  
4           required to safely and effectively execute pro-  
5           jected launch operations.

6           (B) Specific functional areas experiencing  
7           personnel shortfalls, including launch oper-  
8           ations, range safety, mission assurance, range  
9           instrumentation, radar operations, telemetry,  
10          communications, cybersecurity, meteorological  
11          support, flight termination systems, and infra-  
12          structure sustainment.

13          (C) The extent to which automation, com-  
14          mercial services, and process streamlining have  
15          been implemented and the residual workforce  
16          gaps that remain after use of such measures.

17          (D) The impact of current billet shortfalls  
18          on mission readiness, launch safety, operational  
19          risk, resiliency, and the ability to meet national  
20          security launch requirements.

21          (E) Current and projected launch oper-  
22          ations requirements at the Eastern and the  
23          Western Range through fiscal year 2032.

24          (F) Options to realign, increase, or other-  
25          wise optimize military billet authorizations to

1           meet mission requirements, including associated  
2           costs.

3                   (G) Any other matter the Secretary of the  
4           Air Force considers appropriate.

5       (b) BILLET ALIGNMENT PLAN.—

6           (1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 270 days  
7           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
8           retary of the Air Force shall submit to the congres-  
9           sional defense committees a billet alignment plan for  
10          the Space Launch Enterprise based on the findings  
11          of the review conducted under subsection (a).

12          (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by para-  
13          graph (1) shall include the following:

14                  (A) Recommended increases or realign-  
15                  ments in authorized military end-strength  
16                  across the Space Launch Enterprise, if war-  
17                  ranted by the review.

18                  (B) A phased timeline for implementing  
19                  recommended billet adjustments.

20                  (C) The estimated cost of fully funding  
21                  recommended billet increases or realignments.

22                  (D) A description of any legislative, budg-  
23                  etary, or policy actions necessary to implement  
24                  the recommendations.

1 (E) A separate assessment by the Com-  
2 mander of Space Systems Command regarding  
3 whether current billet authorization levels are  
4 sufficient to safely execute projected launch op-  
5 erations through fiscal year 2032.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) BILLET SUFFICIENCY REVIEW.—The term  
8 “billet sufficiency review” means a formal assess-  
9 ment of whether the number of authorized military  
10 positions is adequate to accomplish assigned mis-  
11 sions at current and projected operational tempos.

12 (2) EASTERN RANGE.—The term “Eastern  
13 Range” means the space launch range operated by  
14 Space Launch Delta 45 at Cape Canaveral Space  
15 Force Station, Florida, and associated downrange  
16 assets.

17 (3) SPACE LAUNCH ENTERPRISE.—The term  
18 “Space Launch Enterprise” means the organiza-  
19 tions, personnel, infrastructure, and operational ca-  
20 pabilities of the United States Space Force that sup-  
21 port space launch activities, including Space Launch  
22 Delta 45, Space Launch Delta 30, the Eastern  
23 Range, the Western Range, and associated launch  
24 support organizations.

1           (4) WESTERN RANGE.—The term “Western  
2       Range” means the space launch range operated by  
3       Space Launch Delta 30 at Vandenberg Space Force  
4       Base, California, and associated instrumentation and  
5       support assets.

6 **SEC. 1509. FLEXIBILITY FOR DEPARTMENT OF AIR FORCE**  
7                   **TO IMPLEMENT ACQUISITION STRUCTURE**  
8                   **FOR OPTIMAL SUPPORT OF NEW PORTFOLIO**  
9                   **ACQUISITION EXECUTIVE SYSTEM WITHIN**  
10                  **SPACE FORCE.**

11       (a) REPEALS TO ALLOW REORGANIZATION OF SPACE  
12       FORCE ACQUISITION ENTITIES.—

13           (1) SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE.—Sec-  
14       tion 2273a of title 10, United States Code, is re-  
15       pealed.

16           (2) SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.—Section  
17       9087 of such title is repealed.

18       (b) PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY TO AT-  
19       TRACT EXPERTS IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND CER-  
20       TAIN OTHER DISCIPLINES.—Section 4092 of title 10,  
21       United States Code, is amended—

22           (1) in subsection (a)(8)—

23                   (A) by striking “SDA.—The Director of  
24       the Space Development Agency” and inserting

1 “AIR FORCE.—The Secretary of the Air Force”;  
 2 and

3 (B) by striking “the Agency” and inserting  
 4 “the Space Force”;

5 (2) in subsection (b)(1)(H)—

6 (A) by striking “the Space Development  
 7 Agency” and inserting “the Space Force”;

8 (B) by striking “25” and inserting “50”;

9 (C) by striking “in the Agency” and in-  
 10 sserting “in the Space Force (in addition to any  
 11 positions in the Space Force to which appoint-  
 12 ments are made under subparagraph (A))”; and

13 (D) by striking “of the Agency” and in-  
 14 sserting “of the Space Force”; and

15 (3) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “the Space  
 16 Development Agency” and inserting “the Space  
 17 Force”.

18 (c) FUNCTIONS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE  
 19 AIR FORCE FOR SPACE ACQUISITION AND INTEGRA-  
 20 TION.—Section 9016(b)(6)(B) of title 10, United States  
 21 Code, is amended—

22 (1) by striking clause (iii) and (iv);

23 (2) by redesignating clause (v) and (vi) as  
 24 clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively;

25 (3) in clause (iii), as so redesignated—

1 (A) by striking “Advise and synchronize”  
2 and inserting “Oversee and direct”;

3 (B) by inserting “Department of the” be-  
4 fore “Air Force”; and

5 (C) by striking “, including” and all that  
6 follows through “Space Force Act”; and

7 (4) in clause (iv), as so redesignated, by strik-  
8 ing “Effective as of” and all that follows through  
9 “serve” and inserting “Serve”.

10 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR CON-  
12 SULTATION BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WITH  
13 SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE.—Section  
14 1609(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act  
15 for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10  
16 U.S.C. 2273 note) is amended by striking “, includ-  
17 ing the Space Rapid Capabilities Office”.

18 (2) REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO USE MIDDLE  
19 TIER ACQUISITION PROGRAM FOR PROLIFERATED  
20 WARFIGHTER SPACE ARCHITECTURE.—Section 1608  
21 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
22 Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 2271  
23 note) is repealed.



1 **SEC. 1510. ARCTIC CONNECTIVITY AND DOWNLINK RESIL-**  
2 **IENCY INITIATIVE.**

3 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
5 of Defense, in consultation with the Chief of Space Oper-  
6 ations and the Commander of United States Northern  
7 Command, shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
8 mittees a strategy to enhance secure, high-speed downlink  
9 capabilities and persistent connectivity in high-longitu-  
10 dinal and polar regions.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under sub-  
12 section (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) A plan to winterize and protect existing and  
14 future ground-based downlink stations against ex-  
15 treme thermal variance and permafrost degradation.

16 (2) An assessment of integrating commercial  
17 and military low-Earth orbit and highly elliptical  
18 orbit satellite constellations to ensure continuous  
19 broadband coverage above 65 degrees North lati-  
20 tude.

21 (3) Provisions for redundant terrestrial fiber-  
22 optic or microwave backhaul links to prevent single-  
23 point-of-failure scenarios in remote Arctic installa-  
24 tions of the Department of Defense.

25 (4) A framework for data-sharing and downlink  
26 hand-offs between the Department of Defense, the

1 Coast Guard, and allied countries in the Arctic re-  
 2 gion (including North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
 3 partners).

4 (c) FORM OF STRATEGY.—The strategy required  
 5 under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified  
 6 form, but may include a classified annex.

## 7 **Subtitle B—Nuclear Forces**

### 8 **SEC. 1511. PROHIBITION ON REDUCTION OF INTERCONTI-** 9 **NENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES OF THE UNITED** 10 **STATES.**

11 (a) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subsection  
 12 (b), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by  
 13 this Act or otherwise made available for the Department  
 14 of Defense for fiscal year 2027 may be obligated or ex-  
 15 pended for the following, and the Department may not  
 16 otherwise take any action to do the following:

17 (1) Reduce, or prepare to reduce, the respon-  
 18 siveness or alert level of the intercontinental ballistic  
 19 missiles of the United States.

20 (2) Reduce, or prepare to reduce, the quantity  
 21 of deployed intercontinental ballistic missiles of the  
 22 United States to a number less than that specified  
 23 by section 9062(n) of title 10, United States Code.

24 (b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation under subsection  
 25 (a) shall not apply to any of the following activities:

1           (1) The maintenance or sustainment of inter-  
2 continental ballistic missiles.

3           (2) Ensuring the safety, security, or reliability  
4 of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

5           (3) Facilitating the transition from the LGM-  
6 30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile  
7 to the Sentinel LGM-35A intercontinental ballistic  
8 missile.

9 **SEC. 1512. EXCEPTION FOR BELOW-THRESHOLD MODIFICA-**  
10 **TIONS OF NUCLEAR MISSILES TO LIMITA-**  
11 **TION ON MODIFICATION OF MAJOR ITEMS OF**  
12 **EQUIPMENT SCHEDULED FOR RETIREMENT**  
13 **OR DISPOSAL.**

14       Section 2244a(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
15 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
16 graph:

17           “(4) EXCEPTION FOR BELOW-THRESHOLD NU-  
18 CLEAR MISSILE MODIFICATIONS.—The prohibition in  
19 subsection (a) does not apply to a modification of a  
20 nuclear missile for which the cost is less than  
21 \$500,000 in base year 2027 dollars.”.

1 **SEC. 1513. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN**  
2 **PARTS OF INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC**  
3 **MISSILES, REENTRY VEHICLES, AND ASSOCI-**  
4 **ATED EQUIPMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force  
6 and the Direct Reporting Program Manager for Critical  
7 Major Weapon Systems may enter into contracts for the  
8 life-of-type procurement of covered parts of interconti-  
9 nental ballistic missiles, reentry vehicles, and associated  
10 equipment.

11 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding sec-  
12 tion 1502(a) of title 31, United States Code, of the  
13 amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027  
14 by section 101 and available for Missile Procurement, Air  
15 Force as specified in the funding table in section 4101,  
16 \$115,000,000 shall be available for the procurement of  
17 covered parts pursuant to contracts entered into under  
18 subsection (a).

19 (c) COVERED PART DEFINED.—In this section, the  
20 term “covered part” means a commercially available off-  
21 the-shelf item (as defined in section 104 of title 41, United  
22 States Code).

1 **SEC. 1514. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**  
2 **ING SUBMISSION OF THE STRATEGY TO SUS-**  
3 **TAIN THE MINUTEMAN III INTERCONTI-**  
4 **NENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE AND MAXIMIZE**  
5 **END OF LIFE MARGIN.**

6 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this  
7 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
8 operation and maintenance, Air Force, and available to  
9 the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for travel ex-  
10 penses, not more than 85 percent may be obligated or ex-  
11 pended until the Secretary submits to the congressional  
12 defense committees the strategy required by section 1641  
13 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
14 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1190).

15 **SEC. 1515. INTEGRATION OF ICBM MAINTENANCE EQUIP-**  
16 **MENT INTO THE LGM-30G WEAPON SYSTEM**  
17 **DESIGNATION.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
20 Air Force shall develop an inventory of maintenance  
21 equipment unique to the LGM-30G weapon system that  
22 is used by maintenance groups at F.E. Warren Air Force  
23 Base, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Minot Air Force Base,  
24 and Vandenberg Space Force Base.

25 (b) CONTENTS OF INVENTORY.—Such inventory shall  
26 include—

- 1 (1) guided missile maintenance platforms;
- 2 (2) hydraulic actuators to open missile silo
- 3 doors; and
- 4 (3) such other unique maintenance equipment
- 5 as the Secretary considers appropriate.

6 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 270 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall brief  
8 the congressional defense committees on the implementa-  
9 tion of subsection (a).

10 (d) INTEGRATION AND MAINTENANCE.—Not later  
11 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
12 the Secretary shall include the equipment listed in the in-  
13 ventory required by subsection (a) as part of the LGM-  
14 30G weapon system and take such actions as necessary  
15 to ensure such equipment receives regular preventive  
16 maintenance or replacement by the LGM-30G Weapon  
17 System Program Office.

18 **SEC. 1516. CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR INTERCONTI-**  
19 **NENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES, REPLACEMENT**  
20 **EQUIPMENT, AND REENTRY VEHICLE TEST**  
21 **EQUIPMENT AND COMPONENTS.**

22 (a) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—Beginning in fiscal  
23 year 2027, the Secretary of the Air Force (referred to in  
24 this section as the “Secretary”) and the Direct Reporting  
25 Program Manager for Critical Major Weapon Systems (re-

ferred to in this section as the “Program Manager”) may enter into one or more contracts for the procurement of not more than 125 arming and fuzing assemblies, 48 nuclear certified tractors and trailers, 116 arm/disarm switch replacements, and 13 test support equipment systems.

(b) **AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT AND ECONOMIC ORDER QUANTITY.**—The Secretary and the Program Manager may enter into one or more contracts for advance procurement and material and equipment in economic order quantities associated with the procurement of the items for which contracts are authorized under subsection (a).

(c) **FUNDING AND LIABILITY.**—Any contract entered into under subsection (a) shall provide that—

(1) any obligation of the United States to make a payment under the contract is subject to the availability of appropriations for that purpose; and

(2) the total liability of the Federal Government for termination of any contract entered into shall be limited to the total amount of funding obligated to the contract at the time of termination.

1 **SEC. 1517. MODIFICATION TO STRATEGY TO SUSTAIN MIN-**  
2 **UTEMAN III INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC**  
3 **MISSILE AND MAXIMIZE END-OF-LIFE MAR-**  
4 **GIN.**

5 Section 1641 of the National Defense Authorization  
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
7 1190) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1)—

10 (i) by striking “Under Secretary of  
11 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment  
12 determines” and inserting “Direct Report-  
13 ing Program Manager for Critical Major  
14 Weapon Systems, the Under Secretary of  
15 Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment,  
16 and the Commander of Air Force Global  
17 Strike Command jointly determine”;

18 (ii) by striking “with the Under Sec-  
19 retary” and inserting “with the Direct Re-  
20 porting Program Manager, the Under Sec-  
21 retary, and the Commander”; and

22 (B) in paragraph (2)—

23 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

24 (I) in clause (i), by inserting “,  
25 the Direct Reporting Program Man-  
26 ager, the Under Secretary, and the



1 Commander” after “efforts of the  
2 Secretary”; and

3 (II) in clause (ii), by striking  
4 “the Secretary intends” and inserting  
5 “such officials intend”; and

6 (ii) in subparagraph (H), by striking  
7 “such funding the Secretary” and inserting  
8 “such funding the Direct Reporting Pro-  
9 gram Manager”; and

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Under  
12 Secretary” and inserting “Commander”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (2)—

14 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-  
15 graph (A), by striking “Under Secretary”  
16 and inserting “Commander”; and

17 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
18 “Under Secretary” and inserting “Com-  
19 mander”.

20 **SEC. 1518. MODIFICATIONS TO PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**  
21 **FRAMEWORK FOR NUCLEAR FORCES.**

22 Section 499c of title 10, United States Code, is  
23 amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a), by striking, “2024”, and  
25 inserting, “2027”;

1 (2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end a  
 2 new paragraph (6):

3 “(6) The nuclear-armed sea-launched cruise  
 4 missile program.”; and

5 (3) in subsection (d)—

6 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “; and”  
 7 and inserting a semicolon;

8 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-  
 9 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(5) the associated military, civilian, and con-  
 12 tractor workforces.”.

13 **SEC. 1519. MODIFICATIONS TO REPORTS ON NUCLEAR**  
 14 **FORCE REDUCTIONS.**

15 (a) REPEAL OF CERTIFICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO  
 16 STRATEGIC DELIVERY SYSTEMS.—Section 495 of title 10,  
 17 United States Code, is repealed.

18 (b) NUCLEAR FORCE REDUCTIONS.—Section 494 of  
 19 title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-  
 20 lows:

21 **“§ 494. Nuclear force reductions**

22 “(a) ANNUAL REPORT ON THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS  
 23 STOCKPILE OF THE UNITED STATES.—Not later than  
 24 March 1 of each year, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-  
 25 mit to the congressional defense committees a report on

1 the nuclear weapons stockpile of the United States that  
2 includes the following:

3 “(1) An accounting of the weapons in the stock-  
4 pile as of the end of the fiscal year preceding the  
5 submission of the report that includes all weapons in  
6 the active and inactive stockpiles, both deployed and  
7 non-deployed, and all categories and readiness states  
8 of such weapons.

9 “(2) The planned force levels for each category  
10 of nuclear weapon over the course of the future-  
11 years defense program submitted to Congress under  
12 section 221 for the fiscal year following the fiscal  
13 year in which the report is submitted.

14 “(b) NET ASSESSMENT OF NUCLEAR FORCE LEVELS  
15 REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROPOSALS TO  
16 REDUCE THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE OF THE  
17 UNITED STATES.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, during any year begin-  
19 ning after December 31, 2025, the President makes  
20 a proposal described in paragraph (2)—

21 “(A) the Commander of United States  
22 Strategic Command shall conduct a net assess-  
23 ment of the current and proposed nuclear forces  
24 of the United States and of other countries that  
25 possess nuclear weapons to determine whether

1 the nuclear forces of the United States are an-  
2 ticipated to be capable of meeting the objectives  
3 of the United States with respect to nuclear de-  
4 terrence, extended deterrence, assurance of al-  
5 lies, and defense;

6 “(B) the Secretary of Defense shall submit  
7 to the Committees on Armed Services of the  
8 Senate and House of Representatives the as-  
9 sessment described in subparagraph (A), un-  
10 changed, together with the explanatory views of  
11 the Secretary, as the Secretary deems appro-  
12 priate; and

13 “(C) the Administrator for Nuclear Secu-  
14 rity shall submit to the Committees on Armed  
15 Services of the Senate and House of Represent-  
16 atives a report describing the current capacities  
17 of the United States nuclear weapons infra-  
18 structure to respond to a strategic development  
19 or technical problem in the United States nu-  
20 clear weapons stockpile.

21 “(2) PROPOSAL DESCRIBED.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
23 subparagraph (B), a proposal described in this  
24 paragraph is a proposal to reduce the number  
25 of nuclear weapons in the active or inactive

1 stockpiles of the United States to a level that  
2 is lower than the level on December 31, 2025.

3 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—A proposal described  
4 in this paragraph does not include—

5 “(i) reductions that are a direct result  
6 of activities associated with routine stock-  
7 pile stewardship, including stockpile sur-  
8 veillance, logistics, or maintenance; or

9 “(ii) nuclear weapons retired or await-  
10 ing dismantlement on December 31, 2025.

11 “(c) CERTIFICATION REGARDING ASYMMETRY IN  
12 REDUCTIONS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—During any year in which  
14 the President recommends to reduce the number of  
15 nuclear weapons in the active and inactive stockpiles  
16 of the United States or recommends a reduction in  
17 the nuclear force structure of the Department of De-  
18 fense by a number that is greater than a de minimis  
19 reduction, the President shall certify in writing to  
20 the congressional defense committees whether such  
21 reductions will cause the number of nuclear weapons  
22 in such stockpiles to be fewer than the high-con-  
23 fidence assessment of the intelligence community (as  
24 defined in section 3(4) of the National Security Act  
25 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4))) with respect to the

1        number of nuclear weapons in the active and inactive  
2        stockpiles of the Russian Federation or will result  
3        in an imbalance in nuclear forces that could undermine  
4        continued deterrence of the Russian Federation or the People's Republic of China, as appropriate.  
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7            “(2) NOTIFICATION.—If the President certifies  
8        under paragraph (1) that the recommended number  
9        of nuclear weapons in the active and inactive stockpiles  
10       of the United States is fewer than the high-confidence  
11       assessment of the intelligence community with respect to the  
12       number of nuclear weapons in the active and inactive stockpiles  
13       of the Russian Federation, or if a reduction in the nuclear force  
14       structure of the Department of Defense would result in an  
15       imbalance in nuclear forces that could undermine continued  
16       deterrence of the Russian Federation or the People's Republic  
17       of China, the President shall transmit to the congressional  
18       defense committees a report by the Commander of the United  
19       States Strategic Command, without change, detailing whether  
20       the recommended reduction would create a strategic imbalance  
21       or degrade deterrence and extended deterrence. The President  
22       shall transmit such report by not later than 60 days before the

1 date on which the President carries out any such  
2 recommended reductions.

3 “(3) EXCEPTION.—The notification in para-  
4 graph (2) shall not apply to—

5 “(A) reductions made to ensure the safety,  
6 security, reliability, and credibility of the nu-  
7 clear weapons stockpile and strategic delivery  
8 systems, including activities related to surveil-  
9 lance, assessment, certification, testing, and  
10 maintenance of nuclear warheads and strategic  
11 delivery systems; or

12 “(B) nuclear warheads that are retired or  
13 awaiting dismantlement on the date of the cer-  
14 tification under paragraph (1).

15 “(4) ADDITIONAL VIEWS.—On the date on  
16 which the President transmits to the congressional  
17 defense committees a report by the Commander of  
18 the United States Strategic Command under para-  
19 graph (2), the President may transmit to such com-  
20 mittees a report by the President with respect to  
21 whether the recommended reductions covered by the  
22 report of the Commander will impact the deterrence  
23 or extended deterrence capabilities of the United  
24 States.”.

1 **SEC. 1520. MODIFICATIONS TO BIENNIAL REPORT ON THE**  
2 **PLAN FOR THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCK-**  
3 **PILE, NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPLEX, NU-**  
4 **CLEAR WEAPONS DELIVERY SYSTEMS, AND**  
5 **NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMMAND AND CON-**  
6 **TROL SYSTEM.**

7 Section 492a of title 10, United States Code, is  
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “2013  
11 through 2029” and inserting “through 2033”;

12 (B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) in-  
13 serting the following:

14 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required under  
15 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

16 “(A) A detailed description of any plans  
17 to—

18 “(i) enhance the safety, security, and  
19 effectiveness of the nuclear weapons stock-  
20 pile of the United States;

21 “(ii) sustain and modernize the nu-  
22 clear weapons complex, including improv-  
23 ing the safety of facilities and modernizing  
24 the infrastructure;

25 “(iii) maintain, modernize, and re-  
26 place delivery systems for nuclear weapons;



1                   “(iv) sustain, modernize, and replace  
2                   the nuclear command, control, and commu-  
3                   nications system;

4                   “(v) retire, dismantle, or eliminate  
5                   any nuclear warheads or bombs, nuclear  
6                   weapons delivery systems, or any platforms  
7                   which carry such nuclear warheads, bombs,  
8                   or delivery systems; and

9                   “(vi) maintain the key capabilities and  
10                  competencies of military, civilian, and con-  
11                  tractor workforce associated with the ac-  
12                  tivities described in clauses (i) through (v).

13               “(B) A detailed estimate, including a de-  
14               scription of the estimation methodology used, of  
15               the budget requirements associated with the ac-  
16               tivities described under subparagraph (A), over  
17               the duration of the Future Years Defense Pro-  
18               gram and the Future Years Nuclear Security  
19               Program following the date of the report, in-  
20               cluding the applicable and appropriate costs as-  
21               sociated with the procurement, personnel, mili-  
22               tary construction, operation and maintenance,  
23               and research, development, test, and evaluation  
24               accounts of the Department of Defense. The  
25               Secretary may include information and data for

a period beyond such period if the Secretary determines that such information and data is accurate and useful in understanding the long-term nuclear modernization plan.

“(C) A detailed description of the steps taken to implement the plan submitted in the previous report, including difficulties encountered in implementing the plan in the previous report.”; and

(C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3);

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “10-year period” and inserting “duration of the Future Years Defense Program and the Future Years Nuclear Security Program”; and

(3) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “paragraphs (2)(F) and (3)” and inserting “paragraph (2)(B)”.

**SEC. 1521. MULTIPOLAR NUCLEAR DETERRENCE STRATEGY AND THEATER-RANGE NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.**

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL THEATER-RANGE NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.—

(1) NEW OR MODIFIED NUCLEAR WEAPON.—

Consistent with the requirements established under

1 section 6120 of title 10, United States Code, and  
2 subject to the availability of appropriations or funds  
3 otherwise made available, the Secretary of Energy,  
4 acting through the Administrator for Nuclear Security,  
5 may establish not more than 2 programs for  
6 the research, development, and production of new or  
7 modified nuclear weapons, if—

8 (A) one such weapon is primarily intended  
9 to be delivered by a surface-launched system;  
10 and

11 (B) one such weapon is primarily intended  
12 to be delivered by an air-launched system.

13 (2) NEW OR MODIFIED NUCLEAR WEAPON DELIVERY SYSTEM.—Subject to the availability of appropriations or funds otherwise made available, the  
14 Secretary of Defense is authorized to direct one or  
15 more of the military departments to establish not  
16 more than two programs for the research, development,  
17 and production of new or modified nuclear  
18 weapons delivery systems, if—

21 (A) one such weapon delivery system is  
22 primarily intended to be surface-launched; and

23 (B) one such weapon is primarily intended  
24 to be air-launched.

1 (b) REPORT ON MULTIPOLAR NUCLEAR DETER-  
2 RENCE STRATEGY.—

3 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 120 days  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Chair-  
6 man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Com-  
7 mander of United States Strategic Command, shall  
8 submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
9 port on a revised strategy of the Department of De-  
10 fense (referred to in this subsection as the “Depart-  
11 ment”) for deterring multiple nuclear-armed adver-  
12 saries.

13 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under  
14 paragraph (1) shall include—

15 (A) a comprehensive assessment of the im-  
16 plications of a multipolar nuclear environment  
17 for the deterrence strategy of the United  
18 States, including explicit assumptions used for  
19 force planning;

20 (B) a detailed description of how the De-  
21 partment plans to adapt the nuclear forces, pos-  
22 ture, and operational concepts of the United  
23 States to deter simultaneous or sequential coer-  
24 cion or aggression by multiple nuclear-armed  
25 adversaries;

1 (C) a rigorous analysis of current and pro-  
2 jected adversary nuclear force structures, doc-  
3 trines, and targeting strategies, including impli-  
4 cations for the sufficiency and survivability of  
5 the United States force;

6 (D) a specific explanation of the method-  
7 ology used by the Department to determine the  
8 quantity and types of adversary targets that  
9 must be held at risk, including how such re-  
10 quirements change under two-peer deterrence  
11 scenarios;

12 (E) an identification of current and pro-  
13 jected gaps in the nuclear capabilities of the  
14 United States, including theater-range systems,  
15 non-strategic nuclear options, and flexible re-  
16 sponse capabilities;

17 (F) a plan, with associated timelines and  
18 resource requirements, to address identified ca-  
19 pability gaps;

20 (G) a detailed assessment of the role of the  
21 nuclear-armed sea-launched cruise missile and  
22 any additional theater nuclear capabilities in  
23 strengthening regional and extended deterrence;

24 (H) an evaluation of the resilience, surviv-  
25 ability, and adaptability of nuclear command,

1 control, and communications systems under  
2 conditions of simultaneous peer conflict;

3 (I) an assessment of the strategic and  
4 operational risks associated with maintaining a  
5 nuclear posture primarily optimized for a bipo-  
6 lar environment; and

7 (J) recommendations for legislative, budg-  
8 etary, or policy changes required to implement  
9 the strategy.

10 (3) FORM.—The report shall be submitted in  
11 unclassified form, but may include a classified  
12 annex.

13 (c) ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION BRIEFINGS.—

14 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days  
15 after the submission of the report required by sub-  
16 section (b), and annually thereafter until September  
17 30, 2032, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy,  
18 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and  
19 Sustainment, and the Vice Chairman of the Joint  
20 Chiefs of Staff shall brief the congressional defense  
21 committees on their joint efforts to implement the  
22 conclusions and recommendations of the strategy de-  
23 scribed in subsection (b).

24 (2) ELEMENTS.—At a minimum, each briefing  
25 should address—

1 (A) the adequacy and effectiveness of the  
2 strategy in deterring nuclear and non-nuclear  
3 strategic attacks against the United States and  
4 its allies;

5 (B) progress in incorporating any adjust-  
6 ments to the role of nuclear forces in United  
7 States defense policies and military strategy;

8 (C) current and projected nuclear force  
9 structure requirements for achieving national  
10 and military objectives;

11 (D) completed and projected adjustments  
12 to the nuclear weapons stockpile necessary to  
13 achieve national and military objectives;

14 (E) nuclear weapons development, produc-  
15 tion and sustainment capability and capacity re-  
16 quirements necessary to achieve and maintain  
17 desired nuclear weapons stockpile quantities  
18 and attributes;

19 (F) ongoing or planned threat reduction  
20 activities contributing to the achievement of na-  
21 tional and military objectives; and

22 (G) other related activities or relevant top-  
23 ics, as determined necessary by the Under Sec-  
24 retaries or the Vice Chairman.

## **Subtitle C—Missile Defense**

### **SEC. 1531. IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE SYSTEM AND ISRAELI COOPERATIVE MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM CO-DEVELOPMENT AND CO-PRODUCTION.**

(a) IRON DOME SHORT-RANGE ROCKET DEFENSE  
SYSTEM.—

(1) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act for fiscal year 2027 for procurement, Defense-wide, and available for the Missile Defense Agency, not more than \$20,000,000 may be provided to the Government of Israel to procure components for the Iron Dome short-range rocket defense system through co-production of such components in the United States by industry of the United States.

(2) CONDITIONS.—

(A) AGREEMENT.—Funds described in paragraph (1) for the Iron Dome short-range rocket defense program shall be available subject to the terms and conditions in the Agreement Between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the State of Israel Concerning Iron Dome Defense System Procurement,



1 signed on March 5, 2014, as amended to in-  
2 clude co-production for Tamir interceptors.

3 (B) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 30  
4 days prior to the initial obligation of funds de-  
5 scribed in paragraph (1), the Under Secretary  
6 of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment  
7 shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
8 committees—

9 (i) a certification that the amended bi-  
10 lateral international agreement specified in  
11 subparagraph (A) is being implemented as  
12 provided in such agreement;

13 (ii) an assessment detailing any risks  
14 relating to the implementation of such  
15 agreement; and

16 (iii) for system improvements result-  
17 ing in modified Iron Dome components  
18 and Tamir interceptor sub-components, a  
19 certification that the Government of Israel  
20 has demonstrated successful completion of  
21 Production Readiness Reviews, including  
22 the validation of production lines, the  
23 verification of component conformance,  
24 and the verification of performance to  
25 specification as defined in the Iron Dome

1                   Defense System Procurement Agreement,  
2                   as further amended.

3           (b) ISRAELI COOPERATIVE MISSILE DEFENSE PRO-  
4 GRAM, DAVID'S SLING WEAPON SYSTEM CO-PRODUC-  
5 TION.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3), of  
7 the funds authorized to be appropriated for fiscal  
8 year 2027 for procurement, Defense-wide, and avail-  
9 able for the Missile Defense Agency not more than  
10 \$30,000,000 may be provided to the Government of  
11 Israel to procure the David's Sling Weapon System,  
12 including for co-production of parts and components  
13 in the United States by United States industry.

14           (2) AGREEMENT.—Provision of funds specified  
15 in paragraph (1) shall be subject to the terms and  
16 conditions in the bilateral co-production agreement,  
17 including—

18                   (A) a one-for-one cash match is made by  
19 Israel or in another matching amount that oth-  
20 erwise meets best efforts (as mutually agreed to  
21 by the United States and Israel); and

22                   (B) co-production of parts, components,  
23 and all-up rounds (if appropriate) in the United  
24 States by United States industry for the Da-

1           vid's Sling Weapon System is not less than 50  
2           percent.

3           (3) CERTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT.—The  
4           Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and  
5           Sustainment shall submit to the appropriate con-  
6           gressional committees—

7                   (A) a certification that the Government of  
8           Israel has demonstrated the successful comple-  
9           tion of the knowledge points, technical mile-  
10          stones, and Production Readiness Reviews re-  
11          quired by the research, development, and tech-  
12          nology agreement and the bilateral co-produc-  
13          tion agreement for the David's Sling Weapon  
14          System; and

15                   (B) an assessment detailing any risks re-  
16          lating to the implementation of such agreement.

17          (c) ISRAELI COOPERATIVE MISSILE DEFENSE PRO-  
18          GRAM, ARROW 3 UPPER TIER INTERCEPTOR PROGRAM  
19          CO-PRODUCTION.—

20                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), of  
21          the funds authorized to be appropriated for fiscal  
22          year 2027 for procurement, Defense-wide, and avail-  
23          able for the Missile Defense Agency not more than  
24          \$150,000,000 may be provided to the Government of  
25          Israel for the Arrow 3 Upper Tier Interceptor Pro-

1       gram, including for co-production of parts and com-  
2       ponents in the United States by United States in-  
3       dustry.

4               (2) CERTIFICATION.—The Under Secretary of  
5       Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall sub-  
6       mit to the appropriate congressional committees a  
7       certification that—

8               (A) the Government of Israel has dem-  
9       onstrated the successful completion of the  
10      knowledge points, technical milestones, and  
11      Production Readiness Reviews required by the  
12      research, development, and technology agree-  
13      ment for the Arrow 3 Upper Tier Interceptor  
14      Program;

15              (B) funds specified in paragraph (1) will  
16      be provided on the basis of a one-for-one cash  
17      match made by Israel or in another matching  
18      amount that otherwise meets best efforts (as  
19      mutually agreed to by the United States and  
20      Israel);

21              (C) the United States has entered into a  
22      bilateral international agreement with Israel  
23      that establishes, with respect to the use of such  
24      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. 1532. ENDURING OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY FOR THE**  
2 **GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM COMMAND AND**  
3 **CONTROL FACILITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with section  
5 1660(b)(1) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Au-  
6 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–  
7 263), the construction of the Guam Missile Defense Sys-  
8 tem Command and Control Facility shall not be declared  
9 operational until such time as the Under Secretary of De-  
10 fense for Acquisition and Sustainment, as the senior offi-  
11 cial responsible for the missile defense of Guam, certifies  
12 to the congressional defense committees that there is a  
13 continuity of operations plan with appropriate backup  
14 operational facilities in lieu of the functional incapacita-  
15 tion or operational loss of the Command and Control Fa-  
16 cility.

17 (b) CONTINUITY PLAN.—Not later than 45 days  
18 after the date on which the certification described in sub-  
19 section (a) is submitted, the Under Secretary of Defense  
20 for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Commander of  
21 United States Indo-Pacific Command shall provide the  
22 congressional defense committees a briefing on the con-  
23 tinuity plan described in such subsection, including a de-  
24 scription of any included facilities or installations to be  
25 used.

1 **SEC. 1533. FURTHER LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF**  
2 **FUNDS PENDING INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF**  
3 **SPACE-BASED MISSILE DEFENSE CAPA-**  
4 **BILITY.**

5 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this  
6 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
7 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, and available  
8 to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
9 search and Engineering for travel purposes, not more than  
10 75 percent may be obligated or expended until the date  
11 on which the Secretary of Defense submits the report re-  
12 quired by section 1671(d) of the National Defense Author-  
13 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31).

14 **SEC. 1534. MODIFICATION OF GOLDEN DOME MISSILE DE-**  
15 **FENSE SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORTING.**

16 Section 1652 of the National Defense Authorization  
17 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60) is amend-  
18 ed—

19 (1) by striking “the Secretary of Defense” each  
20 place it appears and inserting “the Direct Reporting  
21 Program Manager for Golden Dome for America”;  
22 and

23 (2) by striking “the Secretary” each place it  
24 appears and inserting “the Direct Reporting Pro-  
25 gram Manager”.



1 **SEC. 1535. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**  
2 **ING SUBMISSION OF THE BRIEFING ON SEA-**  
3 **BASED LAUNCH PLATFORMS FOR BALLISTIC**  
4 **MISSILE DEFENSE TARGETS.**

5 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this  
6 Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
7 Operation and Maintenance, Navy, and available to the  
8 Office of the Secretary of the Navy for travel expenses,  
9 not more than 90 percent may be obligated or expended  
10 until the Secretary provides the briefing required on page  
11 278 of Senate Report 119–39, accompanying S.2296 of  
12 the 119th Congress.

13 **SEC. 1536. COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATED AIR AND MIS-**  
14 **SILE DEFENSE SENSOR COVERAGE OF GUAM.**

15 (a) FULL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY REQUIRE-  
16 MENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the en-  
17 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, acting  
18 through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition  
19 and Sustainment and the Director of the Missile Defense  
20 Agency, and in coordination with the Commander of the  
21 United States Indo-Pacific Command and the Army Port-  
22 folio Acquisition Executive-FIRES, shall take such admin-  
23 istrative actions as are required to ensure full operational  
24 capability for the Aegis Guam System, which is defined  
25 to include no fewer than two AN/TPY–6 radar emplace-  
26 ments to ensure 360-degree sensor coverage of Guam.

1 (b) EXPEDITED FIELDING AND INTEGRATION.—The  
 2 Secretary of Defense shall take such actions as are nec-  
 3 essary, preferencing the use of existing equipment, to en-  
 4 sure the emplacement of a second AN/TPY-6 radar and  
 5 its integration into the Aegis Guam System are completed  
 6 by not later than September 30, 2030.

7 **SEC. 1537. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR GOVERNMENT**  
 8 **ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE TO REVIEW AND**  
 9 **ASSESS MISSILE DEFENSE ACQUISITION PRO-**  
 10 **GRAMS.**

11 Section 232 of the National Defense Authorization  
 12 Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 125 Stat.  
 13 1339), as most recently amended by section 1664 of the  
 14 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024  
 15 (Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 603), is repealed.

16 **SEC. 1538. IMPROVEMENTS TO AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE**  
 17 **ACQUISITION.**

18 (a) ASSESSMENT OF AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE  
 19 SYSTEMS AND INTERCEPTORS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
 21 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
 22 retary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Sec-  
 23 retary of State—

24 (A) complete an assessment of United  
 25 States Armed Forces and foreign specified part-

1           ner air and missile defense systems and inter-  
2           ceptors in the area of responsibility of the  
3           United States Central Command; and

4           (B) submit to the congressional defense  
5           committees a report on the findings of the Sec-  
6           retary with respect to the assessment completed  
7           under subparagraph (A).

8           (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursu-  
9           ant to paragraph (1)(B) shall include the following:

10           (A) A description of current air and mis-  
11           sile defense systems and interceptors used by  
12           United States Central Command and foreign  
13           specified partners to defend against attacks.

14           (B) An analysis of current inventories and  
15           production rates of air and missile defense sys-  
16           tems and interceptors produced by the United  
17           States and foreign specified partners.

18           (C) An assessment of the number of air  
19           and missile defense systems deployed and inter-  
20           ceptors expended to defend against attacks  
21           within the area of responsibility of the United  
22           States Central Command since October 7,  
23           2023, disaggregated by—

24                   (i) the United States; and

25                   (ii) foreign specified partners.

1 (D) An assessment of the air and missile  
2 defense systems within the area of the responsi-  
3 bility of the United States Central Command  
4 that have been damaged or destroyed in attacks  
5 since October 7, 2023.

6 (E) An assessment of the air and missile  
7 defense systems and interceptors developed and  
8 produced by the United States for which the  
9 United States defense industry cannot fulfill the  
10 orders placed by foreign specified partners so as  
11 to necessitate acquisition from other sources.

12 (b) STRATEGY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
15 retary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Sec-  
16 retary of State, submit to the congressional defense  
17 committees a strategy to facilitate additional co-  
18 operation with foreign specified partners to further  
19 integrate air and missile defense systems and to im-  
20 plement an interceptor acquisition strategy to defend  
21 United States nationals and assets and foreign spec-  
22 ified partners from attacks.

23 (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy submitted under  
24 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

1 (A) A description of current efforts by the  
2 Secretary of Defense to engage foreign specified  
3 partners to prioritize air and missile defense  
4 needs, including further coordination—

5 (i) to replenish interceptor stock sup-  
6 plies;

7 (ii) to facilitate the transfer and deliv-  
8 ery of air and missile defense systems from  
9 the United States to foreign specified part-  
10 ners; and

11 (iii) to increase air and missile de-  
12 fense system and interceptor supply bases  
13 located within the area of responsibility of  
14 United States Central Command.

15 (B) An assessment of the feasibility and  
16 cost of creating an air and missile defense sys-  
17 tem and interceptor stockpile located within the  
18 area of responsibility of United States Central  
19 Command to be exclusively used by—

20 (i) the United States; and

21 (ii) foreign specified partners.

22 (C) An assessment of the feasibility of es-  
23 tablishing joint ventures, licensing agreements,  
24 and co-production and manufacturing partner-  
25 ships between the United States and foreign

1 specified partners to accelerate the production  
2 of air and missile defense systems and intercep-  
3 tors.

4 (D) An identification of steps that can be  
5 taken to accelerate the joint research, develop-  
6 ment, acquisition, and transfer of alternative or  
7 lower-cost interceptor solutions, and com-  
8plementary air and missile defense capabilities  
9 between the United States and foreign specified  
10 partners, and the co-production of interceptors  
11 in the United States, where feasible.

12 (E) An analysis of the legal, economic, and  
13 defense policy aspects of a closer air and missile  
14 defense acquisition partnership between the  
15 United States and foreign specified partners.

16 (F) An analysis of lessons learned from air  
17 defense efforts in regional theaters, including  
18 Ukraine, the Middle East and North Africa, the  
19 Caucasus, and the Horn of Africa.

20 (3) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMA-  
21 TION.—The strategy and plan submitted under  
22 paragraph (1) shall provide that any activity carried  
23 out pursuant to the strategy and plan is conducted  
24 in a manner that is consistent with protection of in-  
25 telligence sources and methods and appropriately

1 protects sensitive information and the national secu-  
2 rity interests of the United States.

3 (4) FORM.—The strategy submitted under  
4 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified  
5 form, but may include a classified annex.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “air and missile defense systems”  
8 means air and missile defense articles, unmanned  
9 aerial defense articles, rocket defense articles, and  
10 non-kinetic articles, and all of their component  
11 parts, including command and control centers, sen-  
12 sors, radars, and launchers.

13 (2) The term “attacks” means missile, manned  
14 and unmanned aerial system, and rocket attacks  
15 from Iran and armed groups linked to Iran.

16 (3) The term “foreign specified partners”  
17 means allies and partners in the area of responsi-  
18 bility of the United States Central Command.

19 (4) The term “interceptors” means air and mis-  
20 sile, unmanned aerial, non-kinetic payloads, and  
21 rocket defense articles designed to detect, track, and  
22 destroy incoming missiles, manned and unmanned  
23 aerial systems, and rockets.

## **Subtitle D—Other Matters**

**SEC. 1541. SENSE OF THE SENATE, INSPECTOR GENERAL  
REVIEW, AND RESTORATION AND REMEDI-  
ATION PLANS FOR UNITED STATES ARMY,  
KWAJALEIN ATOLL, AND THE RONALD  
REAGAN SPACE AND MISSILE TEST RANGE.**

(a) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the Sense of the  
Senate that—

(1) Department of Defense test, evaluation, and  
space situational awareness capabilities residing on  
Kwajalein Atoll and supporting the missions of the  
Ronald Reagan Space and Missile Test Range are of  
paramount importance to the defense of the United  
States and the maintenance of the military capabili-  
ties required to achieve this goal;

(2) the persistent inability of the Army to ade-  
quately maintain Department of Defense facilities  
and infrastructure on the Kwajalein Atoll belies the  
clear importance of this installation and represents  
a continuing failure of leadership at all levels of the  
Army;

(3) this failure presents an ongoing health and  
safety risk to the military, civilian, and contractor  
workforce supporting Department of Defense activi-  
ties on the atoll;



1           (4) the Test Resource Management Center, at  
2           congressional direction, determined that the Ronald  
3           Reagan Space and Missile Test Range is function-  
4           ally incapable of fully executing nearly every mission  
5           it has been charged with supporting for several  
6           years;

7           (5) inadequate support and prioritization for  
8           sustainment and modernization activities, particu-  
9           larly with regard to the unique testing capabilities  
10          resident across the atoll, has placed tens of billions  
11          of dollars in critical investments in the moderniza-  
12          tion of the nuclear deterrent and ballistic missile de-  
13          fense capabilities of the United States at extreme  
14          risk due to the inability of the installation to fully  
15          support weapon system testing requirements;

16          (6) such risks will only be magnified as the De-  
17          partment of Defense works to develop the Golden  
18          Dome for America integrated air and missile defense  
19          system, long-range hypersonic strike systems, and  
20          the suite of mass-producible, low-cost munitions en-  
21          visioned by the Munitions Acceleration Council of  
22          the Deputy Secretary of Defense; and

23          (7) continued failures to rectify these systemic  
24          sustainment issues is antithetical to the stated prior-  
25          ities of the Department of Defense to restore

1 lethality to the Joint Force and undermines efforts  
2 of the United States to ensure United States  
3 warfighters are equipped with the tools needed to ef-  
4 fectively compete against rapidly expanding Chinese,  
5 Russian, and North Korean capabilities and deter  
6 their aggressive intentions now and in the coming  
7 decades.

8 (b) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—Commencing  
9 not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment  
10 of this Act and concluding not later than 150 days after  
11 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector Gen-  
12 eral of the Department of Defense shall conduct a com-  
13 prehensive review of—

14 (1) the status of United States facilities and ca-  
15 pabilities located on the islands comprising the  
16 Kwajalein Atoll, as well as any associated capabili-  
17 ties supporting the Ronald Reagan Space and Mis-  
18 sile Test Range not residing on the atoll;

19 (2) the effectiveness of previous, ongoing, and  
20 planned Army sustainment and modernization plans  
21 for maintaining the infrastructure and capabilities  
22 required to perform the missions assigned to United  
23 States Army Kwajalein Atoll and the Ronald Reagan  
24 Space and Missile Test Range and support Joint  
25 Force weapon system testing needs;

1           (3) the adequacy of previous, current, and  
2           planned funding to achieve the objectives of the  
3           sustainment and modernization plans of the Army  
4           for maintaining the infrastructure and capabilities  
5           required to perform the missions assigned to United  
6           States Army Kwajalein Atoll and the Ronald Reagan  
7           Space and Missile Test Range and support Joint  
8           Force weapon system testing needs;

9           (4) the analytical and decisionmaking processes  
10          within the Army and the Department of Defense  
11          generally that have contributed to the current status  
12          of United States facilities and capabilities on the  
13          atoll; and

14          (5) the effectiveness of the Army in providing  
15          health and welfare services to military, civilian, and  
16          contractor personnel assigned to the atoll at a level  
17          commensurate to such services provided at other  
18          Army installations outside the continental United  
19          States, including the determinations and decision-  
20          making processes that led to the absence of Depart-  
21          ment of Defense Education Activity, Defense Com-  
22          missary Agency, and Defense Health Agency sup-  
23          port for resident personnel and families.

24          (c) RESTORATION AND REMEDIATION PLAN.—

1           (1) INITIAL PLAN.—Not later than 90 days  
2     after the date of the completion of the review re-  
3     quired by subsection (b), the Deputy Secretary of  
4     Defense shall, in coordination with the Secretary of  
5     the Army, the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
6     search and Engineering, the Under Secretary of De-  
7     fense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the Direct  
8     Reporting Program Manager for Critical Major  
9     Weapon Systems, the Direct Reporting Program  
10    Manager for Golden Dome for America, the Com-  
11    mander of United States Strategic Command, and  
12    the Commander of United States Space Command,  
13    complete an initial plan for restoring and remedi-  
14    ating—

15           (A) the full range of test and evaluation  
16     capabilities required to support weapon system  
17     program development efforts requiring the use  
18     of the Ronald Reagan Space and Missile Test  
19     Range; and

20           (B) any supporting Department of Defense  
21     infrastructure deficiencies on Kwajalein Atoll  
22     required to fully enable Ronald Reagan Space  
23     and Missile Test Range operations, and any  
24     other deficiencies identified by the Inspector

1 General as part of the review described in sub-  
2 section (b).

3 (2) INITIAL COST ESTIMATE.—In parallel to the  
4 development of the plan required by (1), the Sec-  
5 retary of the Army shall, in coordination with the  
6 Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evalua-  
7 tion, prepare an initial cost estimate for—

8 (A) fully remediating not fewer than 75  
9 percent of all identified deficiencies across the  
10 fiscal years 2028 to 2032 Future Years De-  
11 fense Program; and

12 (B) fully remediating all deficiencies in  
13 mission critical testing capabilities as deter-  
14 mined jointly by the Under Secretary of De-  
15 fense for Research and Engineering, and the  
16 Direct Reporting Program Managers for Golden  
17 Dome for America and Critical Major Weapon  
18 Systems.

19 (3) ANNUAL UPDATES.—The plan required by  
20 paragraph (1) and the cost estimate required by  
21 paragraph (2) shall be annually updated by the Sec-  
22 retary of the Army and submitted through the Di-  
23 rector of the Test Resource Management Center to  
24 the Deputy Secretary of Defense as part of the Pro-  
25 gram Objective Memoranda request of the Army for

1 the upcoming fiscal year, along with an independent  
2 evaluation by the Director of the sufficiency of the  
3 proposed resourcing of the Army to achieve the plan  
4 objectives.

5 (4) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—No later than  
6 45 days after the receipt of the plan required by  
7 paragraph (1), The Deputy Secretary of Defense  
8 shall submit to the congressional defense committees  
9 an unedited copy of the plan described required by  
10 paragraph (1), along with any comments, planned  
11 follow-up activities, or recommendations for congres-  
12 sional action.

13 (d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED  
14 STATES REVIEW.—

15 (1) ANNUAL REVIEWS.—Commencing not later  
16 than April 1, 2027, and not less frequently than  
17 once each year thereafter until December 31, 2032,  
18 the Comptroller General of the United States shall—

19 (A) conduct a review of the condition of  
20 Department of Defense facilities and capabili-  
21 ties located on Kwajalein Atoll; and

22 (B) submit to the congressional defense  
23 committees—

24 (i) an assessment of the efforts of the  
25 Department of Defense to restore and re-

1           mediate the capabilities described in sub-  
2           paragraph (A); and

3           (ii) such recommendations for legisla-  
4           tive or administrative action to improve the  
5           efforts described in clause (i) as the Comp-  
6           troller General considers appropriate.

7           (2) ANNUAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later than Au-  
8           gust 1 of each year, the Comptroller General shall  
9           provide the congressional defense committees a brief-  
10          ing on the findings of the Comptroller General with  
11          respect to the most recent review conducted pursu-  
12          ant to paragraph (1)(A).

13 **SEC. 1542. LIMITATION ON THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS**  
14 **FOR THE RONALD REAGAN SPACE AND MIS-**  
15 **SILE TEST RANGE AND UNITED STATES ARMY**  
16 **GARRISON KWAJALEIN ATOLL.**

17          (a) LIMITATION.—Funds authorized to be appro-  
18          priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal  
19          year 2027 for the Department of Defense for activities  
20          at the Ronald Reagan Space and Missile Test Range or  
21          United States Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll may be obli-  
22          gated or expended only for the purposes for which such  
23          funds are authorized and appropriated or otherwise made  
24          available.

1 (b) PROHIBITION ON REALLOCATION.—Except as ex-  
2 pressly authorized by law, the Secretary of Defense, the  
3 heads of the military departments, and the Combatant  
4 Commanders may not realign, transfer, reprogram, or oth-  
5 erwise reallocate funds described in subsection (a) for pur-  
6 poses other than those specifically authorized and appro-  
7 priated or otherwise made available as described in such  
8 subsection, and may not authorize any other individual to  
9 do so.

10 **SEC. 1543. NOTIFICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO RELOCATING**  
11 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS OUT OF**  
12 **CERTAIN SPECTRUM FREQUENCIES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
14 Department of Defense initiates any activity relating to  
15 studying the relocation of Department systems out of  
16 bands of electromagnetic spectrum that are assigned to  
17 a non-Federal entity, the Chief Information Officer of the  
18 Department shall submit to the Committee on Armed  
19 Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Serv-  
20 ices of the House of Representatives a notification with  
21 respect to the initiation of the activity that includes—

22 (1) a list of the spectrum frequencies being  
23 studied; and

24 (2) a list of systems of the Department that re-  
25 side within those frequencies.



1 (b) ASSESSMENT, BRIEFING, AND REPORT.—After  
2 each notification submitted under subsection (a) with re-  
3 spect to an activity described in that subsection, the Chief  
4 Information Officer shall—

5 (1) not later than 60 days after the date of  
6 such submittal—

7 (A) complete an assessment of—

8 (i) the costs associated with the activ-  
9 ity; and

10 (ii) any change to current operational  
11 readiness of systems described in sub-  
12 section (a) expected as a result of such ac-  
13 tivity; and

14 (B) provide the congressional defense com-  
15 mittees a briefing on the findings of the Chief  
16 Information Officer with respect to the assess-  
17 ment completed under subparagraph (A); and

18 (2) not later than 90 days after the date of  
19 such submittal, submit to the congressional defense  
20 committees a report on the findings of the Chief In-  
21 formation Officer with respect to the assessment  
22 completed under paragraph (1)(A).

23 (c) LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR  
24 RELOCATION OF SYSTEMS.—None of the funds authorized  
25 to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available

1 for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Defense may  
2 be obligated or expended to relocate a system as described  
3 in subsection (a) until the Chief Information Officer has—

4 (1) provided the briefing required by paragraph  
5 (1)(B) of subsection (b) for such system; and

6 (2) submitted the report required by paragraph  
7 (2) of such subsection.

8 **SEC. 1544. ANNUAL BRIEFING ON DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
9 **FENSE ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PAR-**  
10 **TICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL TELE-**  
11 **COMMUNICATION UNION WORLD RADIO CON-**  
12 **ERENCE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—No later than the first March 31  
14 occurring after the date of the enactment of this Act and  
15 March 31 of each calendar year thereafter through 2031,  
16 the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through the Chief  
17 Information Officer of the Department of Defense and the  
18 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and in consultation  
19 with the Chiefs of each of the Armed Forces, provide the  
20 congressional defense committees a briefing on actions  
21 taken by the Department Defense in the previous calendar  
22 year with respect to preparations for or participation by  
23 the Department in the International Telecommunication  
24 Union World Radio Conference.

1 (b) SUBJECT MATTER.—Each briefing provided  
2 under subsection (a) shall cover the following:

3 (1) The composition and representation of dele-  
4 gates of the Department participating in World  
5 Radio Conference preparatory meetings, including  
6 Conference Preparatory Meetings and relevant re-  
7 gional bodies.

8 (2) The direct participation of the Department  
9 in International Telecommunication Union  
10 Radiocommunication Sector Study Groups and  
11 Working Parties between World Radio Conferences.

12 (3) Adoption of studies by the World Radio  
13 Conference.

14 (4) Testing and evaluation activities undertaken  
15 to assess the vulnerability of Department systems to  
16 proposed spectrum changes under consideration at  
17 the World Radio Conference, and the outcomes of  
18 such activities.

19 (5) Development of potential recommendations  
20 affecting the readiness of the Department, including  
21 studies that could be adopted by World Radio Con-  
22 ference.

23 (6) Potential cost and readiness implications of  
24 matters covered by paragraphs (3) through (5).

1           (7) Such other matters as the Chief Informa-  
2           tion Officer and the Chairman may consider impor-  
3           tant to the congressional defense committees.

4 **SEC. 1545. REPORT ON EFFORTS TO COUNTER FOREIGN ES-**  
5 **PIONAGE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**  
6 **THEFT TARGETING DEFENSE ASSETS.**

7           (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
8           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
9           of Defense, in coordination with the heads of such other  
10          Federal agencies as the Secretary considers appropriate,  
11          shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
12          port on efforts of the Department of Defense to counter  
13          espionage and intellectual property theft by the People’s  
14          Republic of China targeting Department of Defense instal-  
15          lations, research institutions, and the defense industrial  
16          base.

17          (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-  
18          section (a) shall include the following:

19               (1) A description of threats posed by the Peo-  
20               ple’s Republic of China to Department of Defense  
21               installations, federally funded research and develop-  
22               ment centers, universities conducting defense-related  
23               research, and entities within the defense industrial  
24               base, including efforts to obtain sensitive informa-  
25               tion, technology, or intellectual property.

1           (2) An assessment of trends in espionage and  
2           intellectual property theft targeting such entities, in-  
3           cluding the role of nontraditional collectors such as  
4           researchers, students, and commercial entities.

5           (3) A description of activities undertaken by the  
6           Department, in coordination with interagency part-  
7           ners, to detect, deter, and mitigate such threats.

8           (4) An accounting of resources dedicated by the  
9           Department to counter such threats, including per-  
10          sonnel, funding, and programs, and an assessment  
11          of the effectiveness of such efforts.

12          (5) A description of policies, procedures, and  
13          safeguards in place to protect civil liberties, aca-  
14          demic freedom, and the privacy rights of United  
15          States persons in the course of such activities.

16          (6) An assessment of vulnerabilities within De-  
17          partment installations, research environments, and  
18          the defense industrial base, including supply chain  
19          risks and insider threat considerations.

20          (7) A description of coordination mechanisms  
21          between the Department and interagency partners to  
22          address such threats, including information sharing  
23          and joint operational efforts.

24          (8) Recommendations for legislative, policy, or  
25          resource changes necessary to improve the ability of

1 the Department and interagency partners to counter  
2 such threats.

3 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)  
4 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include  
5 a classified annex.

6 **SEC. 1546. DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE ELECTRONIC**  
7 **WARFARE ROADMAP.**

8 Chapter 25 of title 10, United States Code is amend-  
9 ed by adding at the end the following new section:

10 **“§ 500h. Department of the Air Force electronic war-**  
11 **fare roadmap**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Not later than March 31,  
13 2027, the Secretary of the Air Force shall develop an inte-  
14 grated electronic warfare capabilities roadmap for air and  
15 space operations.

16 “(2) The Secretary of the Air Force shall update the  
17 plan developed under paragraph (1) not less frequently  
18 than once every year ending in an odd number.

19 “(b) THREAT ASSESSMENT.—The roadmap as devel-  
20 oped every other year shall be updated on the threat as-  
21 sessment that is ten years later than the date of produc-  
22 tion of the roadmap.

23 “(c) ROADMAP CONTENTS.—The roadmap developed  
24 under subsection (a) shall detail an integrated plan for  
25 capabilities that are—

1 “(1) already in effect;

2 “(2) under development; and

3 “(3) require a future material acquisition.

4 “(d) FORCE STRUCTURE.—In the roadmap developed  
5 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall outline the force  
6 structure requirements in terms of—

7 “(1) size of personnel;

8 “(2) types of occupational specialty; and

9 “(3) expected training requirements.

10 “(e) SYNERGISTIC CAPABILITIES.—As part the road-  
11 map required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall, to the  
12 greatest extent possible, detail synergistic cooperation with  
13 respect to—

14 “(1) waveform transport between threat  
15 emitters and weapon systems;

16 “(2) targeting, including physics-based mod-  
17 eling of different electronic warfare effects;

18 “(3) battle damage assessment; and

19 “(4) and such other areas as the Secretary con-  
20 siderers appropriate.

21 “(f) REVIEW BY THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM  
22 OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The Electro-  
23 magnetic Spectrum Operations Executive Committee es-  
24 tablished by section 500 of this title shall review the road-

1 map required by paragraph (1) of subsection (a) and each  
2 update under paragraph (2) of such subsection.

3 “(g) BRIEFING.—Not later than April 30, 2027, and  
4 not less frequently than once every year that ends in an  
5 odd number, the Secretary shall, in consultation with the  
6 Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations Executive Com-  
7 mittee, provide the congressional defense committees a  
8 briefing on the findings of the Committee with respect to  
9 the latest review conducted under subsection (f).”.

10 **SEC. 1547. USING OPERATIONAL ELECTRONIC INTEL-**  
11 **LIGENCE ASSETS TO ENGAGE HIGH-VALUE**  
12 **TARGETS.**

13 (a) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall,  
14 in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence,  
15 direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and  
16 Security and the Director of the National Security Agency  
17 to approve, direct, and enable the direct and immediate  
18 dissemination of all operational electronic intelligence data  
19 collected on high-value and potentially hostile military sys-  
20 tems in the United States Indo-Pacific Command and Eu-  
21 ropean Command areas of responsibility to military com-  
22 mand and control nodes and engagement systems and  
23 platforms for the purpose of establishing targeting quality  
24 tracks of such systems and platforms as an essential com-  
25 ponent of constructing, fielding, and exercising multi-sen-



1 sor, cross-domain, long-range kill chains under the oper-  
2 ational concept and strategy for combined, joint all-do-  
3 main command and control.

4 (b) DEADLINE FOR DIRECTIVE AND DEMONSTRA-  
5 TION.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the en-  
6 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

7 (1) issue a directive applicable to all compo-  
8 nents of the Department of Defense to enable the  
9 Under Secretary and the Director of the National  
10 Security Agency to carry out the direction of the  
11 Secretary under subsection (a); and

12 (2) conduct a demonstration of at least one kill  
13 chain of a high-value target set using the data gen-  
14 erated by national operational electronic intelligence  
15 collection systems that are currently operationally  
16 deployed and under the delegated tasking authority  
17 of the Director of the National Security Agency as  
18 the national functional manager for signals intel-  
19 ligence.

20 (c) CONSULTATION AND REPORTING.—The Director  
21 of the National Security Agency, the Under Secretary of  
22 Defense for Intelligence and Security, and the Director for  
23 Operations of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall—

1           (1) consult with the congressional defense com-  
2       mittees prior to the development of the directive and  
3       the demonstration required by subsection (b); and

4           (2) provide to the congressional defense com-  
5       mittees a briefing on the substance of the directive  
6       and the results and lessons learned of the dem-  
7       onstration.

8       (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9           (1) The term “direct dissemination” means di-  
10      rect downlinking or communicating of the minimum  
11      collected data needed to support target identification  
12      and engagement to systems and entities directly re-  
13      sponsible for engaging military targets, including the  
14      Family of Integrated Targeting Cells developed by  
15      the Department of the Army, the Department of the  
16      Navy, and the Department of the Air Force, without  
17      impacting timeliness and the achievable scale of tar-  
18      get engagements.

19          (2) The term “kill chain” means the highly  
20      automated, long-range, rapid, and large-scale proc-  
21      ess of detecting, identifying, locating, tracking, and  
22      engaging high-value adversary targets using assets  
23      and resources spanning multiple ground, air, sea,  
24      space, and cyber operational domains.

(3) The term “operational electronic intelligence” (OPELINT) means the detection, location, identification, and tracking of adversary military emitters of radio frequency electronic signals to support military operations, specifically including the peacetime construction and exercising and wartime execution of rapid-response targeting and engagement operations reflected in kill chains against moving and moveable objects enabled by the direct and immediate dissemination of data regarding such detection, location, identification, and tracking to engagement systems and platforms.

(4) The term “targeting-quality track” means a location and tracking product that is accurate, sustained, and timely enough to support striking a target with a long-range weapons system.

## **TITLE XVI—CYBERSPACE-RELATED MATTERS**

### **Subtitle A—Matters Relating to Cyber Operations and Cyber Forces**

#### **SEC. 1601. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON THE AUTHORITIES AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE PRINCIPAL CYBER ADVISORS.**

(a) AGREEMENT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
2       shall seek to enter into an agreement with a feder-  
3       ally funded research and development center or  
4       other independent entity to perform the services cov-  
5       ered by this section.

6           (2) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to enter  
7       into the agreement described in paragraph (1) not  
8       later than March 1, 2027.

9       (b) INDEPENDENT STUDY.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—Under an agreement be-  
11       tween the Secretary and a center or entity under  
12       subsection (a), the center or entity shall conduct a  
13       study on the roles, responsibilities, authorities, orga-  
14       nizational constructs, and resourcing of the Prin-  
15       cipal Cyber Advisors of the military departments.

16           (2) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the study under  
17       paragraph (1), the center or entity shall conduct an  
18       assessment of, and develop recommendations on—

19           (A) the extent to which the responsibilities  
20       of the Principal Cyber Advisors of the military  
21       departments are clearly delineated from, dupli-  
22       cative of, or ambiguous with respect to, those of  
23       the Chief Information Officers of the military  
24       departments and the commands or organiza-  
25       tions within the Army, the Navy, the Marine

1 Corps, the Air Force, and the Space Force re-  
2 sponsible for network and security operations,  
3 including recommendations for any changes to  
4 statute, policy, or organizational guidance nec-  
5 essary to resolve identified ambiguities or over-  
6 laps;

7 (B) the degree to which the authorities  
8 prescribed under section 392a(c) of title 10,  
9 United States Code, are sufficient to enable the  
10 Principal Cyber Advisors of the military depart-  
11 ments to execute their statutory and implied re-  
12 sponsibilities, including specific recommenda-  
13 tions for legislative action to resolve ambiguities  
14 or overlaps with the authorities of related posi-  
15 tions within the Army, the Navy, the Marine  
16 Corps, the Air Force, and the Space Force;

17 (C) the extent to which the current organi-  
18 zational placement of each Principal Cyber Ad-  
19 visor enables effective integration of cyber con-  
20 siderations across departmental activities, in-  
21 cluding acquisition, operations, personnel, and  
22 policy, including recommendations on the opti-  
23 mal organizational construct for each position  
24 and the advisability of elevating the position to

1 the level of Assistant Secretary or Under Sec-  
2 retary of the military department; and

3 (D) the extent to which current staffing,  
4 funding, and administrative support under each  
5 organizational construct enables or hinders exe-  
6 cution of statutory and implied responsibilities,  
7 including a comparative assessment of  
8 resourcing models across the military depart-  
9 ments and specific recommendations on the ap-  
10 propriate staffing levels, personnel numbers, as-  
11 signed tasks, and funding required to enable ef-  
12 fective execution of those responsibilities.

13 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study re-  
14 quired under subsection (b), the center or entity shall con-  
15 sult with—

16 (1) the Principal Cyber Advisor to the Sec-  
17 retary of Defense;

18 (2) the Principal Cyber Advisors of each of the  
19 military departments;

20 (3) the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-  
21 ment of Defense;

22 (4) the Chief Information Officers of each of  
23 the military departments;

24 (5) the senior officer or civilian of each of the  
25 Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Air Force,

1 and the Space Force responsible for command, con-  
2 trol, communications, and information technology;

3 (6) the senior officer or civilian of each of the  
4 Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Air Force,  
5 and the Space Force responsible for the operations  
6 and employment of cyber capabilities;

7 (7) the senior officer or civilian of each of the  
8 Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Air Force,  
9 and the Space Force responsible for military and ci-  
10 vilian cyber workforce career field management;

11 (8) the Director of the Defense Information  
12 Systems Agency and Commander of the Department  
13 of Defense Cyber Defense Command; and

14 (9) such other officials and stakeholders as the  
15 entity considers appropriate.

16 (d) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—

17 (1) REPORT.—Not later than January 1, 2028,  
18 the center or entity that conducted the study under  
19 subsection (b) shall submit to the Secretary of De-  
20 fense and the congressional defense committees a re-  
21 port on the findings of the center or entity with re-  
22 spect to study.

23 (2) BRIEFING.—Not later than January 15,  
24 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the  
25 congressional defense committees a briefing on the

1 findings of the center or entity that conducted the  
2 study under subsection (b) with respect to such  
3 study, which may be incorporated into existing an-  
4 nual or budgetary briefings provided to the congres-  
5 sional defense committees.

6 **SEC. 1602. FUNDING FOR RESERVE COMPONENT SUPPORT**  
7 **TO CYBER-PECULIAR OPERATIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-  
9 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-  
10 cal year 2027 for the use of the Armed Forces and other  
11 activities and agencies of the Department of Defense for  
12 operation and maintenance, up to \$5,000,000 may be obli-  
13 gated or expended by the Commander of United States  
14 Cyber Command to carry out cyberspace operations and  
15 cyberspace support activities requiring specialized activi-  
16 ties by members of the reserve components of the Armed  
17 Forces, including the National Guard, in support of cyber-  
18 peculiar operations.

19 (b) LIMITATION.—Nothing in subsection (a) shall be  
20 construed to authorize deviation from established per-  
21 sonnel and training procedures applicable to members of  
22 the reserve components of the Armed Forces, including  
23 applicable provisions of titles 10 and 32, United States  
24 Code, governing the order, administration, and training of  
25 reserve components of the Armed Forces.



1 (c) NOTIFICATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after  
3 the total amount obligated or expended pursuant to  
4 subsection (a) exceeds \$500,000, and not later than  
5 15 days after each additional \$500,000 increment is  
6 obligated or expended thereafter, the Commander of  
7 United States Cyber Command shall submit to the  
8 congressional defense committees notification of the  
9 obligations and expenditures giving rise to each such  
10 threshold being crossed.

11 (2) CONTENTS.—Each notification submitted  
12 under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

13 (A) The total amount obligated or ex-  
14 pended pursuant to subsection (a) during the  
15 fiscal year as of the date of the notification.

16 (B) The total number of members of the  
17 reserve components, including the National  
18 Guard, ordered to duty under title 10, United  
19 States Code, pursuant to subsection (a) during  
20 the fiscal year as of the date of the notification.

21 (C) A disaggregation of the number in-  
22 cluded under subparagraph (B) of such mem-  
23 bers by component of the Armed Forces.

24 (D) A disaggregation of such members by  
25 the specific authority under title 10, United

1 States Code, under which each member was or-  
2 dered to duty.

3 (d) REPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,  
5 2027, the Commander of United States Cyber Com-  
6 mand shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
7 mittees a report on obligations and expenditures  
8 made pursuant to the authority provided for in sub-  
9 section (a).

10 (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under  
11 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

12 (A) A full description and evaluation of  
13 each cyberspace operation or cyberspace sup-  
14 port activity that is the subject of each such ob-  
15 ligation or expenditure.

16 (B) The number and component affiliation  
17 of members of the reserve components of the  
18 Armed Forces, including the National Guard,  
19 who participated in such activities.

20 (C) The extent to which such activities  
21 aligned with established personnel and training  
22 procedures for members of the reserve compo-  
23 nents.

24 (D) Definitions and standards applied to  
25 determine cyber-peculiar requirements for par-

1           ticipation by reserve components of the Armed  
2           Forces, including the National Guard.

3           (E) Such other matters as the Commander  
4           considers appropriate.

5   **SEC. 1603. AMENDMENT OF ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIRE-**  
6           **MENTS ON SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES**  
7           **CYBER COMMAND.**

8           Section 391a of title 10, United States Code, is  
9   amended to read as follows:

10   **“§ 391a. Annual reporting requirements on support**  
11           **for United States Cyber Command**

12           “(a) ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED.—(1) Not later  
13   than March 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the Assist-  
14   ant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy and Principal  
15   Cyber Advisor for the Department of Defense shall submit  
16   to the congressional defense committees a report on the  
17   readiness and efforts of the military departments to pro-  
18   vide support for cyber operations.

19           “(2) Each report submitted under paragraph (1)  
20   shall include an unclassified summary suitable for public  
21   release.

22           “(b) CONSULTATION AND CONTRIBUTION.—(1) In  
23   preparing each report required by subsection (a), the As-  
24   sistant Secretary and Principal Cyber Advisor shall con-

1 sult with each Secretary of the military departments and  
2 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3 “(2) For each report submitted under subsection (a),  
4 the Commander of United States Cyber Command shall  
5 act as a contributor to the report, providing data, assess-  
6 ments, and requirements relating to the operational readi-  
7 ness of the Cyber Mission Force and other assigned forces.

8 “(c) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted under sub-  
9 section (a) shall include, for the period covered by the re-  
10 port, the following:

11 “(1) A description and assessment of the efforts  
12 of each military department to support joint and  
13 armed force-specific cyber missions.

14 “(2) An assessment of the sufficiency of the  
15 support provided by each military department to  
16 meet the operational requirements of United States  
17 Cyber Command, including with respect to readi-  
18 ness, training, and equipping the Cyber Mission  
19 Force teams.

20 “(3) A description of any capability or readi-  
21 ness gaps identified by the Commander of United  
22 States Cyber Command, and the steps being taken  
23 by the Secretaries of the military departments to ad-  
24 dress them.

1           “(4) An assessment of progress made on miti-  
2           gation plans for identified readiness shortfalls or  
3           challenges from previous years.

4           “(5) Standardized metrics and definitions for  
5           readiness, capability gaps, and mitigation plans, as  
6           developed by the Assistant Secretary and Principal  
7           Cyber Advisor in consultation with the Commander  
8           of United States Cyber Command.

9           “(6) As appropriate, the principal cyber advi-  
10          sors from each of the military departments shall also  
11          provide amplifying information, data, analysis or  
12          recommendations relating to any of the elements in  
13          paragraphs (1) through (4) within their purview.

14          “(7) Such other matters as the Assistant Sec-  
15          retary and Principal Cyber Advisor determines ap-  
16          propriate.”.

17 **SEC. 1604. SCALING CYBERSPACE ACCESS GENERATION**  
18 **AND MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES.**

19          (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to carry out the pilot  
20          program in subsection (c), the Secretary of Defense may  
21          enter into a contract with a private sector entity to con-  
22          duct a cyber operation for the sole purpose of access gen-  
23          eration and maintenance using contractor owned, con-  
24          tractor operated means, under the operational authority  
25          of the Commander of United States Cyber Command.

1 (b) LIMITATIONS.—Activities carried out under sub-  
2 section (a) shall—

3 (1) only be conducted under direct Federal Gov-  
4 ernment oversight of a civilian employee of the Fed-  
5 eral Government or a member of the Armed Forces,  
6 with cleared civilian employees of the Department of  
7 Defense or cleared members of the Armed Forces  
8 present at all times; and

9 (2) when feasible, conducted in facilities of the  
10 Federal Government.

11 (c) PILOT PROGRAM.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,  
13 2027, the Secretary may establish a pilot program  
14 under the operational authority of the Commander  
15 of United States Cyber Command, to assess the fea-  
16 sibility and advisability of conducting cyber oper-  
17 ations limited to access generation and maintenance  
18 through contractor owned, contractor operated  
19 means, subject to the limitations in subsection (b).

20 (2) TERMINATION.—The pilot program author-  
21 ized by paragraph (1) and the authority provided  
22 under subsection (a) shall terminate on or before  
23 December 31, 2030.

24 (d) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—

1           (1) CONTRACT NOTIFICATION.—Not later than  
2       10 days after entering into any contractual arrange-  
3       ment under subsection (a), the Secretary shall notify  
4       the congressional defense committees of the fol-  
5       lowing:

6           (A) The date the contractual arrangement  
7       was signed.

8           (B) Identification of the private sector  
9       party to the contractual arrangement.

10          (C) A description of the scope and terms  
11       of the contractual arrangement.

12          (2) OPERATIONS NOTIFICATION.—Not later  
13       than 48 hours after the commencement and subse-  
14       quent conclusion of any cyber operation conducted  
15       under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall  
16       notify the congressional defense committees of the  
17       following:

18          (A) The target and nature of the access  
19       developed or maintained.

20          (B) The identity of the cleared civilian em-  
21       ployee of the Department or member of the  
22       Armed Forces who conducted oversight of the  
23       operation.

24          (C) The contractor who conducted the op-  
25       eration.

1 (D) The duration and current status of the  
2 operation.

3 (e) BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS.—

4 (1) QUARTERLY BRIEFINGS.—The Secretary  
5 shall include a discussion of activities carried out  
6 under this section in the quarterly cyber operations  
7 briefings provided to the congressional defense com-  
8 mittees pursuant to section 484 of title 10, United  
9 States Code.

10 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days  
11 after the termination of the pilot program required  
12 by subsection (c), the Secretary shall submit to the  
13 congressional defense committees a report on the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 (A) An assessment of the feasibility and  
16 advisability of entering into contracts under  
17 subsection (a) on a continuing basis.

18 (B) What constraints were applied in con-  
19 tracts executed under the pilot program.

20 (C) What capabilities were acquired  
21 through contractor owned, contractor operated  
22 means.

23 (D) An assessment of how the pilot pro-  
24 gram impacted the development of the internal



1 access and management capabilities and talent  
2 development of the Armed Forces.

3 (E) Recommendations for legislative or ad-  
4 ministrative action to support or modify oper-  
5 ations carried out under subsection (a).

6 **SEC. 1605. CYBER OPERATIONAL READINESS ASSESSMENTS**  
7 **OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFOR-**  
8 **MATION NETWORK.**

9 (a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1,  
10 2027, and not less frequently than once each year there-  
11 after until December 31, 2030, the Secretary of Defense  
12 shall, acting through the Commander of United States  
13 Cyber Command and the Commander of the Department  
14 of Defense Cyber Defense Command, submit to the con-  
15 gressional defense committees an annual report on the im-  
16 plementation of the Cyber Operational Readiness Assess-  
17 ment (CORA) program of the Department of Defense In-  
18 formation Network and the findings from such program.

19 (b) CONTENTS.—Each report required under sub-  
20 section (a) shall include, for the period covered by the re-  
21 port, the following:

22 (1) An overview of the implementation status of  
23 the Cyber Operational Readiness Assessment pro-  
24 gram, including scope, methodology, team certifi-  
25 cation status, and assessment cadence across the

1 military departments and the defense agencies and  
2 Department of Defense field activities.

3 (2) Aggregate and component-level findings on  
4 remediation efforts during the Cyber Operational  
5 Readiness Assessment, and component level trend  
6 analysis of such efforts.

7 (3) Aggregate findings on risks, recurring defi-  
8 ciencies, and trends affecting mission assurance.

9 (4) A progress report on the planned updates to  
10 the Inspection Analysis Tool of the Department of  
11 Defense Information Network to include root cause  
12 analysis and records of actions taken or planned to  
13 address material risks identified through the pro-  
14 gram, including timelines, responsible organizations,  
15 and any resource constraints.

16 (5) An initial plan, and subsequent progress re-  
17 ports, for incorporating operational technology envi-  
18 ronments into assessments carried out under the  
19 program to ensure a comprehensive operational  
20 readiness evaluation of mission-critical systems,  
21 weapon platforms, industrial control systems, and  
22 supporting infrastructure.

23 (6) An assessment of how assessments under  
24 the program will incorporate and operationalize the  
25 pilot Critical Infrastructure Discovery and Evalua-

tion (CIDE) activities conducted by the Department of Defense Cyber Defense Command on operational technology networks, including alignment of scope, methodology, data collection, reporting, and resourcing to ensure unity of effort and avoid duplication.

(7) A description of any policy, authority, or resourcing gaps that inhibit full execution of the program as an operational readiness assessment.

**SEC. 1606. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON UNITED STATES  
CYBER COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND  
RESOURCING.**

(a) AGREEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center or other independent entity to perform the services covered by this section.

(2) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to enter into the agreement described in paragraph (1) not later than March 1, 2027.

(b) INDEPENDENT STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Under an agreement between the Secretary and a center or entity under subsection (a), the center or entity shall conduct a

1 study on the organizational constructs and  
2 resourcing of the United States Cyber Command.

3 (2) SCOPE.—The study conducted under para-  
4 graph (1) shall be limited to the headquarters ele-  
5 ment of United States Cyber Command and the per-  
6 sonnel, positions, and resources directly assigned to  
7 the Command. The study shall not address the orga-  
8 nization or resourcing of cyber operations forces as-  
9 signed to or retained by the military departments or  
10 other combatant commands.

11 (3) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the study under  
12 paragraph (1), the center or entity shall conduct an  
13 assessment of—

14 (A) the applicability of the doctrinal orga-  
15 nizational construct of a unified combatant  
16 command to the unique operational and techno-  
17 logical requirements of the cyber domain, in-  
18 cluding—

19 (i) the ability of the current organiza-  
20 tional construct to support the operational  
21 responsibilities of United States Cyber  
22 Command as a combatant command under  
23 section 164 of title 10, United States  
24 Code;

1           (ii) the ability of the current organiza-  
2           tional construct to support the responsibil-  
3           ities of United States Cyber Command  
4           under section 167b of title 10, United  
5           States Code, including the functions of a  
6           service-like combatant command with re-  
7           spect to cyber operations forces; and

8           (iii) the ability of the current organi-  
9           zational construct to support the acquisi-  
10          tion responsibilities of United States Cyber  
11          Command, including the program executive  
12          office for the Joint Cyber Warfighting Ar-  
13          chitecture established pursuant to section  
14          1509 of the James M. Inhofe National De-  
15          fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
16          2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C.  
17          167b note);

18          (B) the organizational structure and  
19          resourcing of United States Special Operations  
20          Command as a comparative model for a service-  
21          like combatant command operating across mili-  
22          tary departments; and

23          (C) the personnel, workforce development,  
24          recruitment and retention, facilities, and infra-  
25          structure required to meet the operational and

1           statutory demands of United States Cyber  
2           Command.

3           (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study re-  
4           quired under subsection (b), the center or entity shall con-  
5           sult with—

6               (1) military and civilian personnel assigned to  
7           the headquarters element of United States Cyber  
8           Command;

9               (2) commanders and senior leaders of the mili-  
10          tary departments responsible for generating cyber  
11          forces;

12              (3) the Joint Staff, including relevant direc-  
13          torates with responsibility for cyber operations plan-  
14          ning and resourcing; and

15              (4) such other officials and stakeholders as the  
16          entity considers appropriate.

17          (d) ALTERNATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL MODELS.—  
18          Under the agreement described in subsection (b)(1) be-  
19          tween the Secretary and a center or entity, the center or  
20          entity shall, based on the study conducted under such sub-  
21          section, develop not fewer than two alternative models for  
22          the organization and resourcing of the headquarters of  
23          United States Cyber Command, with analysis of the costs,  
24          benefits, and implementation considerations of each  
25          model.

1 (e) PRESENTATION TO THE SECRETARY AND NOTICE  
2 TO CONGRESS.—Not later than December 31, 2027, the  
3 independent entity shall present the models developed  
4 under subsection (d) to the Secretary of Defense. Not later  
5 than 30 days after receiving such presentation, the Sec-  
6 retary shall—

7 (1) select a preferred organizational model; and  
8 (2) notify the congressional defense committees  
9 of the preferred model selected and the alternatives  
10 considered.

11 (f) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than April  
12 30, 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
13 congressional defense committees an implementation plan  
14 for the preferred model selected under subsection (e)(1),  
15 including—

16 (1) a detailed description of organizational  
17 changes required;

18 (2) associated resourcing requirements, includ-  
19 ing any legislative changes necessary to carry out  
20 the plan; and

21 (3) a proposed schedule for implementation.

22 **SEC. 1607. MODIFICATION TO QUARTERLY REPORTING FOR**  
23 **CYBER OPERATIONS.**

24 Section 484 of title 10, United States, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Under Secretary of Defense for Policy” and inserting “Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, including how each such operations contributes to objectives for campaign plans, competition, or shaping for conflict in support of such command” before the period at the end; and

(B) by amending paragraph (3) to read as follows:

“(3) A description of the campaign plans for each geographic and functional command, including specific objectives, targets, and goals for the campaign and supporting operations and anticipated resources to meet campaign objectives.”.

**SEC. 1608. REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO USE OPERATIONS  
AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS FOR CYBER-PE-  
CULIAR DEVELOPMENT.**

Section 1640 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) is repealed.



1 **SEC. 1609. STRATEGY FOR INTEGRATION OF NATIONAL**  
2 **GUARD PHYSICAL RANGE CAPABILITIES INTO**  
3 **CYBER TESTING ACTIVITIES.**

4 (a) STRATEGY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 15,  
6 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through  
7 the Director of the Test Resource Management Cen-  
8 ter and in coordination with the Principal Cyber Ad-  
9 visor to the Secretary of Defense, the executive  
10 agent for cyber test ranges, the executive agent for  
11 cyber training ranges, and the Chief of the National  
12 Guard Bureau, submit to the congressional defense  
13 committees a strategy for integrating National  
14 Guard physical ranges with cyber-peculiar or cyber-  
15 peculiar test and evaluation capabilities into Depart-  
16 ment of Defense cyber test and evaluation activities,  
17 including within the National Cyber Range Complex.

18 (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under  
19 paragraph (1) shall include—

20 (A) an assessment of National Guard  
21 physical ranges with unique infrastructure rel-  
22 evant to testing cyber capabilities against phys-  
23 ical systems;

24 (B) an identification of existing interoper-  
25 ability between such ranges and cyber test and  
26 training platforms and any gaps therein;

1 (C) an inventory of skills and subject-mat-  
2 ter expertise within National Guard units sup-  
3 porting such ranges relevant to cyber, oper-  
4 ational technology, and test and evaluation;

5 (D) an assessment of current utilization of  
6 such ranges by the Department of Defense and  
7 the military departments for cyber test and  
8 evaluation, including frequency, scope, and ac-  
9 tivity types;

10 (E) a projection of demand for such ranges  
11 during the five-year period beginning on the  
12 date of the submission of the strategy under  
13 paragraph (1); and

14 (F) a programming and budgeting ap-  
15 proach for utilization of such ranges, including  
16 estimated costs disaggregated by fiscal year for  
17 the five-year period covered by the strategy  
18 based on the demand projections in subpara-  
19 graph (E).

20 (b) EVALUATION OF FUNDING MODELS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 15,  
22 2028, and concurrent with submittal of the strategy  
23 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall,  
24 acting through the Director of the Test Resource  
25 Management Center and in coordination with the

1 Principal Cyber Advisor to the Secretary of Defense  
2 and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, submit  
3 to the congressional defense committees an evalua-  
4 tion of the adequacy of funding models under Vol-  
5 ume 11A of the Department of Defense Financial  
6 Management Regulation (DoD 7000.14–R) for  
7 resourcing National Guard physical ranges with  
8 cyber-peculiar capabilities or cyber-peculiar test and  
9 evaluation requirements.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The evaluation required under  
11 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

12 (A) An analysis of the suitability for test-  
13 ing cyber effects on physical systems of the cur-  
14 rent funding models for such ranges.

15 (B) An identification of barriers within  
16 each such model impeding consistent access to  
17 and resourcing of such ranges, including impact  
18 of fall outside the Major Range and Test Facil-  
19 ity Base designation.

20 (C) A determination of whether any fund-  
21 ing model in effect is sufficient, as currently  
22 structured, to ensure sustained resourcing of  
23 such ranges.

24 (D) Recommendations for modifications to  
25 the Financial Management Regulation or alter-

1           native funding mechanisms not currently avail-  
2           able thereunder, including any legislative  
3           changes required.

4 **SEC. 1610. UPDATED CYBER READINESS REPORTING METH-**  
5 **ODOLOGY.**

6           (a) UPDATE REQUIRED.—Not later than January 1,  
7 2028, the Commander of United States Cyber Command  
8 shall, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of De-  
9 fense for Cyber Policy and the Principal Cyber Advisors  
10 of the military departments, develop and implement an up-  
11 dated methodology for reporting cyber force readiness.

12          (b) ELEMENTS.—In developing the updated method-  
13 ology required by subsection (a), the Commander shall in-  
14 clude considerations of the following:

15           (1) Measurement of mastery level for cyber  
16 forces, as defined under the Department of Defense  
17 Revised Cyber Force Generation Model.

18           (2) Extension of readiness reporting to all levels  
19 of the cyber operations forces, including cybersecu-  
20 rity service providers, service-specific cyber elements,  
21 and reserve component forces.

22           (3) Standardization of unit organizational ele-  
23 ments that input readiness data into the Joint Cyber  
24 Command and Control Readiness system.

1           (4) Interoperability with the Defense Readiness  
2       Reporting System, or any successor system.

3           (5) Ensure readiness reporting metrics account  
4       for—

5                   (A) shortfalls in available forces, as well as  
6       in on-hand forces that are not fully trained; and

7                   (B) forces at various stages in the training  
8       pipeline.

9           (6) Identification of bottlenecks in the readiness  
10       system, including training backlogs, trainer short-  
11       ages, and shortages in personnel available to certify  
12       teams.

13          (7) Assessment and evaluation of the capabili-  
14       ties of the cyber warfighting architecture, including  
15       the systems, tools, and infrastructure required to  
16       conduct cyber operations, using defined evaluation  
17       metrics for each component, including—

18                   (A) operational availability and mission  
19       suitability of systems;

20                   (B) capacity to support assigned cyber  
21       missions and force requirements; and

22                   (C) integration and interoperability of sys-  
23       tems across the cyber warfighting architecture.

1 (8) Periodic spot-check auditing by the Inspec-  
 2 tor General of the Department of Defense to ensure  
 3 the accuracy of cyber readiness reporting.

4 (c) BRIEFING REQUIRED.— Not later than January  
 5 29, 2027, the Commander of United States Cyber Com-  
 6 mand shall provide to the congressional defense commit-  
 7 tees a briefing on the development and implementation of  
 8 the updated methodology pursuant to subsection (a), in-  
 9 cluding timelines for full implementation and any legal or  
 10 policy constraints impacting such timelines.

11 **SEC. 1611. EXPANSION OF ENTITIES INCLUDED IN COORDI-**  
 12 **NATION BETWEEN UNITED STATES CYBER**  
 13 **COMMAND AND PRIVATE SECTOR.**

14 Section 1508 of the National Defense Authorization  
 15 Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C.  
 16 2224 note) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding  
 18 paragraph (1), by striking “information technology  
 19 and cybersecurity”; and

20 (2) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “March  
 22 1, 2026” and inserting “March 1, 2031”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (2)—

24 (i) by redesignating subparagraph (E)  
 25 as subparagraph (F); and

1 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph  
 2 (D) the following:

3 “(E) A description of the sectors and types  
 4 of entities prioritized by the Commander in car-  
 5 rying out subsection (a) and the reasons for  
 6 that priority.”.

7 **Subtitle B—Matters Relating to De-**  
 8 **partment of Defense Cybersecu-**  
 9 **urity and Information Tech-**  
 10 **nology**

11 **SEC. 1621. IMPROVING RESERVE COMPONENT NETWORK**  
 12 **ACCOUNT CONTINUITY.**

13 (a) POLICY UPDATE.—Not later than March 1, 2027,  
 14 the Chief Information Officer of the Department of De-  
 15 fense shall, in coordination with the Chief Information Of-  
 16 ficers of the military departments, update Department of  
 17 Defense-wide policy and guidance to establish the fol-  
 18 lowing minimum standards for personnel accounts of  
 19 members of the reserve components on unclassified and  
 20 classified networks:

21 (1) Accounts shall be disabled after no less than  
 22 180 days of inactivity.

23 (2) Accounts shall be deleted after no less than  
 24 270 days of inactivity.

1 (b) TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than  
2 July 1, 2027, the commanders responsible for information  
3 network operations of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air  
4 Force, and Space Force shall implement all technical con-  
5 figurations and group policy objects required to enforce  
6 the standards established under subsection (a).

7 (c) AUDIT.—Commencing not later than July 1,  
8 2027, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense  
9 shall conduct a 365-day audit of the implementation of  
10 subsections (a) and (b), which shall assess—

11 (1) the extent to which applicable policies and  
12 technical configurations have been updated and im-  
13 plemented as required;

14 (2) the rate at which personnel of reserve com-  
15 ponents were required to reactivate or rebuild ac-  
16 counts on unclassified and classified networks fol-  
17 lowing implementation; and

18 (3) whether the policy and technical changes re-  
19 quired under this section have demonstrably reduced  
20 account reactivation and rebuild burdens for per-  
21 sonnel of the reserve components.

22 (d) TRANSMITTAL OF FINDINGS.—Not later than  
23 September 1, 2028, the Inspector General of the Depart-  
24 ment of Defense shall transmit to the Chief Information  
25 Officer of the Department of Defense and the Chief Infor-



1 mation Officers of the military departments the findings  
 2 of the Inspector General with respect to the audit con-  
 3 ducted under subsection (c).

4 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than October 1, 2028, the  
 5 Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall pro-  
 6 vide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on  
 7 the findings of the Inspector General with respect to the  
 8 audit conducted under subsection (c).

9 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The term “classified network” means any  
 11 Department of Defense network authorized to proc-  
 12 ess or transmit information classified at the Secret  
 13 level.

14 (2) The term “reserve component” has the  
 15 meaning given that term in section 101(c) of title  
 16 10, United States Code.

17 **SEC. 1622. REDUCING ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN IN THE**  
 18 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RISK MANAGE-**  
 19 **MENT FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION.**

20 (a) GUIDANCE FOR STANDARDIZED RISK MANAGE-  
 21 MENT FRAMEWORK PROCESS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1,  
 23 2027, the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-  
 24 ment of Defense shall issue or update Department  
 25 of Defense-wide policy guidance relating to stand-

1       ardized risk management framework procedures ap-  
2       plicable to all programs and systems of the Depart-  
3       ment.

4           (2) CONTENTS.—The policy required under  
5       paragraph (1) shall include the following:

6           (A) A unified, standardized set of proce-  
7       dures with clearly defined steps by which all  
8       programs and systems of the Department shall  
9       progress through the risk management frame-  
10      work process.

11          (B) A mandatory, enumerated list of docu-  
12      mentation required from vendors and system  
13      owners at each step of the risk management  
14      framework process as defined in subparagraph  
15      (A), which—

16           (i) shall be submitted in machine-  
17      readable formats; and

18           (ii) may be submitted in a format  
19      other than machine-readable only if the  
20      vendor provides written justification that  
21      machine-readable delivery is not technically  
22      feasible, and such justification is approved  
23      in writing by the authorizing official prior  
24      to the initiation of any risk management  
25      framework activity.

1           (3) MILITARY DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTING  
2 GUIDANCE.—

3           (A) ISSUANCE.—Not later than December  
4 1, 2027, the Chief Information Officer of each  
5 military department shall publish implementing  
6 guidance subordinate to and consistent with the  
7 guidance issued under paragraph (1).

8           (B) LIMITATIONS.—The Chief Information  
9 Officer of a military department may not im-  
10 pose requirements beyond those in the guidance  
11 issued under paragraph (1) without written ap-  
12 proval of the Chief Information Officer of the  
13 Department of Defense.

14       (b) UNIFIED DIGITAL PLATFORM.—Not later than  
15 October 1, 2028, the Chief Information Officer of the De-  
16 partment of Defense shall modernize or replace the cur-  
17 rent enterprise application for hosting approvals and docu-  
18 mentation for programs and systems of the Department,  
19 and ensure that this Department-wide platform used to  
20 support the risk management framework process—

21           (1) is capable of ingesting, assessing, and re-  
22 trieval machine-readable security data submitted in  
23 accordance with subsection (a);

24           (2) supports real-time progress tracking for all  
25 programs and systems engaged in or that have com-

1 pleted the risk management framework process as  
2 established in updated or new guidance required  
3 under subsection (a);

4 (3) serves as the authoritative repository for all  
5 risk management framework documentation required  
6 under subsection (a); and

7 (4) is accessible to authorizing officials, pro-  
8 gram offices, and mission owners across the Depart-  
9 ment and the military departments, including to  
10 support reciprocity determinations under section  
11 1522 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-  
12 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for  
13 Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C.  
14 2223 note).

15 (c) CONTROL INHERITANCE AS THE DEFAULT AP-  
16 PROACH.—

17 (1) POLICY.—It shall be the policy of the De-  
18 partment that use of available inherited controls  
19 shall be required as the default for all programs and  
20 systems of the Department, with exceptions to such  
21 policy to be approved by the Chief Information Offi-  
22 cer of the Department of Defense.

23 (2) UPDATE TO DIRECTIVES.—(A) Not later  
24 than October 1, 2027, the Chief Information Officer  
25 of the Department of Defense shall update all appli-

1 cable Department of Defense directives, instructions,  
2 guidance, and associated handbooks to establish the  
3 inheritance of applicable security controls from au-  
4 thoritative providers as the default approach for all  
5 programs and systems of the Department.

6 (B) The directives, instructions, guidance, and  
7 handbooks updated under subparagraph (A) shall—

8 (i) establish the inheritance of applicable  
9 security controls from authoritative providers as  
10 the default approach for all programs and sys-  
11 tems of the Department of Defense; and

12 (ii) require that an authorizing official who  
13 declines to use available inherited controls docu-  
14 ment in writing the specific technical or mission  
15 justification for that decision prior to initiating  
16 an independent assessment of those controls.

17 (d) ANNUAL BRIEFING TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
18 than April 1, 2027, and annually thereafter through April  
19 1, 2032, the Chief Information Officer of the Department  
20 of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense com-  
21 mittees a briefing on the following:

22 (1) The status of administration of subsections  
23 (a) through (c).

24 (2) Measurable changes in average risk man-  
25 agement framework cycle times before and after im-

1       plementation of the directive required under sub-  
2       section (a).

3               (3) Such recommendations as the Chief Infor-  
4       mation Officer may have for legislative or adminis-  
5       trative action to further reduce administrative bur-  
6       den without reducing security outcomes.

7       (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8               (1) The term “authorizing official” has the  
9       meaning given that term in Department of Defense  
10      Instruction 8510.01 (relating to Risk Management  
11      Framework for DoD Systems), or successor instruc-  
12      tion.

13              (2) The term “machine-readable” has the  
14      meaning given that term in section 3502 of title 44,  
15      United States Code.

16              (3) The term “risk management framework”  
17      means the cybersecurity risk management frame-  
18      work established by the National Institute of Stand-  
19      ards and Technology and implemented by the De-  
20      partment of Defense pursuant to Department of De-  
21      fense Instruction 8510.01 (relating to Risk Manage-  
22      ment Framework for DoD Systems) for the assess-  
23      ment and authorization of information systems.

1 **SEC. 1623. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION**  
2 **BOARD STUDY ON SOFTWARE-AS-A-SERVICE**  
3 **IN CLASSIFIED NETWORKS.**

4 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1,  
5 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall direct the Science,  
6 Technology, and Innovation Board to conduct a study on  
7 enabling commercial software-as-a-service offerings on  
8 classified networks of the Department of Defense.

9 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under sub-  
10 section (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) An assessment of the strategic and oper-  
12 ational benefits of commercial software-as-a-service  
13 offerings on classified networks, including the extent  
14 to which such offerings could advance the innovation  
15 objectives of the Department.

16 (2) An evaluation of the existing framework by  
17 which commercial vendors seek, are authorized, and  
18 subsequently given appropriate network and account  
19 access to build, certify, procure, and sustain soft-  
20 ware-as-a-service capabilities on classified networks,  
21 including the following:

22 (A) Technical requirements, including  
23 physical facility requirements, compute and net-  
24 working infrastructure, and mechanisms for  
25 vendor access to customer data across classified  
26 network enclaves.

1           (B) Security requirements applicable to of-  
2           ferings serving multiple military departments or  
3           components as well as Defense Intelligence En-  
4           terprise organizations simultaneously, including  
5           authority to operate processes and the feasi-  
6           bility of a reciprocal or common authorization  
7           framework.

8           (C) Contractual and regulatory require-  
9           ments, including whether the Defense Federal  
10          Acquisition Regulation Supplement and the De-  
11          partment of Defense Financial Management  
12          Regulation adequately support such procure-  
13          ments.

14          (D) Barriers to entry for small businesses  
15          and nontraditional defense contractors, and  
16          constructs that would enable such entities to ef-  
17          fectively compete their offerings.

18          (3) Recommendations for resolving the barriers  
19          identified under paragraph (2)(D), including the or-  
20          ganizational roles and responsibilities, resources, au-  
21          thorities, and legislative or administrative action re-  
22          quired to establish and sustain the growth of com-  
23          mercial software-as-a-service offerings.



1       (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study re-  
2       quired under subsection (a), the Science, Technology, and  
3       Innovation Board shall—

4               (1) consult with appropriate officials of the De-  
5       partment of Defense and the Defense Intelligence  
6       Enterprise; and

7               (2) to the extent practicable, seek input from  
8       representatives of the commercial software industry,  
9       including small businesses and nontraditional de-  
10      fense contractors.

11      (d) INTERIM BRIEFING.—Not later than August 1,  
12      2027, the Science, Technology, and Innovation Board  
13      shall provide to the congressional defense committees a  
14      briefing on the status of the study required under sub-  
15      section (a), including any preliminary findings or rec-  
16      ommendations.

17      (e) REPORT.—

18              (1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than January 15,  
19      2028, the Science, Technology, and Innovation  
20      Board shall submit to the congressional defense  
21      committees a report containing the findings and rec-  
22      ommendations of the Science, Technology, and Inno-  
23      vation Board with respect to the study required  
24      under subsection (a).

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

4       (f) BRIEFING ON REPORT.—Not later than January  
5   31, 2028, the Chair of the Science, Technology, and Inno-  
6   vation Board shall provide to the congressional defense  
7   committees a briefing on the findings and recommenda-  
8   tions contained in the report submitted under subsection  
9   (e).

10       (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11           (1) The term “classified networks” means a na-  
12       tional security system, as defined in section 3552(b)  
13       of title 44, United States Code, that is authorized to  
14       process, store, or transmit classified national secu-  
15       rity information.

16           (2) The term “nontraditional defense con-  
17       tractor” has the meaning given that term in section  
18       3014 of title 10, United States Code.

19           (3) The term “software-as-a-service” means a  
20       cloud computing service model in which the capa-  
21       bility provided to the consumer is to use the pro-  
22       vider’s applications running on a cloud infrastruc-  
23       ture, accessible from various client devices through  
24       a thin client interface such as a web browser or a  
25       program interface, in which the consumer does not

1       manage or control the underlying cloud infrastruc-  
2       ture, including network, servers, operating systems,  
3       storage, or individual application capabilities.

4   **SEC. 1624. STREAMLINING DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GOV-**  
5                   **ERNANCE PROCESS FOR CROSS-DOMAIN SO-**  
6                   **LUTION APPROVALS.**

7       (a) STREAMLINING REQUIRED.—The Chief Informa-  
8       tion Officer of the Department of Defense shall, in con-  
9       sultation with the Chief Information Officers of the mili-  
10      tary departments, reduce approval timelines and expand  
11      secured capabilities for cross-domain solutions through the  
12      elimination of unnecessary procedural steps and govern-  
13      ance body involvement that does not contribute a priority  
14      security benefit.

15      (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than December  
16      15, 2027, the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-  
17      ment of Defense shall, in consultation with the Chief In-  
18      formation Officers of the military departments, submit to  
19      the congressional defense committees a report that in-  
20      cludes the following:

21           (1) An assessment of current approval  
22      timelines, organizational constructs, resource re-  
23      quirements, and operational limitations imposed by  
24      current cross-domain solution governance processes,  
25      including the frequency, structure, and consensus-

1 based decision requirements of each governance body  
2 in the approval chain and whether full governance  
3 body review is required for every modification re-  
4 gardless of risk level.

5 (2) A comparison of Department of Defense  
6 cross-domain solution approval timelines, approved  
7 file types, file sizes, and bulk and streaming data ca-  
8 pabilities with those of other Federal departments  
9 and agencies.

10 (3) An assessment of barriers to full utilization  
11 of reciprocity authorities under Department of De-  
12 fense Instruction 8540.01 (relating to Cross Domain  
13 Policy), or successor instruction, and recommenda-  
14 tions to remove such barriers.

15 (4) A plan to carry out subsection (a) that—

16 (A) reduces approval timelines to be com-  
17 mensurate with the risk level of the requested  
18 modification and achieves parity with com-  
19 parable Federal department and agency proc-  
20 esses;

21 (B) identifies and eliminates governance  
22 body involvement that does not contribute a dis-  
23 tinct security benefit, including evaluation of  
24 whether full board review is warranted for every  
25 modification request regardless of risk level;

1 (C) fully employs available reciprocity au-  
2 thorities to achieve parity of approved capabili-  
3 ties across all enterprise cross-domain solutions;

4 (D) establishes a risk-tiered review frame-  
5 work that distinguishes high-risk changes re-  
6 quiring full governance body review from lower-  
7 risk modifications eligible for expedited tech-  
8 nical review;

9 (E) evaluates a model where the approval  
10 of a cross-domain solutions includes a set of  
11 pre-authorized parameters, such that any modi-  
12 fications to that cross-domain solution that are  
13 within those parameters do not require full re-  
14 approval; and

15 (F) assesses the feasibility of a common  
16 tracking and workflow tool to enable asyn-  
17 chronous and continuous review of modification  
18 requests in lieu of periodic consensus-based gov-  
19 ernance meetings, including proposed metrics to  
20 measure implementation effectiveness.

21 (c) IMPLEMENTATION BRIEFING.—Not later than  
22 March 1, 2028, the Chief Information Officer of the De-  
23 partment of Defense shall provide the congressional de-  
24 fense committees a briefing on the status of the implemen-  
25 tation of subsection (a) and an assessment of performance

1 with respect to each of subparagraphs (A) through (F)  
2 of subsection (b)(4).

3 (d) DEFINITION OF CROSS-DOMAIN SOLUTION.—In  
4 this section, the term “cross-domain solution” has the  
5 meaning given such term in Department of Defense In-  
6 struction 8540.01 (relating to Cross Domain Policy), or  
7 successor instruction.

8 **SEC. 1625. DATA CENTER INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY**  
9 **AND ROADMAP FOR MILITARY INSTALLA-**  
10 **TIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 15, 2028,  
12 the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through the Chief  
13 Information Officer of the Department of Defense and the  
14 Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations,  
15 and Environment, develop and submit to the congressional  
16 defense committees a data center infrastructure strategy  
17 and associated roadmap for the build-out of private data  
18 centers on military installations.

19 (b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strategy and  
20 roadmap required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall  
21 act in consultation with the following:

22 (1) The Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
23 search and Engineering.

1           (2) The Secretaries of the military departments  
2           and the respective chiefs of the Armed Forces and  
3           relevant headquarters elements.

4           (3) The Joint Chiefs of Staff.

5           (4) The Director of Cost Assessment and Pro-  
6           gram Evaluation.

7           (5) The Under Secretary of Defense for Intel-  
8           ligence and Security.

9           (6) Such other officials and organizations as  
10          the Secretary considers appropriate.

11         (c) CAPACITY AND REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS.—The  
12         strategy and roadmap required by subsection (a) shall in-  
13         clude an analysis of the following:

14                 (1) The current data center capacity of the De-  
15                 partment of Defense across all classification fabrics  
16                 and network types, including partner networks and  
17                 available cloud capacity.

18                 (2) Existing and projected future requirements  
19                 across such classification fabrics and network types.

20                 (3) The gap, if any, between current capacity  
21                 and existing requirements, and an estimated invest-  
22                 ment required to close that gap and meet projected  
23                 future demand.

24                 (4) An assessment of data center configurations  
25                 and form factors required to meet current and fu-

1       ture requirements, including permanent fixed facili-  
2       ties, tactical and mobile capabilities, and emerging  
3       concepts and capabilities, including orbital data cen-  
4       ters.

5           (5) A framework, developed in coordination  
6       with the Director of Cost Assessment and Program  
7       Evaluation, for evaluating future demand signals  
8       and requirements on an ongoing basis.

9       (d) INSTALLATION INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY.—As  
10     part of the development of the strategy required under  
11     subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary of Defense for En-  
12     ergy, Installations, and Environment shall conduct a study  
13     that includes the following:

14           (1) Development of a framework for evaluating  
15     future investments required to support proposed pri-  
16     vate data center build-out on military installations,  
17     including potential contracts or agreements with ex-  
18     ternal vendors for the construction or operation of  
19     data centers on military installations that may not  
20     be servicing Department of Defense information  
21     processing needs.

22           (2) An assessment of installation-level require-  
23     ments associated with such contracts or agreements,  
24     including the following:

25           (A) Physical security requirements.



1 (B) Personnel vetting standards.

2 (C) Power capacity requirements.

3 (D) Any impacts to utility rates to installa-  
4 tions and the surrounding areas.

5 (E) Supporting infrastructure require-  
6 ments.

7 (F) Contractual arrangements to utilize ex-  
8 cess data storage or power generation capacity  
9 in the event of an emergency, including require-  
10 ments or liabilities open to the installation in  
11 the event such arrangements are utilized.

12 (G) Contingency plans to address any ex-  
13 treme power fluctuations for the prevention of  
14 power outages.

15 (H) Any market research that has identi-  
16 fied data center companies' record of  
17 ransomware attacks, or cyberattacks, and any  
18 violations of air quality regulations.

19 (3) An analysis of the current and future data  
20 center plans of each military department for private  
21 data centers located on military installations.

22 (4) An analysis by the Department of Defense  
23 Clearinghouse to understand the operational impacts  
24 of current and future private data center plans  
25 based on the analysis in paragraph (3).

1 (e) CONTENTS OF STRATEGY AND ROADMAP.—The  
2 strategy and roadmap submitted under subsection (a)  
3 shall—

4 (1) identify specific military installations des-  
5 ignated or planned for private data center capacity,  
6 the basis for those designations, and the demand or  
7 capacity gap each installation is intended to address;

8 (2) outline the authorities, frameworks, and  
9 terms governing contracts or agreements with exter-  
10 nal vendors for private data center construction or  
11 operation on military installations, including require-  
12 ments relating to base infrastructure, power, and  
13 physical security;

14 (3) identify the investments required to execute  
15 the roadmap, disaggregated by installation and by  
16 fiscal year;

17 (4) describe how the Department will meet pro-  
18 jected future demand based on the framework devel-  
19 oped under subsection (c)(5); and

20 (5) include a governance structure as a stand-  
21 alone annex for negotiating for land use rights and  
22 related agreements with external vendors, which  
23 shall—

24 (A) designate a lead negotiator for each  
25 military department;

1 (B) require each such lead negotiator to  
2 operate within the guidance established by the  
3 official designated under subsection (f); and

4 (C) establish consistent negotiation guid-  
5 ance to ensure standardized terms across agree-  
6 ments and to protect the interests of the De-  
7 partment.

8 (f) DESIGNATION OF LEAD OFFICIAL.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1,  
10 2027, the Secretary shall designate a senior official  
11 within the Office of the Secretary of Defense to  
12 serve as the lead official responsible for overseeing  
13 and coordinating all activities of the Department re-  
14 lating to private data center build-out on military in-  
15 stallations, including the development of the strategy  
16 and roadmap required under subsection (a) and all  
17 associated negotiations with external vendors.

18 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The official designated  
19 under paragraph (1) shall—

20 (A) have principal responsibility and ac-  
21 countability for the administration of implemen-  
22 tation of the strategy and roadmap required  
23 under subsection (e);

1 (B) establish the terms, frameworks, and  
2 negotiating guidance within which the military  
3 departments shall operate; and

4 (C) ensure consistency and coordination  
5 across the military departments in the imple-  
6 mentation of the strategy and roadmap.

7 (3) DIRECTION TO MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.—  
8 The Secretary shall direct the Secretaries of the  
9 military departments to conduct all activities under  
10 this section in coordination with and through the of-  
11 ficial designated under paragraph (1).

12 (g) FORM.—The strategy and roadmap required  
13 under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified  
14 form, but may include a classified annex.

15 (h) DEFINITION OF MILITARY INSTALLATION.—In  
16 this section, the term “military installations” has the  
17 meaning given that term in section 2801(c) of title 10,  
18 United States Code.

19 **SEC. 1626. CYBERSECURITY MATURITY MODEL CERTIFI-**  
20 **CATION ASSESSMENT GRANTS FOR SMALL**  
21 **BUSINESSES AND NEW ENTRANTS.**

22 (a) PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1, 2027,  
24 the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through the  
25 Chief Information Officer of the Department of De-

1 fense and in coordination with the Director of the  
2 Department of Defense Office of Small Business  
3 Programs, establish a program to award grants to  
4 small businesses and new entrants to the defense in-  
5 dustrial base to offset the costs of Cybersecurity Ma-  
6 turity Model Certification assessments conducted by  
7 Certified Third-Party Assessment Organizations.

8 (2) DESIGNATION.—The program established  
9 under paragraph (1) shall be known as the “Cyber-  
10 security Maturity Model Certification Assessment  
11 Grant Program” (in this section the “Program”).

12 (b) GRANTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under the Program, the  
14 Secretary shall award one-time grants to eligible en-  
15 tities described in paragraph (2) to offset costs they  
16 incur for Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification  
17 assessments conducted by Certified Third-Party As-  
18 sessment Organizations.

19 (2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES DESCRIBED.—An eligi-  
20 ble entity described in this paragraph is a small  
21 business concern or a nontraditional defense con-  
22 tractor that—

23 (A) holds or is actively seeking a Depart-  
24 ment of Defense contract or subcontract requir-  
25 ing Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification

1 at Level 2 from a Certified Third-Party Assess-  
2 ment Organization; and

3 (B) has not previously received a Cyberse-  
4 curity Maturity Model Certification at the ap-  
5 plicable level from a Certified Third-Party As-  
6 sessment Organization.

7 (3) GRANT AMOUNTS.—

8 (A) MAXIMUM AMOUNT PER GRANT.—The  
9 maximum amount of a grant awarded under the  
10 Program to an eligible entity described in para-  
11 graph (2) is \$100,000.

12 (B) MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR ALL  
13 GRANTS.—The total amount of all grants  
14 awarded under the Program shall not exceed  
15 \$50,000,000.

16 (c) SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—In award-  
17 ing grants to eligible entities described in subsection (b)(2)  
18 under the Program, the Secretary shall give priority to  
19 eligible entities that have not previously held a Depart-  
20 ment of Defense prime contract or subcontract.

21 (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant awarded  
22 under the Program shall use the amount of the grant only  
23 to offset direct costs associated with Cybersecurity Matu-  
24 rity Model Certification at Level 2 from a Certified Third-  
25 Party Assessment Organization.

1 (e) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out the  
2 Program, the Secretary of Defense shall—

3 (1) establish an application process that mini-  
4 mizes administrative burden on eligible entities de-  
5 scribed in subsection (b)(2);

6 (2) ensure that recipients of grants awarded  
7 under the Program demonstrate a good-faith effort  
8 toward achieving Cybersecurity Maturity Model Cer-  
9 tification within one year of receiving an award;

10 (3) coordinate with the Office of Small Busi-  
11 ness Programs of the Department of Defense to le-  
12 verage existing small business support infrastruc-  
13 ture, including APEX Accelerators and the Mentor-  
14 Protege Program of the Department, to provide  
15 technical assistance to grant recipients; and

16 (4) ensure that the Program does not duplicate  
17 or conflict with any other Department of Defense cy-  
18 bersecurity support initiative.

19 (f) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1, 2028,  
21 and annually thereafter until December 31, 2031,  
22 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-  
23 gressional defense committees an annual report on  
24 the activities carried out under the Program.

1           (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted under  
2       paragraph (1) shall include, for the period covered  
3       by the report, the following:

4           (A) The number of grants awarded under  
5       the Program, disaggregated by industrial base  
6       sectors of the recipients of the grants.

7           (B) The total amount of funds expended  
8       under the Program.

9           (C) The number of recipients of grants  
10      awarded under the Program that successfully  
11      achieved Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certifi-  
12      cation at the applicable level following receipt of  
13      a grant.

14          (D) An assessment of the extent to which  
15      the Program has reduced barriers to entry for  
16      small businesses and nontraditional defense  
17      contractors in the defense industrial base.

18      (g) DERIVATION OF FUNDS.—Subject to the avail-  
19      ability of funds appropriated for operation and mainte-  
20      nance, Department-wide, the Secretary shall carry out the  
21      Program in a fiscal year using amounts appropriated or  
22      otherwise made available for such fiscal year for operation  
23      and maintenance, Department-wide.

24      (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:



1           (1) The term “Certified Third-Party Assess-  
2           ment Organization” has the meaning given such  
3           term in part 170 of title 32, Code of Federal Regu-  
4           lations.

5           (2) The term “nontraditional defense con-  
6           tractor” has the meaning given such term in section  
7           3014 of title 10, United States Code.

8           (3) The term “small business concern” has the  
9           meaning given such term in section 3 of the Small  
10          Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

11 **SEC. 1627. HARMONIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
12 **SECURITY BOUNDARIES TO ENABLE RECI-**  
13 **PROCITY.**

14          (a) STANDARDIZATION OF SECURITY BOUND-  
15          ARIES.—

16           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
17           shall standardize security boundaries across the De-  
18           partment of Defense to maximize the potential for  
19           security control inheritance and reduce duplicative  
20           security assessments through the application of reci-  
21           procity.

22           (2) UPDATED DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE.—Not  
23           later than October 1, 2027, the Chief Information  
24           Officer of the Department of Defense shall update

1 all applicable Department of Defense policy and  
2 guidance governing security boundaries—

3 (A) to establish consistent and uniform  
4 standards for security boundary determinations  
5 across the Department and the military depart-  
6 ments; and

7 (B) to define the conditions under which  
8 systems sharing common boundaries or infra-  
9 structure are eligible for security control inher-  
10 itance.

11 (3) UPDATED MILITARY DEPARTMENT GUID-  
12 ANCE.—Not later than December 1, 2027, the Chief  
13 Information Officer of each military department  
14 shall publish implementing guidance subordinate to  
15 and consistent with the guidance updated under sub-  
16 section (a)(2).

17 (4) PROGRAM COMPLIANCE.—Not later than  
18 October 1, 2030, each Secretary of a military de-  
19 partment shall bring all programs and systems with-  
20 in their respective portfolios into compliance with  
21 the guidance updated under subsection (a)(2), using  
22 authority to operate renewal events as the primary  
23 mechanism for transitioning systems to updated se-  
24 curity boundary constructs.

1 (b) NOTIFICATION OF GUIDANCE UPDATES.—Not  
2 later than 30 days after the publication of guidance under  
3 subsection (a), the Chief Information Officer of the De-  
4 partment of Defense and the Chief Information Officer of  
5 the military department, as applicable, shall notify the  
6 congressional defense committees of the following:

7 (1) The specific changes made to applicable pol-  
8 icy and guidance.

9 (2) The directives, instructions, guidance docu-  
10 ments, and handbooks that were updated or issued.

11 (c) ANNUAL BRIEFING TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
12 than April 1, 2027, and not less frequently than once each  
13 year thereafter until April 1, 2031, the Chief Information  
14 Officer of the Department of Defense and the Chief Infor-  
15 mation Officer of each military department shall jointly  
16 provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing  
17 on the following:

18 (1) The status of implementation of subsections  
19 (a) and (b) by the Department of Defense and each  
20 military department.

21 (2) The extent to which updated security  
22 boundary constructs have expanded opportunities for  
23 security control inheritance.

24 (3) Such recommendations as the Chief Infor-  
25 mation Officers may have for legislative or adminis-

1 trative action to further enable security control in-  
2 heritance or reduce duplicative security assessments.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “authorizing official” has the  
5 meaning given that term in Department of Defense  
6 Instruction 8510.01 (relating to Risk Management  
7 Framework for DoD Systems), or successor instruc-  
8 tion.

9 (2) The term “security control inheritance” has  
10 the meaning given that term in such instruction, or  
11 successor.

12 **SEC. 1628. EXPANSION OF CYBER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**  
13 **TO INCLUDE OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY.**

14 (a) EXPANSION OF COVERED SKILLS.—Section  
15 2200(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by  
16 striking “computer and network” and inserting “com-  
17 puter, network, and operational technology”.

18 (b) INCLUSION OF OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY IN  
19 DEFINITIONS.—Section 2200e(1)(D) of title 10, United  
20 States Code, is amended by inserting “, including oper-  
21 ational technology,” after “Any other information tech-  
22 nology”.

1 **SEC. 1629. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
2 **ALPHA-1 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.**

3 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-  
4 propriated for fiscal year 2027 by section 201 for re-  
5 search, development, test, and evaluation and available for  
6 Alpha-1 Development Activities (PE 0604133D8Z) as  
7 specified in the funding table in section 4201, not more  
8 than 85 percent may be obligated or expended until the  
9 date on which the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence  
10 Officer of the Department of Defense (CDAO) provides  
11 to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and  
12 the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives the briefing described in subsection (b).

14 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—The briefing described in  
15 this subsection is a briefing that includes the following:

16 (1) A description of the comprehensive applica-  
17 tion integration strategy for the War Data Platform  
18 (formerly known as “Advancing Analytics” or  
19 “ADVANA”) that covers the following:

20 (A) Establishment of objective criteria for  
21 evaluating and prioritizing applications to be  
22 onboarded based on—

23 (i) operational mission impact;

24 (ii) data sensitivity classification re-  
25 quirements;

1 (iii) technical compatibility with exist-  
2 ing architecture; and

3 (iv) overall value to the data eco-  
4 system of the Department of Defense.

5 (B) A definition of standardized reimburs-  
6 able funding mechanisms or other cost-sharing  
7 models, including potential service-level agree-  
8 ments or other appropriate cost-sharing models,  
9 between the Chief Digital and Artificial Intel-  
10 ligence Officer and requesting the Department  
11 of Defense components.

12 (C) Assessment of performance metrics to  
13 measure the effectiveness and efficiency of the  
14 onboarding and offboarding process.

15 (D) Alignment with data governance poli-  
16 cies and enterprise digital transformation initia-  
17 tives of the Department that were in effect on  
18 the day before the date of the enactment of this  
19 Act.

20 (2) A plan for competing out aspects of the pro-  
21 gram, both for enterprise support of the overall  
22 functionality, as well as for specific applications or  
23 capabilities to be hosted within the War Data Plat-  
24 form.

1 **SEC. 1630. LIMITATION ON THE USE OF FUNDS FOR INFOR-**  
2 **MATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.**

3 (a) LIMITATION.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-  
4 propriated for fiscal year 2027 by section 201 for re-  
5 search, development, test, and evaluation and available for  
6 the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comp-  
7 troller) Information Technology Development Initiative  
8 (PE 0605027D8Z) as specified in the funding table in sec-  
9 tion 4201, not more than 75 percent may be obligated or  
10 expended until the date on which the Secretary of Defense,  
11 in coordination with the Director of the Defense Finance  
12 and Accounting Service and the program managers for the  
13 Armed Forces pay and personnel systems, provides to the  
14 congressional defense committees the briefing required in  
15 subsection (b).

16 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall pro-  
17 vide to the congressional defense committees a briefing  
18 that includes the following:

19 (1) The plan by the Defense Finance Account-  
20 ing Service to update and modernize the pay sys-  
21 tems for the Department and the Armed Forces, in-  
22 cluding projected funding levels across the future  
23 years defense plan, milestones for deliveries of capa-  
24 bilities, and measures of performance to assess the  
25 delivery of capabilities.

1           (2) A description of how the plan described in  
2 paragraph (1) differs from the cancelled Defense In-  
3 tegrated Human Resource Management System and  
4 steps to ensure that an enterprise solution will not  
5 repeat the mistakes of past programs.

6           (3) A description of how the plan described in  
7 paragraph (1) will leverage prior investments made  
8 in cancelled Armed Forces integrated pay and per-  
9 sonnel systems, including—

10           (A) identification of software components,  
11 data architectures, interface designs, or other  
12 technical artifacts from cancelled programs that  
13 will be incorporated or adapted for use in the  
14 modernization effort; and

15           (B) documentation of lessons learned from  
16 cancelled programs, including findings from  
17 program post-mortems, independent reviews,  
18 and audits, and how those findings have in-  
19 formed the requirements, acquisition strategy,  
20 and program management approach for the  
21 plan described in paragraph (1).

22           (4) A description of how the modernization ef-  
23 forts described in paragraph (1) will integrate with  
24 each Armed Forces pay and personnel systems, the  
25 Defense Enrollment Eligibility System, Defense



1 Manpower Data Center systems, and other authori-  
2 tative Department data systems that support mem-  
3 ber identification, duty status, benefits eligibility, re-  
4 tirement, separation, and financial management, in-  
5 cluding—

6 (A) the systems of record that are intended  
7 to remain service-specific; and

8 (B) the data elements that will be ex-  
9 changed between such systems and the enter-  
10 prise pay modernization effort.

11 (5) A comparison of the current projected  
12 timelines under the plan in paragraph (1) with the  
13 previous Armed Forces programs scheduled for their  
14 integrated pay and personnel systems.

15 (6) Resources programmed for or needed across  
16 the future years defense program for service inte-  
17 grated pay and personnel systems to modernize to  
18 the plan described in paragraph (1).

19 (7) Identification of resources needed to sustain  
20 or modernize legacy systems now that Armed Forces  
21 integrated pay and personnel systems have been can-  
22 celled.

23 (8) Articulation of the desired end state for pay  
24 and personnel systems across the Department of De-  
25 fense and the military departments.

1 **SEC. 1631. POST-QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY ADOPTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
3 ensure the cryptographic solutions of the Department of  
4 Defense use asymmetric post-quantum cryptography algo-  
5 rithms approved by the National Institute of Standards  
6 and Technology—

7 (1) for key establishment by not later than De-  
8 cember 31, 2030; and

9 (2) for digital signatures by not later than De-  
10 cember 31, 2031.

11 (b) PHASE OUT AND REPLACEMENT.—In carrying  
12 out subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall phase  
13 out and replace—

14 (1) except as provided in paragraph (2), sym-  
15 metric key establishment protocols, symmetric key  
16 agreement protocols, and symmetric key distribution  
17 protocols by not later than December 31, 2030; and

18 (2) any solution certified as a classified com-  
19 mercial solution by the National Security Agency by  
20 not later than December 31, 2031.

21 (c) EXCEPTION.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall not  
22 apply to a key that is generated and distributed by the  
23 National Security Agency for use in a cryptographic device  
24 for the protection of classified and sensitive national secu-  
25 rity information or with respect to symmetric key distribu-  
26 tion protocols in use prior to January 1, 2010.

1 **SEC. 1632. IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGH-PERFORMANCE COM-**  
2 **PUTING ROADMAP.**

3 Section 1532(c) of the Servicemember Quality of Life  
4 Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for  
5 Fiscal Year 2025 (10 U.S.C. 4001 note), as amended by  
6 section 1531 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
7 for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60), is further  
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2)(C)—

10 (A) in the matter before clause (i)—

11 (i) by inserting “supporting oper-  
12 ations of the Department, including data  
13 centers” before “to be built”;

14 (ii) by striking “triennial” and insert-  
15 ing “annual”; and

16 (iii) by striking “additional resource  
17 usage resulting from building or expand-  
18 ing” and inserting “annual resource usage  
19 of”;

20 (B) in clause (iii), by inserting “the local  
21 community or” after “adverse effects on”; and

22 (C) in clause (iv), by striking “in which the  
23 military installation resides and in which the  
24 data center is being built” and inserting “in  
25 which the data center is located or is being  
26 built”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (3)—

2 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking

3 “TRIENNIAL” and inserting “ANNUAL”; and

4 (B) by striking “third”.

5 **SEC. 1633. PILOT PROGRAM ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
 6 **PARTNERSHIPS WITH INSTITUTIONS OF**  
 7 **HIGHER EDUCATION RECOGNIZED IN THE**  
 8 **NATIONAL CENTERS OF ACADEMIC EXCEL-**  
 9 **LENCE IN CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM FOR**  
 10 **CYBER RESEARCH.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after  
 12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
 13 Defense shall establish a pilot program under the Defense  
 14 Cyber Workforce Framework to assess the feasibility of  
 15 partnering advanced cyberspace operations and informa-  
 16 tion aggressor units of the Department of Defense with  
 17 institutions of higher education recognized in the National  
 18 Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity program  
 19 for Cyber Research (CAE–R), Cyber Defense (CAE–CD),  
 20 or Cyber Operations (CAE–CO) by the National Security  
 21 Agency—

22 (1) to improve the cyber workforce pipeline of  
 23 the United States;

24 (2) to enhance military cyber training through  
 25 academic collaboration, research, cyber range exer-

1 cises, and create direct pathways for students into  
2 Federal cybersecurity careers;

3 (3) to leverage existing scholarship and fellow-  
4 ship opportunities, such as the Cyber Service Acad-  
5 emy, the Science, Mathematics and Research for  
6 Transformation, and other cyber scholarship for  
7 service programs; and

8 (4) to improve coordination, guidance, and  
9 counseling for participating students seeking to pur-  
10 sue careers in cybersecurity or cyber operations in  
11 the Department of Defense or elsewhere in the Fed-  
12 eral Government.

13 (b) DURATION.—The pilot program established under  
14 subsection (a) shall terminate on September 30, 2031.

15 (c) ELEMENTS.—The pilot program required by sub-  
16 section (a) shall include the following:

17 (1) Establishment of a research cell supporting  
18 aggressor operations through open-source intel-  
19 ligence, emerging threat analysis, and development  
20 of adversary emulation playbooks.

21 (2) Assessment framework for determining the  
22 impact of the program, including a cost-benefit anal-  
23 ysis for partnering students with operational units,  
24 that—

1 (A) determines the time to clear students  
2 for participation in the program; and

3 (B) determines the time and cost necessary  
4 to get students access to networks required to  
5 provide operational support to military cyber  
6 operators.

7 (3) Assessment of the curricula for partici-  
8 pating students to determine if such coursework is  
9 relevant and impactful in preparing such students to  
10 directly support operational military cyber operators.

11 (4) Tracking students participating in the pro-  
12 gram to determine how the pilot impacts potential  
13 future employment with the Department of Defense  
14 or the Federal Government.

15 **SEC. 1634. INSIDER THREAT REPORTING AND VOLUNTARY**  
16 **GUIDANCE FOR LARGE ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**  
17 **LIGENCE CONTRACTORS.**

18 (a) COVERED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CON-  
19 TRACTOR DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered  
20 artificial intelligence contractor” means a contractor  
21 that—

22 (1) has entered, or seeks to enter into, one or  
23 more contracts, with a total value of not less than  
24 \$100,000,000, with the Department of Defense for

1 an artificial intelligence system or services that use  
2 an artificial intelligence system; and

3 (2)(A) has incurred, during the 3-year period  
4 preceding the date on which any such contract was  
5 entered into, not less than \$1,000,000,000 in artifi-  
6 cial intelligence-related research and development ex-  
7 penditures, measured on a rolling basis and aggre-  
8 gated with any other person that controls, is con-  
9 trolled by, or is under common control with such  
10 contractor; or

11 (B) uses or proposes to use, in the performance  
12 of such contract or contracts, an artificial intel-  
13 ligence model developed or controlled by a person  
14 that meets the expenditure criteria described in sub-  
15 paragraph (A).

16 (b) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
19 retary of Defense shall issue regulations establishing  
20 reporting requirements for covered artificial intel-  
21 ligence contractors to support the protection of De-  
22 partment of Defense systems, missions, personnel,  
23 operations, and supply chains from counterintel-  
24 ligence, security, and other national security risks

1        arising from the security practices of such contrac-  
2        tors.

3            (2) REQUIRED MATTERS.—

4            (A) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued  
5        pursuant to paragraph (1) shall require, at a  
6        minimum, that a covered artificial intelligence  
7        contractor reports to the Secretary—

8            (i) all policies, practices, and security  
9        measures relating to—

10            (I) personnel vetting;

11            (II) insider threat mitigation;

12            (III) access controls, including  
13        the circumstances under which con-  
14        tractors, subcontractors, cloud pro-  
15        viders, and other third parties are  
16        granted access to any artificial intel-  
17        ligence model, model weights, training  
18        infrastructure, or other sensitive as-  
19        sets, and the material security con-  
20        trols governing such access;

21            (IV) supply chain security; and

22            (V) the prevention of theft, tam-  
23        pering, sabotage, or any other unau-  
24        thorized transfer or modification of



1                   any artificial intelligence model or  
2                   model weights; and

3                   (ii) any known or suspected material  
4                   incident affecting the security, integrity, or  
5                   availability of any artificial intelligence  
6                   model or model weights developed or used,  
7                   including any incident in which a person  
8                   compromises or exploits any artificial intel-  
9                   ligence model or model weights in a man-  
10                  ner that could materially affect the per-  
11                  formance of a Department contract, na-  
12                  tional security, or the operations, security,  
13                  or mission effectiveness of the Department,  
14                  including through—

15                       (I) espionage;

16                       (II) unauthorized access;

17                       (III) theft;

18                       (IV) exfiltration;

19                       (V) sabotage;

20                       (VI) manipulation;

21                       (VII) a compromise of the soft-  
22                       ware, hardware, cloud, data, or other  
23                       supply chain component used to de-  
24                       velop, train, fine-tune, evaluate, se-

1 cure, or deploy any such model or  
2 model weights;

3 (VIII) the poisoning, corruption,  
4 manipulation, or unauthorized alter-  
5 ation of training data, fine-tuning  
6 data, retrieval corpora, model check-  
7 points, system prompts, safety filters,  
8 monitoring systems, evaluation pipe-  
9 lines, or model-update mechanisms;

10 (IX) the discovery of a material  
11 vulnerability, exploit, backdoor, or  
12 failure of access controls that could  
13 permit unauthorized modification, ex-  
14 traction, degradation, or misuse of  
15 any such model or model weights; or

16 (X) any other effort;

17 (iii) the defense-relevant and national  
18 security-relevant capabilities, access path-  
19 ways, and material misuse risks, as deter-  
20 mined by the Secretary, of the most power-  
21 ful artificial intelligence models developed,  
22 controlled, or used by such contractor in  
23 the performance of a contract with the De-  
24 partment;

1 (iv) any materially concerning model  
2 behavior, including materially increased ca-  
3 pability for a cyber offense, evasion of  
4 safeguards, deceptive behavior, unauthor-  
5 ized autonomous action, or other behavior  
6 that could materially affect national secu-  
7 rity, the performance of a Department con-  
8 tract, or the operations, security, or mis-  
9 sion effectiveness of the Department;

10 (v) any attempt to obtain unauthor-  
11 ized access to, acquire, influence, or  
12 exfiltrate sensitive information, systems, or  
13 intellectual property relating to any artifi-  
14 cial intelligence model developed, con-  
15 trolled, or used by the contractor; and

16 (vi) any other known or suspected  
17 acute national security risk relating to the  
18 compromise, misuse, loss, exfiltration, mis-  
19 alignment, or exploitation of artificial intel-  
20 ligence models developed, controlled, or  
21 used by the contractor that could materi-  
22 ally affect national security, the perform-  
23 ance of a Department contract, or the op-  
24 erations, security, or mission effectiveness  
25 of the Department.

1 (B) SCOPE.—The required matters de-  
2 scribed in subparagraph (A) apply to a covered  
3 artificial intelligence contractor, including with  
4 respect to any artificial intelligence model devel-  
5 oped or controlled by another person and used,  
6 or proposed for use, by the covered artificial in-  
7 telligence contractor in the performance of a  
8 contract with the Department. The Secretary  
9 may require the covered artificial intelligence  
10 contractor to obtain from the person who devel-  
11 oped or controls such model any information  
12 the Secretary determines necessary to carry out  
13 this section.

14 (C) TIMING OF REPORTING REQUIRE-  
15 MENTS.—

16 (i) INITIAL SUBMISSION.—A covered  
17 artificial intelligence contractor shall sub-  
18 mit to the Secretary of Defense the re-  
19 quired matters described in subparagraph  
20 (A) as part of any offer, proposal, bid, or  
21 other response to a solicitation for a con-  
22 tract.

23 (ii) CONTINUING DUTY TO CERTIFY.—  
24 Not less frequently than once every 90  
25 days, the covered artificial intelligence con-

1 tractor shall certify to the Secretary of De-  
2 fense that the information submitted under  
3 clause (i) remains accurate and complete  
4 in all material respects.

5 (3) NOTIFICATION OF ACUTE NATIONAL SECUR-  
6 RITY INCIDENTS.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued  
8 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall require that  
9 not later than 72 hours after becoming aware  
10 of any information, incident, or development  
11 that presents an acute national security risk to  
12 the United States, the covered artificial intel-  
13 ligence contractor shall—

14 (i) notify the Secretary of Defense of  
15 the nature of national security risk, includ-  
16 ing any risk relating to model weight secu-  
17 rity as described in subparagraph (A)(ii),  
18 any risk described in clauses (iv), (v), and  
19 (vi) or subparagraph (A), and any other  
20 category of risk the Secretary may specify;  
21 and

22 (ii) include in such notification, to the  
23 extent known at the time of the notifica-  
24 tion—

- 1 (I) a description of the informa-  
2 tion, incident, or development;
- 3 (II) the date or approximate pe-  
4 riod of occurrence and discovery;
- 5 (III) the affected model or de-  
6 ployment environment;
- 7 (IV) the actual or suspected  
8 means of compromise;
- 9 (V) whether any model weights,  
10 training data, system prompts, source  
11 code, evaluation data, safety systems,  
12 or software dependencies were  
13 accessed, altered, degraded, poisoned,  
14 exfiltrated, or otherwise compromised;
- 15 (VI) an assessment of the actual  
16 or potential impact on Department of  
17 Defense missions, users, systems, op-  
18 erations, or decision-making;
- 19 (VII) any actions taken to con-  
20 tain, mitigate, remediate, or inves-  
21 tigate the information, incident, or de-  
22 velopment;
- 23 (VIII) whether the information,  
24 incident, or development has been re-

1                   ported to any other Federal depart-  
2                   ment or agency, and

3                   (IX) such other information as  
4                   the Secretary determines appropriate.

5                   (B) NOTIFICATION BY THE SECRETARY.—

6                   If the Secretary of Defense receives a notifica-  
7                   tion under subparagraph (A), the Secretary  
8                   shall promptly transmit such notification to the  
9                   contracting officer for the relevant contract, the  
10                  Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office,  
11                  the Chief Information Officer of the Depart-  
12                  ment of Defense, the Under Secretary of De-  
13                  fense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the Ar-  
14                  tificial Intelligence Security Center of the Na-  
15                  tional Security Agency, the Commander of the  
16                  United States Cyber Command, and the head of  
17                  any other component of the Department or  
18                  Federal department or agency the Secretary de-  
19                  termines appropriate.

20                  (C) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—If

21                  the Secretary of Defense receives a notification  
22                  under subparagraph (A) or discovers an inci-  
23                  dent that would be reportable under such  
24                  clause, the Secretary shall—

1           (i) not later than 7 days after the  
2           date on which the notification was re-  
3           ceived, submit to the Committee on Armed  
4           Services of the Senate and the Committee  
5           on Armed Services of the House of Rep-  
6           resentatives notice of the information, inci-  
7           dent, or development that includes—

8                       (I) a summary description,

9                       (II) the date or approximate pe-  
10                      riod of occurrence and discovery,

11                     (III) the affected model or de-  
12                     ployment environment,

13                     (IV) the actual or suspected  
14                     means of compromise, exfiltration,  
15                     manipulation, degradation, or misuse,

16                     (V) an initial assessment of ac-  
17                     tual or potential impact on Depart-  
18                     ment missions, users, systems, or op-  
19                     erations, and

20                     (VI) any action taken or planned  
21                     to contain, mitigate, remediate, or in-  
22                     vestigate the matter; and

23           (ii) provide the committees with addi-  
24           tional briefings or updates on the informa-



tion, incident, or development as material  
information becomes available; and

(D) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—In  
the regulations issued under paragraph (1), the  
Secretary of Defense shall include procedures  
for the submission of notifications under this  
paragraph, including procedures to protect—

- (i) classified information;
- (ii) proprietary information;
- (iii) trade secrets;
- (iv) security-sensitive information; and
- (v) information regarding  
vulnerabilities that, if disclosed publicly,  
could reasonably be expected to harm na-  
tional security.

(E) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
this paragraph may be construed—

- (i) to require public disclosure of in-  
formation in a manner inconsistent with  
applicable protections for classified or oth-  
erwise protected information; or
- (ii) to limit any other reporting obli-  
gation imposed by statute, regulation, or  
contract.

1           (4) CLARITY OF REQUIREMENTS.—In the regu-  
2           lations issued pursuant to paragraph (1), the Sec-  
3           retary shall provide clear requirements with respect  
4           to the scope, timing, form, and manner of the re-  
5           porting, including—

6                   (A) the appropriate protections the De-  
7                   partment will take to prevent unauthorized dis-  
8                   closure of classified information, proprietary in-  
9                   formation, and controlled unclassified informa-  
10                  tion;

11                  (B) any differentiated reporting require-  
12                  ments based on—

13                           (i) the sensitivity of the contract;

14                           (ii) the capabilities of the relevant  
15                          models;

16                           (iii) the degree of access of the con-  
17                          tractor or third parties to artificial intel-  
18                          ligence models or model weights; and

19                           (iv) the significance of the risk to De-  
20                          partment missions or national security;  
21                          and

22                  (C) procedures to ensure that, if a covered  
23                  artificial intelligence contractor uses, or pro-  
24                  poses to use, in the performance of a contract  
25                  with the Department an artificial intelligence

1 model developed or controlled by another per-  
2 son, any information required under this section  
3 is obtained from that person.

4 (5) CONSULTATION.—In developing the regula-  
5 tions under paragraph (1), the Secretary may con-  
6 sult with—

7 (A) covered artificial intelligence contrac-  
8 tors;

9 (B) the head of any Federal agency;

10 (C) industry participants; and

11 (D) any official of the Department that the  
12 Secretary considers relevant, including acquisi-  
13 tion, counterintelligence, digital modernization,  
14 and operational officials of the Department.

15 (c) STUDY AND VOLUNTARY GUIDANCE ON INSIDER  
16 THREAT RISK REDUCTION FOR COVERED ARTIFICIAL IN-  
17 TELLIGENCE CONTRACTORS.—

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 issue voluntary guidance for  
21 covered artificial intelligence contractors to reduce  
22 insider threat, espionage, and other personnel-re-  
23 lated security risks to sensitive artificial intelligence  
24 assets of such contractors, with a focus on threats  
25 from highly capable nation-state adversaries that

1 possess significant resources and the capability to  
2 conduct sophisticated espionage or related oper-  
3 ations.

4 (2) ASSESSMENT AND UPDATED GUIDANCE.—

5 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

7 (A) complete an assessment of the risks  
8 described in paragraph (1); and

9 (B) updated the guidance issued under  
10 such paragraph based on the findings of that  
11 assessment.

12 (3) CONTENTS.—The guidance required under  
13 paragraph (1), including any updated guidance  
14 issued under paragraph (2)(B), shall, at a min-  
15 imum—

16 (A) identify categories of roles, responsibil-  
17 ities, functions, systems, and access that may  
18 provide material access to model weights, model  
19 internals, training infrastructure, sensitive re-  
20 search information, or other sensitive assets of  
21 the covered artificial intelligence contractor, the  
22 compromise of which could present a significant  
23 risk to Department missions or national secu-  
24 rity;

1 (B) establish a tiered framework based on  
2 the degree of access, sensitivity, and national  
3 security risk involved, under which the most  
4 sensitive roles, systems, and categories of access  
5 are associated with the most stringent sug-  
6 gested security measures;

7 (C) assess the practices, and if appropriate  
8 suggest preferred practices, relating to per-  
9 sonnel vetting, role-based access controls,  
10 compartmentation, audit logging, anomaly de-  
11 tection, continuous monitoring, incident esca-  
12 lation, and protection against espionage, theft,  
13 sabotage, or unauthorized transfer, including  
14 practices designed to address threats from na-  
15 tion-state adversaries;

16 (D) address, for especially sensitive roles  
17 or access, what personnel security measures, ac-  
18 cess restrictions, or other safeguards are appro-  
19 priate to reduce heightened risks from nation-  
20 state adversaries; and

21 (E) address such other measures as the  
22 Secretary determines appropriate to protect De-  
23 partment missions and national security from  
24 insider threat and espionage risks arising from

1           the security practices of covered artificial intel-  
2           ligence contractors.

3           (4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
4           subsection shall be construed to require a covered  
5           artificial intelligence contractor to adopt any meas-  
6           ure, practice, personnel policy, access restriction, or  
7           other safeguard described in the guidance issued  
8           under paragraph (1).

9           (5) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this sub-  
10          section, the Secretary may consult with covered arti-  
11          ficial intelligence contractors, the intelligence com-  
12          munity, counterintelligence officials, appropriate ele-  
13          ments of the Department of Defense, the heads of  
14          other Federal agencies, Federally funded research  
15          and development centers, and other relevant experts,  
16          as determined appropriate by the Secretary.

17         (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

18                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
19                 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
20                 of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense  
21                 committees an unclassified report, which may in-  
22                 clude a classified annex, on the implementation of  
23                 this section.

24                 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-  
25                 graph (1) shall include—

1 (A) a summary of the progress made in de-  
 2 veloping and implementing the reporting re-  
 3 quirements under subsection (b)(1);

4 (B) a summary of the progress made in  
 5 issuing the voluntary guidance under paragraph  
 6 (1) of subsection (c), including the initial guid-  
 7 ance and any updated guidance issued under  
 8 paragraph (2) of such subsection;

9 (C) an assessment of any challenges, gaps,  
 10 or limitations identified by the Secretary in car-  
 11 rying out this section; and

12 (D) any additional steps, authorities, re-  
 13 sources, or policy recommendations the Sec-  
 14 retary determines would be useful to advance  
 15 the purposes of this section.

16 **SEC. 1635. REQUIREMENT FOR MEMORANDA OF AGREE-**  
 17 **MENT REGARDING VULNERABILITY DISCLO-**  
 18 **SURE AND PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT**  
 19 **FROM IT PROVIDERS WHO SHARE CYBER**  
 20 **VULNERABILITIES WITH COUNTRIES OF CON-**  
 21 **CERN.**

22 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Beginning 270 days after the  
 23 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
 24 shall not enter into or renew a contract for information  
 25 technology with any entity which makes such technology

1 commercially available to customers in a country of con-  
2 cern or has operations, subsidiaries, or personnel located  
3 in a country of concern unless such entity has entered into  
4 a memorandum of agreement with the Department of De-  
5 fense in accordance with subsection (b).

6 (b) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.—the Secretary  
7 of Defense shall require an entity covered under sub-  
8 section (a) to agree to a memorandum of agreement under  
9 which the entity shall—

10 (1) disclose all security vulnerabilities affecting  
11 procured products or services to the Department of  
12 Defense prior to disclosure to any other person or  
13 entity, including through a trusted partners pro-  
14 gram; and

15 (2) not provide advance disclosure of such  
16 vulnerabilities to any procured company or entity  
17 subject to the control of, or organized under the  
18 laws of, a country of concern.

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) ADVANCED DISCLOSURE.—The term “ad-  
21 vanced disclosure” means any action that preemp-  
22 tively and privately discloses information pertaining  
23 to security vulnerabilities to a select number of enti-  
24 ties before publicly making such information avail-



1 able to the general public, including through a trust-  
2 ed partners program.

3 (2) CONTROL.—The term “control” means the  
4 power, direct or indirect, whether or not exercised,  
5 to determine, direct, dictate, or decide important  
6 matters affecting an entity, including through—

7 (A) the ownership of at least 20 percent of  
8 the total outstanding voting interest in an enti-  
9 ty;

10 (B) board representation;

11 (C) the ability to appoint or discharge any  
12 board members, officers, directors, employees,  
13 or contractors;

14 (D) proxy voting, a special share, contrac-  
15 tual arrangements, legal obligations, formal or  
16 informal arrangements to act in concert; or

17 (E) other means.

18 (3) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term “coun-  
19 try of concern” has the meaning given the term  
20 “covered nation” in section 4872(f) of title 10,  
21 United States Code.

22 (4) COVERED COMPANIES.—The term “covered  
23 companies” means—

24 (A) any entity owned or operated in whole  
25 or in part by a country of concern, or subject

1 to the control of such country of concern, and  
2 any subsidiary or parent of such person; or

3 (B) any entity organized under the laws of  
4 a country of concern, or having its principal  
5 place of business in a country of concern, and  
6 any subsidiary of any such person.

7 (5) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.—The term  
8 “information technology” has the meaning given the  
9 term in section 11101 of title 40.

10 (6) OWNED OR OPERATED IN WHOLE OR IN  
11 PART.—The term “owned or operated in whole or in  
12 part” means that a foreign country of concern—

13 (A) for a person that is a publicly traded  
14 company, has the ability to control the com-  
15 pany, has access to any material nonpublic  
16 technical information in the possession of the  
17 company, or has any other rights or involve-  
18 ment in directing, dictating, controlling, or par-  
19 ticipating in the decision-making of the com-  
20 pany beyond those available to a retail investor  
21 holding an equivalent share of ownership; and

22 (B) for a person that is a privately held  
23 company, has any share of ownership of such  
24 company.

1           (7) SECURITY VULNERABILITY.—The term “se-  
 2           curity vulnerability” has the meaning given the term  
 3           in section 2200 of the Homeland Security Act of  
 4           2002 (6U.S.C. 650).

5           (8) TRUSTED PARTNERS PROGRAM.—The term  
 6           “trusted partners program” means any initiative or  
 7           program run by an information technology provider  
 8           to provide advanced warnings of security  
 9           vulnerabilities to defensive security providers for the  
 10          purpose of helping such providers proactively develop  
 11          defenses against such vulnerabilities.

12          (d) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive  
 13          the requirement under subsection (a) on a case-by-case  
 14          basis if the Secretary certifies, in writing, to the congres-  
 15          sional defense committees that the procurement action is  
 16          required in the national interest of the United States.

17      **SEC. 1636. STRATEGY FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-AC-**  
 18                              **CCELERATED VULNERABILITY DISCOVERY**  
 19                              **AND REMEDIATION.**

20          (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
 21          after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
 22          of Defense shall develop a strategy to address risks and  
 23          opportunities arising from the use of advanced artificial  
 24          intelligence systems to discover, validate, exploit, reme-  
 25          diate, or reverse engineer vulnerabilities in software,

1 firmware, weapon systems, operational technology, and in-  
2 formation systems used by the Department of Defense.

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

5 (1) An assessment of how advanced artificial in-  
6 telligence systems are likely to affect the volume,  
7 speed, severity, and exploitability of vulnerabilities  
8 affecting Department systems, including an updated  
9 definition of “vulnerability” that accounts for artifi-  
10 cial intelligence-specific behavioral flaws (such as  
11 prompt injection and data poisoning) and the reme-  
12 diation requirements for model retraining.

13 (2) A risk-based framework for machine-speed  
14 vulnerability discoveries, and for prioritizing vulner-  
15 ability remediation and mitigation, including consid-  
16 eration of mission impact, exploitability, exposure,  
17 system criticality, availability of compensating con-  
18 trols, and risks associated with insufficiently tested  
19 patches.

20 (3) A plan to improve the speed, reliability, and  
21 safety of patch testing, approval, and deployment,  
22 including through automated testing, representative  
23 test environments, staged deployment, reciprocity of  
24 cybersecurity testing, and emergency mitigation pro-  
25 cedures, as appropriate. This includes an assessment

1 of the impacts of machine-speed vulnerability dis-  
2 covery on the Vulnerability Equities Process (VEP)  
3 and other interagency coordination processes, with  
4 recommendations for adapting these processes to a  
5 near-zero decision timeframe.

6 (4) Guidance for the use of compensating con-  
7 trols when immediate patching is not feasible.

8 (5) Policies for the responsible use of artificial  
9 intelligence systems by the Department to support  
10 vulnerability discovery, exploitability analysis, patch  
11 development, patch validation, and prioritization of  
12 remediation,

13 (6) Recommendations for acquisition, con-  
14 tracting, vendor notification, and information-shar-  
15 ing requirements needed to improve timely remedi-  
16 ation of vulnerabilities affecting Department sys-  
17 tems.

18 (7) A plan to address vulnerabilities in legacy  
19 systems, mission-critical systems, weapon systems,  
20 and operational technology for which patching may  
21 be operationally difficult.

22 (8) Metrics to assess implementation of the  
23 strategy, including the timeliness of vulnerability  
24 validation, mitigation, testing, and remediation.

1 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
 2 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter  
 3 for three years, the Chief Information Officer of the De-  
 4 partment of Defense and the Assistant Secretary of De-  
 5 fense for Cyber Policy shall jointly provide the congres-  
 6 sional defense committees a briefing on the strategy re-  
 7 quired under subsection (a), including implementation  
 8 progress, barriers to implementation, and any additional  
 9 authorities or resources required to implement the strat-  
 10 egy.

11 (d) DEFINITION OF ADVANCED ARTIFICIAL INTEL-  
 12 LIGENCE SYSTEM.—In this section, the term “advanced  
 13 artificial intelligence system” means an artificial intel-  
 14 ligence system, including a frontier model, cyber-special-  
 15 ized model, agentic system, or automated cyber reasoning  
 16 system, that is capable of materially assisting in vulner-  
 17 ability discovery, exploit generation, reverse engineering,  
 18 patch development, or patch validation.

19 **SEC. 1637. ENSURING COMPETITION IN ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**  
 20 **LIGENCE PROCUREMENT.**

21 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) ADVANCED COMPUTING SYSTEM.—The term  
 23 “advanced computing system” has the meaning  
 24 given the term “high-end computing” in section 4 of

1 the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 (15  
2 U.S.C. 5503).

3 (2) ADVANCED COMPUTING SYSTEM PRO-  
4 VIDER.—The term “advanced computing system pro-  
5 vider” means any person engaged in the provision,  
6 sale, or licensing of any advanced computing system  
7 to customers, including individuals and businesses.

8 (3) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The terms  
9 “artificial intelligence” has the meaning given the  
10 term in section 238(g) of the John S. McCain Na-  
11 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
12 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note prec.  
13 4061).

14 (4) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APPLICATION.—  
15 The term “artificial intelligence application” means  
16 any software or hardware application, product, pro-  
17 gram, device, equipment, or service that utilizes arti-  
18 ficial intelligence.

19 (5) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APPLICATION  
20 PROVIDER.—The term “artificial intelligence appli-  
21 cation provider” means any person engaged in the  
22 provision, sale, or licensing of artificial intelligence  
23 applications to customers, including individuals or  
24 businesses.

1           (6) CLOUD COMPUTING.—The term “cloud  
2       computing” has the meaning given the term in Spe-  
3       cial Publication 800–145 of the National Institute of  
4       Standards and Technology, or any successor docu-  
5       ment.

6           (7) CLOUD PROVIDER.—The term “cloud pro-  
7       vider” means any company engaged in the provision,  
8       sale, or licensing of cloud computing to customers,  
9       including individuals and businesses.

10          (8) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—  
11       The term “congressional defense committees” has  
12       the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of title  
13       10, United States Code.

14          (9) COVERED PROVIDER.—The term “covered  
15       provider” means any advanced computing system  
16       provider, artificial intelligence application provider,  
17       cloud provider, data infrastructure provider, or foun-  
18       dation model provider.

19          (10) DATA INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term “data  
20       infrastructure” means the underlying computer, net-  
21       work, and software systems that enable the collec-  
22       tion, storage, processing, and analysis of data, in-  
23       cluding the ability to record, transmit, transform,  
24       categorize, integrate, and otherwise process data  
25       generated by digital data systems.



1           (11) DATA INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDER.—The  
2           term “data infrastructure provider” means any per-  
3           son engaged in the provision, sale, or licensing of  
4           data infrastructure to customers, including individ-  
5           uals and businesses.

6           (12) FOUNDATION MODEL.—The term “founda-  
7           tion model” means an artificial intelligence model  
8           that—

9                   (A) generally uses self-supervision;

10                   (B) contains at least 1,000,000,000 pa-  
11           rameters; and

12                   (C) is applicable across a wide range of  
13           contexts.

14           (13) FOUNDATION MODEL PROVIDER.—The  
15           term “foundation model provider” means any person  
16           engaged in the provision, sale, or licensing of foun-  
17           dation models to customers, including individuals  
18           and businesses.

19           (14) MULTI-VENDOR TECHNOLOGY.—The term  
20           “multi-vendor technology” means architecture and  
21           services that allow for data, model, application,  
22           workload, and program portability, usability, and  
23           interoperability including for the purpose of avoiding  
24           excessive dependence on any individual vendor,  
25           across—

1 (A) multiple covered providers; and

2 (B) public, private, and edge computing  
3 environments.

4 (b) ADVANCED COMPUTING, ARTIFICIAL INTEL-  
5 LIGENCE APPLICATION, CLOUD, DATA INFRASTRUCTURE,  
6 AND FOUNDATION MODEL PROCUREMENT REQUIRE-  
7 MENTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall, in contracting  
8 with covered providers—

9 (1) require a competitive process for each pro-  
10 curement of advanced computing systems, artificial  
11 intelligence applications, cloud computing, data in-  
12 frastructures, or foundation models;

13 (2) ensure that the Government maintains ex-  
14 clusive rights to access and use of all Government  
15 data;

16 (3) ensure that the competitive process de-  
17 scribed in paragraph (1)—

18 (A) prioritizes the appropriate role for the  
19 Government with respect to intellectual prop-  
20 erty, data rights and security, and auditability  
21 requirements;

22 (B) requires interoperability based on open  
23 standards for all user-facing software, data, and  
24 interfaces;

1 (C) includes modular open systems ap-  
2 proaches and appropriate work allocation and  
3 technical boundaries;

4 (D) mitigates barriers to entry faced by  
5 small businesses and nontraditional contractors;

6 (E) prioritizes multi-vendor technology un-  
7 less doing so is infeasible or presents a substan-  
8 tial danger to national security; and

9 (F) includes protections against vendor  
10 lock-in to ensure the Government can, without  
11 unreasonable technical, contractual, or financial  
12 barriers, move data, models, applications, work-  
13 loads, and programs between covered providers;  
14 and

15 (4) require that covered providers follow the  
16 same competitive process described in paragraph (1)  
17 in selecting subcontractors involved in providing ad-  
18 vanced computing systems, artificial intelligence ap-  
19 plications, cloud computing, data infrastructures, or  
20 foundation models to the Department of Defense.

21 (c) DATA TRAINING AND USE PROTECTION.—The  
22 Secretary of Defense shall direct the Chief Digital and Ar-  
23 tificial Intelligence Office to update or promulgate provi-  
24 sions of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Sup-  
25 plement (DFARS) to ensure that—

1           (1) Government-furnished data, provided for  
2           purposes of development and operation of artificial  
3           intelligence products and services to the Department  
4           of Defense, is not disclosed or used without proper  
5           authorization by the Department of Defense, includ-  
6           ing that such data cannot be used to train or im-  
7           prove the functionality of commercial products or  
8           services offered by a covered provider without ex-  
9           press authorization by the Department of Defense;

10          (2) Government-furnished data stored on ven-  
11          dor systems, provided for purposes of development  
12          and operation of artificial intelligence products and  
13          services to the Department of Defense, is appro-  
14          priately protected from other data on such systems,  
15          and is treated in accordance with Department of De-  
16          fense data decrees, Modular Open System Architec-  
17          tures (MOSA), and Open Data and Applications  
18          Government-owned Interoperable Repositories (Open  
19          DAGIR) principles;

20          (3) a covered provider shall certify compliance  
21          with paragraphs (1) and (2), and violation of these  
22          provisions or false compliance shall be subject to  
23          specific penalties, including fines and contract termi-  
24          nation; and

1 (4) component acquisition executives may issue  
2 exemptions upon—

3 (A) determining that issuing an exemption  
4 is necessary for national security; and

5 (B) notifying the Chief Digital and Artifi-  
6 cial Intelligence Officer of the specific provi-  
7 sions exempted, the vendor and program being  
8 issued the exemption, and the justification for  
9 the exemption.

10 (d) REPORTING.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 15,  
12 2028, and annually thereafter for four years, the  
13 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Under  
14 Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and  
15 Sustainment, shall submit to the congressional de-  
16 fense committees a report assessing competition, in-  
17 novation, barriers to entry, and concentrations of  
18 market power or market share in the artificial intel-  
19 ligence space for each period covered by the report.  
20 The report shall also include recommendations of  
21 appropriate legislative and administrative action.

22 (2) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary of Defense,  
23 acting through the Assistant to the Secretary of De-  
24 fense for Public Affairs, shall ensure that the report  
25 is made available to the public by—

1 (A) posting a publicly releasable version of  
2 the report on a website of the Department of  
3 Defense; and

4 (B) upon request, transmitting the report  
5 by other means, as long as such transmission is  
6 at no cost to the Department.

7 **SEC. 1638. PHISHING RESISTANT AUTHENTICATION FOR**  
8 **DEFENSE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years after the  
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
11 shall take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that  
12 only phishing-resistant authentication is used by all per-  
13 sonnel across the Department of Defense, with an excep-  
14 tion process for applications where the use of a phishing-  
15 resistant authenticator may not be feasible or practicable.

16 (b) DEFINITION OF PHISHING RESISTANCE.—In this  
17 section, the term “phishing resistance” has the meaning  
18 given such term in National Institute of Standards and  
19 Technology Special Publication 800–63B–4 (relating to  
20 Digital Identity Guidelines), or any successor publication.

**Subtitle C—Data and Artificial  
Intelligence**

**SEC. 1641. ESTABLISHING AN ECOSYSTEM FOR USE OF AR-  
TIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENTS AT SCALE  
AND SPEED.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall, acting through the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer (CDAO), establish a unified, Department of Defense-wide technical and procedural ecosystem to align activities and investments across the Department on the employment of agents and to enable the discovery, deployment, and enterprise use of agentic artificial intelligence systems at scale and speed across the Department of Defense.

(2) COMPONENTS OF ECOSYSTEM.—This ecosystem required by paragraph (1) shall be comprised of shared technical services, enterprise capabilities and platforms, and procedures and technical governance structures for engaging with and collectively building upon those services and capabilities.

(b) GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES.—The governance structures required by subsection (a)(2) shall include, at minimum, the following:

1           (1) An agile governance structure capable of  
2           evolving with the pace of agentic artificial intel-  
3           ligence system development while maintaining appro-  
4           priate accountability and oversight.

5           (2) Standardized best practices, community of  
6           practice forums, and operational guidance for devel-  
7           oping, deploying, and managing agentic systems, in-  
8           cluding the development and sharing of tactics, tech-  
9           niques, and procedures for use.

10          (3) A process for engaging with and incor-  
11          porating advancements and lessons learned from in-  
12          dustry into Department agentic artificial intelligence  
13          system practices, governance, training, and policy.

14          (c) ENTERPRISE CAPABILITIES AND PLATFORMS.—  
15          The enterprise capabilities and platforms required by sub-  
16          section (a)(2) shall include the following:

17               (1) Hosting and management of approved  
18               agentic artificial intelligence systems available for  
19               Department-wide discovery and use.

20               (2) A lifecycle management capability of agentic  
21               artificial intelligence systems governing the full con-  
22               tinuum of development, testing and evaluation,  
23               versioning, deployment, monitoring, updating, and  
24               deprecation of agentic artificial intelligence systems,  
25               including standards for evaluating agentic artificial



1 intelligence system performance and behavior prior  
2 to and following deployment, and user feedback  
3 mechanisms to inform ongoing performance assess-  
4 ment and improvement.

5 (3) A developer credentialing and access frame-  
6 work establishing which personnel and entities are  
7 authorized to develop, publish, and modify agentic  
8 artificial intelligence system within the ecosystem,  
9 including appropriate privilege tiers.

10 (4) Minimum interoperability standards ena-  
11 bling agentic artificial intelligence systems to operate  
12 across Department environments, connect to Depart-  
13 ment data sources and systems, and interact with  
14 other agentic artificial intelligence systems regard-  
15 less of development environment or security classi-  
16 fication level.

17 (5) Application of lessons learned from pace-  
18 setting projects identified under the Department of  
19 Defense Artificial Intelligence Strategy.

20 (d) SHARED TECHNICAL SERVICES.—The shared  
21 technical services required by subsection (a)(2) shall in-  
22 clude the following:

23 (1) A structured agentic artificial intelligence  
24 system registry enabling Department-wide  
25 discoverability, searchability, and reuse of approved

1        agentic artificial intelligence systems across multi-  
2        cloud and multi-security environments.

3            (2) A usage tracking and demand analytics ca-  
4        pability to monitor agentic artificial intelligence sys-  
5        tem registration and utilization, identify high-de-  
6        mand use cases, and inform prioritization of agentic  
7        artificial intelligence system development and re-  
8        source investment.

9            (3) Cost and pricing frameworks, including  
10       chargeback models for cost recovery and attribution  
11       when agentic artificial intelligence systems are  
12       accessed or deployed, including integration with De-  
13       partment-operated large language model infrastruc-  
14       ture.

15        (e) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section, the  
16       Secretary shall, acting through the Chief Digital and Arti-  
17       ficial Intelligence Officer, consult with the following:

18            (1) The Chief Information Officers of the mili-  
19       tary departments and the Joint Staff.

20            (2) The Chief Artificial Intelligence and Data  
21       Officers of the military departments and the Joint  
22       Staff.

23            (3) The Chief Information Officers of the De-  
24       fense Intelligence Enterprise.

1           (4) The Chief Artificial Intelligence and Data  
2       Officers of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise.

3           (5) Such other officials and organizations as  
4       the Secretary determines appropriate.

5       (f) ROADMAP.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 15,  
7       2028, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the  
8       congressional defense committees a roadmap for im-  
9       plementation of the ecosystem required under sub-  
10      section (a).

11          (2) ELEMENTS.—The roadmap submitted  
12      under paragraph (1) shall address the following:

13           (A) Each component required under sub-  
14      sections (b) through (d).

15           (B) Any additional components the Sec-  
16      retary determines necessary.

17           (C) Projected timelines and resource re-  
18      quirements for implementation.

19       (g) BRIEFING.—Not later than January 15, 2028,  
20      the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the congressional  
21      defense committees a briefing on the roadmap required  
22      under subsection (f).

23       (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24           (1) The term “agentic artificial intelligence sys-  
25      tem” means an artificial intelligence system capable

1 of autonomous or semi-autonomous planning, deci-  
2 sion making, and execution of multi-step tasks with  
3 limited human intervention.

4 (2) The term “artificial intelligence” has the  
5 meaning given that term in section 238(g) of the  
6 John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act  
7 for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115—232; 10  
8 U.S.C. note prec. 4061).

9 (3) The term “military departments” has the  
10 meaning given that term in section 101(a) of title  
11 10, United States Code.

12 **SEC. 1642. SECURITY STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORK FOR**  
13 **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AGENTS.**

14 (a) DEVELOPMENT AND ISSUANCE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 15,  
16 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through  
17 the Chief Information Officer of the Department of  
18 Defense and in coordination with the officials speci-  
19 fied in subsection (c), develop and issue authoritative  
20 security standards and guidance for agents across  
21 the Department.

22 (2) ELEMENTS.—The standards and guidance  
23 developed and issued under paragraph (1) shall ad-  
24 dress the following:

1 (A) A risk management framework con-  
2 sistent with applicable standards of the Na-  
3 tional Institute of Standards and Technology.

4 (B) Deployment and operation of agents  
5 across multi-cloud and multi-level security envi-  
6 ronments.

7 (C) Permissions governing the actions  
8 agents are authorized to take, the data and sys-  
9 tems they may access, and the conditions under  
10 which permissions may be modified or revoked.

11 (D) Continuous monitoring of the security  
12 posture and operational behavior of deployed  
13 agents, including reporting, assessment, and re-  
14 mediation of observed anomalous behaviors.

15 (E) Integration of agents into the Zero  
16 Trust Architecture and Identity, Credential,  
17 and Access Management framework of the De-  
18 partment.

19 (F) Security boundaries governing agent  
20 operation at and beyond Department network  
21 boundaries.

22 (G) Incident response, including proce-  
23 dures for detecting, containing, and recovering  
24 from compromise, anomalous behavior, or unau-  
25 thorized action by an agent.

1 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

2 (1) DEPARTMENT STANDARDS.—The standards  
3 developed and issued under subsection (a) shall be  
4 binding on the Department and shall include a tran-  
5 sition timeline for achieving compliance.

6 (2) MILITARY DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTA-  
7 TION.—Not later than March 15, 2028, the Sec-  
8 retary of each military department shall issue imple-  
9 menting guidance for the standards and guidance  
10 issued under subsection (a), including a transition  
11 timeline for achieving compliance that is consistent  
12 with the timeline included under paragraph (1).

13 (c) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the  
14 Secretary shall, acting through the Chief Information Offi-  
15 cer, coordinate with—

16 (1) the Chief Information Officers of the mili-  
17 tary departments and the Joint Staff;

18 (2) the Chief Artificial Intelligence and Data  
19 Officers of the military departments and the Joint  
20 Staff;

21 (3) the Defense Intelligence Enterprise; and

22 (4) such other officials and organizations as the  
23 Secretary determines appropriate.

24 (d) BRIEFINGS.—

1           (1) STANDARDS.—Not later than January 15,  
2           2028, the Secretary shall provide the congressional  
3           defense committees a briefing on the standards and  
4           guidance developed and issued under subsection (a).

5           (2) STATUS.—Not later than April 15, 2028,  
6           the Secretary shall provide the congressional defense  
7           committees a briefing on the status of the implemen-  
8           tation of the standards and guidance issued under  
9           this section as they pertain to all elements of the  
10          Department, including the military departments.

11         (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12           (1) The term “agent” means an artificial intel-  
13           ligence system capable of autonomously planning,  
14           deciding, and executing multi-step tasks, including  
15           using tools, automated protocols, or other systems,  
16           with limited human intervention to achieve a speci-  
17           fied goal.

18           (2) The term “artificial intelligence” has the  
19           meaning given that term in section 238(g) of the  
20           John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act  
21           for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10  
22           U.S.C. note prec. 4061).

23           (3) The term “military departments” has the  
24           meaning given that term in section 101(a) of title  
25           10, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 1643. ASSESSMENT OF GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL IN-**  
2 **TELLIGENCE PLATFORM IMPACT ON WORK-**  
3 **FORCE ACUMEN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1, 2027, and  
5 annually thereafter through April 1, 2029, the Secretary  
6 of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense com-  
7 mittees a briefing on the utilization of the Department of  
8 Defense generative artificial intelligence platform (com-  
9 monly referred to as “GenAI.mil”) and what that utiliza-  
10 tion reflects about the state of artificial intelligence adop-  
11 tion and acumen of the general workforce of the Depart-  
12 ment.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing required under sub-  
14 section (a) regarding the platform described in such sub-  
15 section shall include, with respect to the period covered  
16 by the briefing, the following:

17 (1) The total number of personnel registered to  
18 use the platform and the number of new registrants  
19 added during the reporting period.

20 (2) The number of personnel who logged into  
21 and actively used the platform on a given day, re-  
22 ported as both a peak count and a daily average  
23 over the reporting period.

24 (3) The share of platform sessions in which  
25 each available artificial intelligence model was se-



1 lected by the user, as a measure of relative model  
2 preference across the user population.

3 (4) The average length, measured in tokens, of  
4 inputs (commonly referred to as “prompts”), sub-  
5 mitted by users and the corresponding average  
6 length, measured in tokens, of responses generated  
7 by the platform, as a general indicator of the depth  
8 and complexity of platform interactions.

9 (5) An analysis of the sophistication of user-  
10 submitted inputs through analysis of prompts, in-  
11 cluding the share of inputs that reflect basic infor-  
12 mational queries, multi-turn task-oriented ex-  
13 changes, and structured prompting techniques that  
14 demonstrate deliberate use of the platform’s capa-  
15 bilities.

16 (6) The average number of times per session  
17 that a user submits a follow-up or refined input  
18 after receiving an initial response, as an indicator of  
19 whether users are engaging with the platform in an  
20 iterative and sophisticated manner or limiting use to  
21 single one-off queries.

22 (7) The categories of outputs generated through  
23 platform interactions, including drafted documents,  
24 code, analytical summaries, and information syn-  
25 thesis.

1           (8) The distribution of platform sessions across  
2 functional mission areas, including administrative,  
3 analytical, planning, acquisition, and training func-  
4 tions.

5           (9) The distribution of the number of times  
6 registered users returned to use the platform over a  
7 30-day period, as a measure of sustained interest in  
8 and reliance on the platform beyond initial or inci-  
9 dental use.

10          (10) For each training module available  
11 through the platform, the rate of completion, the av-  
12 erage time spent on the module, and the rate at  
13 which users returned to the module after an initial  
14 session, disaggregated by Armed Force, military de-  
15 partment, and civilian Department of Defense per-  
16 sonnel.

17          (11) An assessment of observed trends in work-  
18 force artificial intelligence adoption and acumen over  
19 the reporting period and a description of how the  
20 Department is using such trends to inform platform  
21 development and training priorities.

22          (12) A description of planned platform capa-  
23 bility enhancements for the subsequent reporting pe-  
24 riod and an assessment of how such enhancements

1 are expected to improve workforce artificial intel-  
2 ligence adoption and acumen.

3 (13) Such other metrics and assessments as the  
4 Secretary considers appropriate.

5 (c) DEFINITIONS OF MILITARY DEPARTMENT.—In  
6 this section, the term “military department” has the  
7 meaning given that term in section 101(a) of title 10,  
8 United States Code.

9 **SEC. 1644. DEMAND FORECAST MODEL FOR ARTIFICIAL IN-**  
10 **TELLIGENCE.**

11 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF MODEL AND METHOD-  
12 OLOGY.—The Secretary of Defense shall, acting through  
13 the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, de-  
14 velop a unified, Department-wide demand forecast model  
15 and methodology for consolidating and assessing artificial  
16 intelligence demand data across the Department of De-  
17 fense, including data from Department-wide generative ar-  
18 tificial intelligence platforms and applications and artifi-  
19 cial intelligence capabilities fielded or operated by the mili-  
20 tary departments and defense agencies.

21 (b) REQUIRED ACTIONS.—In carrying out subsection  
22 (a), the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer  
23 shall—

24 (1) establish an automated process for col-  
25 lecting and aggregating artificial intelligence pro-

1        gram and budget data from the military depart-  
2        ments and defense agencies, using the artificial in-  
3        telligence activities data elements and guidance  
4        issued in response to section 1533 of the Service-  
5        member Quality of Life Improvement and National  
6        Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025  
7        (Public Law 118–159; 10 U.S.C. 221 note);

8            (2) develop a demand-based forecasting model  
9        for artificial intelligence requirements that incor-  
10       porates metrics, including token consumption, com-  
11       pute utilization, throughput, response latency, user  
12       and transaction volume, and such other metrics as  
13       the Secretary determines appropriate to assess arti-  
14       ficial intelligence demand;

15           (3) update applicable policy guidance and in-  
16        structions for use by all elements of the Department  
17        elements and military departments on the require-  
18        ments for the demand forecasting, associated data  
19        collection, and analysis; and

20           (4) provide the Director of Cost Assessment  
21        and Program Evaluation direct access to all artificial  
22        intelligence demand data, the forecasting model re-  
23        quired under paragraph (2), and all underlying raw  
24        data and supporting metrics used to develop and up-  
25        date that model, at a cadence sufficient to support

1 annual budget submissions and future years defense  
2 program development.

3 (c) BRIEFINGS.—

4 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than Sep-  
5 tember 15, 2027, the Secretary, acting through the  
6 Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, and  
7 the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Eval-  
8 uation shall jointly provide to the congressional de-  
9 fense committees a briefing on—

10 (A) the methodology used to consolidate  
11 artificial intelligence demand data and the  
12 metrics used to quantify that demand;

13 (B) the policies and processes established  
14 to provide the Director of Cost Assessment and  
15 Program Evaluation direct access to artificial  
16 intelligence demand data and the demand-based  
17 forecasting model pursuant to subsection (b)(3);  
18 and

19 (C) the status of the demand-based fore-  
20 casting model, including any gaps in data avail-  
21 ability or quality affecting budget forecasting  
22 for artificial intelligence requirements across  
23 the future years defense program.

24 (2) ANNUAL BRIEFINGS.—Concurrent with the  
25 delivery of budget materials to Congress under sec-

tion 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for each of fiscal years 2028 through 2031, the Secretary, acting through the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on current artificial intelligence demand data across the Department and forecasted artificial intelligence demand for each fiscal year of the then-current future years defense program.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “future years defense program” means the program a program submitted under section 221(a) of title 10, United States Code.

(2) The term “token” means the basic unit of text or data processed by a generative artificial intelligence model, used as the basis for measuring computational usage and associated costs.

**SEC. 1645. STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE FOR ADVERSARIAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

(a) LEAD OFFICIAL.—

(1) DESIGNATION.—Not later than March 1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall designate a senior official within the Office of the Secretary of Defense to act as the lead for the Department of

1 Defense on matters relating to adversarial artificial  
2 intelligence.

3 (2) COORDINATION.—The senior official des-  
4 ignated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be respon-  
5 sible for coordinating all Department activities, pro-  
6 grams, and investments as they pertain to adver-  
7 sarial artificial intelligence.

8 (3) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the  
9 date on which the Secretary designates a senior offi-  
10 cial pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
11 submit to the congressional defense committees no-  
12 tice regarding the designation.

13 (b) STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.—Not  
14 later than January 15, 2028, the Secretary shall, acting  
15 through the official designated under subsection (a)(1), es-  
16 tablish—

17 (1) a strategy for adversarial artificial intel-  
18 ligence that identifies capability gaps, prioritizes in-  
19 vestments, and establishes metrics and milestones  
20 for implementation; and

21 (2) a governance structure, chaired by the des-  
22 ignated official, that meets not less frequently than  
23 quarterly and includes an industry information-shar-  
24 ing mechanism utilizing authorities under section  
25 2224 of title 10, United States Code, and the De-

1       fense Industrial Base Cybersecurity program under  
2       subpart 236 of title 32, Code of Federal Regula-  
3       tions, as in effect on the day before the date of the  
4       enactment of this Act.

5       (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than March 1, 2028, and  
6       annually thereafter until December 31, 2030, the Sec-  
7       retary shall provide to the congressional defense commit-  
8       tees a briefing, at the appropriate level of classification,  
9       on administration of this section, including the extent to  
10      which the strategy and governance structure established  
11      under subsection (b) address the ability of the Department  
12      to continuously monitor, in real time, artificial intelligence  
13      and machine learning systems in operational use for signs  
14      of adversarial manipulation, malfunction, or other unin-  
15      tended behavior.

16      (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17           (1) The term “adversarial artificial intelligence”  
18      means techniques by which an actor deliberately ma-  
19      nipulates, deceives, or exploits artificial intelligence  
20      or machine learning systems, including through at-  
21      tacks described in the report National Institute of  
22      Standards and Technology Trustworthy and Respon-  
23      sible Artificial Intelligence 100–2e2025 (relating to  
24      Adversarial Machine Learning), such as data poi-  
25      soning, model evasion, model inversion, or supply



1 chain compromise, to cause malfunction or unin-  
2 tended behavior.

3 (2) The term “artificial intelligence” has the  
4 meaning given in section 238(g) of the John S.  
5 McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
6 cal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. note  
7 prec. 4061).

8 **SEC. 1646. INCLUSION OF ALTERNATIVE MODELS IN DE-**  
9 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE GENERATIVE ARTI-**  
10 **FICIAL INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall,  
12 acting through the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence  
13 Officer, expand the number and diversity of models and  
14 applications available on the enterprise generative artifi-  
15 cial intelligence platform of the Department of Defense  
16 known as “GenAI.mil” (or any successor platform), in-  
17 cluding models and applications, including multi-mode  
18 interface platforms, that support language translation,  
19 coding assistance, data analysis, and other mission-rel-  
20 evant capabilities, with particular attention to removing  
21 barriers to participation by small business concerns.

22 (b) FOUR-YEAR EXPANSION STRATEGY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September  
24 15, 2027, the Secretary shall, acting through the  
25 Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer and

1 in coordination with the Directors of the Office of  
2 Small Business Programs of the Department of De-  
3 fense and the military departments and the Chief  
4 Artificial Intelligence Officers of each of the military  
5 departments, develop and submit to the congres-  
6 sional defense committees a four-year strategy to  
7 carry out subsection (a).

8 (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy submitted under  
9 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

10 (A) Specific annual goals for models and  
11 applications, including multi-modle interface  
12 platforms, to be added to the platform de-  
13 scribed in subsection (a), disaggregated by large  
14 providers and small business providers, includ-  
15 ing—

16 (i) the intended composition of mod-  
17 els, standalone applications, and multi-  
18 model interface platforms on the platform;  
19 and

20 (ii) the rationale for prioritizing cer-  
21 tain categories over others in a given year.

22 (B) The governance structure the Depart-  
23 ment will use to identify and onboard models  
24 and applications.

1           (C) The framework the Department will  
2 use to evaluate and approve models and appli-  
3 cations for inclusion, including applicable secu-  
4 rity, performance, and interoperability stand-  
5 ards.

6           (D) The acquisition pathways and competi-  
7 tive procedures the Department will use to on-  
8 board and offboard providers, including through  
9 the use of other transaction agreements, com-  
10 mercial solutions openings, and other competi-  
11 tive mechanisms.

12           (E) The coordination mechanisms between  
13 the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Of-  
14 ficer and the Chief Information Officer of the  
15 Department of Defense and the Chief Informa-  
16 tion Officers of the military departments to en-  
17 sure adequate infrastructure support for plat-  
18 form expansion over time.

19           (F) A plan for participation by a small  
20 business concerns that identifies—

21                   (i) resolution to technical, security,  
22 and contractual barriers to participation by  
23 small business concerns on the platform;

24                   (ii) specific annual goals for small  
25 business providers, both in numbers of

1 contracts as well as goals for contract  
2 funding; and

3 (iii) metrics and milestones to assess  
4 progress of expanding participation by  
5 small business concerns.

6 (c) ANNUAL ROADMAP.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1,  
8 2027, and not less frequently than once each fiscal  
9 year thereafter until December 31, 2030, the Sec-  
10 retary shall, acting through the Chief Digital and  
11 Artificial Intelligence Officer, provide to the congres-  
12 sional defense committees a briefing on an annual  
13 roadmap outlining the Secretary’s 24-month plan to  
14 add to or remove from the platform described in  
15 subsection (a).

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each roadmap briefed under  
17 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

18 (A) The models and applications planned  
19 for addition or removal and the rationale for  
20 each.

21 (B) The anticipated onboarding timeline  
22 for each addition to the platform described in  
23 subsection (a).

1 (C) The criteria used to evaluate and  
 2 prioritize models and applications for inclusion  
 3 in such platform.

4 (D) The contracting approach for acquir-  
 5 ing new capabilities for such platform.

6 (3) NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES.—Not later  
 7 than 30 days after any addition or removal of an ap-  
 8 plication or model to a roadmap briefed under para-  
 9 graph (1), the Chief Digital and Artificial Intel-  
 10 ligence Officer shall notify the congressional defense  
 11 committees of the change and the rationale therefor.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “small business concern” has the  
 14 meaning given such term under section 3 of the  
 15 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

16 (2) The term “small business provider” means  
 17 a provider that is a small business concern.

18 **SEC. 1647. POLICY AND GUIDANCE RELATED TO AUTONO-**  
 19 **MOUS WEAPON SYSTEMS AND ARTIFICIAL IN-**  
 20 **TELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES ACQUISITION.**

21 Chapter 345 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 22 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 4577. Autonomous weapon systems and artificial**  
2 **intelligence capabilities acquisition; plan-**  
3 **ning and oversight processes**

4 “(a) POLICY.—It is the policy of the Department of  
5 Defense to maximize uses of autonomy and artificial intel-  
6 ligence capabilities to the extent practicable, while ensur-  
7 ing and maintaining that implementation of such auton-  
8 omy and artificial intelligence capabilities provides appro-  
9 priate human oversight, to ensure that operations are con-  
10 ducted in accordance with the law of war, applicable trea-  
11 ties, weapon system safety rules, applicable rules of en-  
12 gagement, and long-standing frameworks protecting the  
13 privacy and civil liberties of United States persons.

14 “(b) REQUIREMENT.—In accordance with the policy  
15 set forth in subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense  
16 shall—

17 “(1) ensure personnel exercise appropriate lev-  
18 els of human judgment and consistently monitor any  
19 deployed artificial intelligence-enabled autonomous  
20 weapon systems, while remaining responsible for the  
21 development, deployment, and use of autonomous  
22 weapon systems and artificial intelligence capabili-  
23 ties;

24 “(2) take deliberate steps to ensure accuracy in  
25 autonomous weapon systems and artificial intel-  
26 ligence capabilities;

1           “(3) develop and deploy autonomous weapon  
 2           systems and artificial intelligence capabilities in a  
 3           manner that promotes an appropriate understanding  
 4           of the technology, their development processes, and  
 5           operational methods applicable to autonomous weap-  
 6           on systems and artificial intelligence capabilities;

7           “(4) subject prototype and deployed autonomy  
 8           and artificial intelligence capabilities to routine test-  
 9           ing and information assurance across their entire  
 10          life cycles to ensure that capabilities meet defined  
 11          safety, security, and effectiveness parameters; and

12          “(5) design and engineer autonomy and artifi-  
 13          cial intelligence capabilities to fulfill their intended  
 14          functions, and deploy these capabilities such that  
 15          human operators retain—

16               “(A) the ability to detect and avoid unin-  
 17               tended consequences or behaviors; and

18               “(B) a means for human intervention to  
 19               disengage or deactivate deployed systems that  
 20               demonstrate unintended or illegal behavior.

21          “(c) REVIEW FOR AUTONOMOUS WEAPON SYSTEMS  
 22          AND SUPPORTING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CAPABILI-  
 23          TIES.—

24               “(1) LEVELS OF HUMAN JUDGMENT.—(A) The  
 25          Secretary shall ensure that any autonomous weapon

1 system or artificial intelligence capability to be uti-  
2 lized by the Department, except as exempted by sub-  
3 section (c)—

4 “(i) is designed and employed in a manner  
5 that enables commanders and operators to exer-  
6 cise ultimate human responsibility over the use  
7 of force; and

8 “(ii) is categorized by the appropriate level  
9 of human judgment required to mitigate risks  
10 to life, safety and health of Department per-  
11 sonnel or noncombatant civilian harm.

12 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), appro-  
13 priate levels of human judgment for an autonomous  
14 weapon system shall consist of two levels as follows:

15 “(i) Level 1, which means that the weapon  
16 system poses little to no risk to human life or  
17 safety should the system fail to act as designed.

18 “(ii) Level 2, which means that the weapon  
19 system poses moderate to high risk to human  
20 life or safety should the system fail to act as  
21 designed.

22 “(C) Appropriate levels of human judgment for  
23 an artificial intelligence capability shall consist of  
24 two levels as follows:



1           “(i) Level 1, which means that the artifi-  
2           cial intelligence capability poses little to no risk  
3           as a result of compromise of data integrity or  
4           operational support should the system fail to  
5           act as designed.

6           “(ii) Level 2, which means that the artifi-  
7           cial intelligence capability—

8                   “(I) uses data protected by section  
9                   552a of title 5 (commonly known as the  
10                  ‘Privacy Act of 1974’) or regulations pro-  
11                  mulgated under the Health Insurance  
12                  Portability and Accountability Act of 1996  
13                  (Public Law 104–191); or

14                  “(II) poses a risk such that the failure  
15                  of the artificial intelligence system to act  
16                  as designed would severely affect the abil-  
17                  ity of the Department to perform the des-  
18                  ignated mission of the artificial intelligence  
19                  capability.

20           “(D) To meet the requirements under subpara-  
21           graph (A), the Secretary of Defense shall ensure  
22           that any autonomous weapon system or artificial in-  
23           telligence capability described in such subsection, to  
24           the maximum extent practicable—

1           “(i) allows human operators to supervise  
2           the operation of the weapon system during mis-  
3           sion execution when appropriate given system  
4           design;

5           “(ii) includes mechanisms that allow com-  
6           manders or operators to intervene in or termi-  
7           nate the use of force by the weapon system at  
8           all stages during mission execution when appro-  
9           priate given system design;

10          “(iii) includes fail-safe mechanisms to en-  
11          able manual control when autonomous systems  
12          are degraded, jammed, spoofed, or under adver-  
13          sarial attack when appropriate given system de-  
14          sign;

15          “(iv) provides sufficient information re-  
16          garding weapon system status and decision  
17          logic to enable operators to understand, oversee,  
18          and exercise functional control over system be-  
19          havior;

20          “(v) maintains records of target selection  
21          data, decision logic, and human operator ac-  
22          tions sufficient to enable post-engagement re-  
23          view of compliance with the requirements under  
24          subsection (a); and

1           “(vi) operates consistent with applicable  
2           United States law and international law, rules  
3           of engagement, the law of armed conflict, appli-  
4           cable treaties, and Department of Defense pol-  
5           icy.

6           “(E)(i) The Secretary of Defense shall establish  
7           procedures to ensure that commanders and opera-  
8           tors are rigorously trained to provide appropriate  
9           levels of human judgment to supervise autonomous  
10          weapon systems and artificial intelligence capabilities  
11          in operational environments, including regular pro-  
12          ficiency assessments in manual target identification,  
13          threat assessment, and engagement procedures to  
14          ensure operators can effectively execute missions  
15          using other capabilities when autonomous systems  
16          are unavailable or unreliable.

17          “(ii) Such procedures shall include a mecha-  
18          nism for operators to report, without fear of re-  
19          prisal, concerns regarding weapon system reliability  
20          or the adequacy of human-machine interfaces.

21          “(2) REVIEW AND VERIFICATION.—Subject to  
22          subsection (d), for any autonomous weapon system  
23          or artificial intelligence capability under development  
24          or being fielded by the Department, the Secretary

1 shall ensure that such autonomous weapon system  
2 or artificial intelligence capability requires—

3 “(A) before a decision to enter prototyping  
4 or formal development, review and verification  
5 by the Under Secretary of Defense for Research  
6 and Engineering or a designee of the Secretary  
7 of Defense, in consultation with the Vice Chair-  
8 man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that—

9 “(i) the system design incorporates  
10 the necessary capabilities to allow com-  
11 manders, operators, and analysts to exer-  
12 cise appropriate levels of human judgment  
13 over the use of force in the envisioned  
14 planning and employment processes for the  
15 autonomous weapon system or artificial in-  
16 telligence capability in such a way that it  
17 can accommodate varying levels of human  
18 oversight without requiring redesign;

19 “(ii)(I) the autonomous weapon sys-  
20 tem or artificial intelligence capability is  
21 designed to complete engagements within a  
22 timeframe and geographic area, as well as  
23 other applicable environmental and oper-  
24 ational parameters, consistent with com-  
25 mander and operator intentions; or

1 “(II) if not designed as described in  
2 subclause (I), the autonomous weapon sys-  
3 tem or artificial intelligence capability will  
4 terminate engagements or obtain addi-  
5 tional operator input before continuing the  
6 engagement;

7 “(iii) the combination of the design  
8 and concept of employment of the autono-  
9 mous weapon system or artificial intel-  
10 ligence capability, such as its target selec-  
11 tion and engagement logic and other rel-  
12 evant processes or measures, accounts for  
13 risks to nontargets, consistent with com-  
14 mander and operator intent and the laws  
15 of war;

16 “(iv) the design of the autonomous  
17 weapon system or artificial intelligence ca-  
18 pability, including system safety, anti-tam-  
19 per mechanisms, and the cybersecurity of  
20 the autonomous weapon system or artificial  
21 intelligence capability, in accordance with  
22 Department of Defense Instruction  
23 8500.01 (relating to cybersecurity), or suc-  
24 cessor instruction, addresses and mini-

1 mizes the probability and consequences of  
2 failures;

3 “(v) plans are in place for verification  
4 and validation and test and evaluation to  
5 establish the reliability, effectiveness, and  
6 suitability of the autonomous weapon sys-  
7 tem or artificial intelligence capability  
8 under realistic conditions, including pos-  
9 sible adversary actions, to a sufficient  
10 standard consistent with the potential con-  
11 sequences of an unintended engagement or  
12 unauthorized parties interfering with the  
13 operation of the autonomous weapon sys-  
14 tem or artificial intelligence capability  
15 prior to fielding; and

16 “(vi) a preliminary legal review of the  
17 autonomous weapon system or artificial in-  
18 telligence capability has been completed—

19 “(I) in coordination with the  
20 General Counsel of the Department of  
21 Defense; and

22 “(II) in accordance with Depart-  
23 ment of Defense Directive 5000.01  
24 (relating to Defense Acquisition Sys-  
25 tem), or successor directive, Depart-

1                   ment of Defense Directive 2311.01  
2                   (relating to Department of Defense  
3                   Law of War Program), or successor  
4                   directive, and, where applicable, De-  
5                   partment of Defense Directive  
6                   3000.03E (relating to Department of  
7                   Defense Agent for Non-Lethal Weap-  
8                   ons and Non-Lethal Weapon Policy),  
9                   or successor directive; and

10               “(B) before fielding, review and  
11               verification by the Under Secretary for Re-  
12               search and Engineering or a designee of the  
13               Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the  
14               Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that,  
15               with respect to the autonomous weapon system  
16               or artificial intelligence capability—

17               “(i) system capabilities, human-ma-  
18               chine interfaces, doctrine, tactics, tech-  
19               niques and procedures, and training have  
20               been demonstrated to allow commanders  
21               and operators to exercise appropriate levels  
22               of human judgment over the use of force  
23               and to employ systems with appropriate  
24               care and in accordance with the law of  
25               war, applicable treaties, weapon system

1 safety rules, and definable rules of engage-  
2 ment that are applicable or reasonably ex-  
3 pected to be applicable;

4 “(ii) relevant system safety, anti-tam-  
5 per mechanisms, cyber survivability, oper-  
6 ational resilience, and cybersecurity capa-  
7 bilities have been implemented to minimize  
8 the probability and consequences of fail-  
9 ures;

10 “(iii) for autonomous weapon systems  
11 or artificial intelligence capabilities that  
12 are being fielded that may have gone  
13 through the development pipeline and  
14 verified under subparagraph (A), an up-  
15 dated legal review of the weapon system or  
16 artificial intelligence capability has been  
17 completed—

18 “(I) in coordination with the  
19 General Counsel of the Department of  
20 Defense; and

21 “(II) in accordance with Depart-  
22 ment of Defense Directive 5000.01  
23 (relating to Defense Acquisition Sys-  
24 tem), or successor directive, Depart-  
25 ment of Defense Directive 2311.01



1 (relating to Department of Defense  
2 Law of War Program), or successor  
3 directive, and, where applicable, De-  
4 partment of Defense Directive  
5 3000.03E (relating to Department of  
6 Defense Agent for Non-Lethal Weap-  
7 ons and Non-Lethal Weapon Policy),  
8 or successor directive; and

9 “(iv) a monitoring regime is in place  
10 to identify and address changes in oper-  
11 ational environment, data inputs, and use  
12 that could contribute to failure of the sys-  
13 tem or capability to act in a manner con-  
14 sistent with the intent for the system or  
15 capability.

16 “(3) VALIDITY OF VERIFICATION.—(A) The  
17 Secretary shall treat each verification under para-  
18 graph (2) or paragraph (4) as valid for a period of  
19 three years.

20 “(B) An autonomous weapon system or artifi-  
21 cial intelligence capability that is a substantially  
22 similar variant of another autonomous weapon sys-  
23 tem or artificial intelligence capability that is  
24 verified under paragraph (2) or paragraph (4) shall  
25 also be treated as verified.

1           “(4)       SUBSEQUENT       REVIEW       AND  
2       VERIFICATION.—(A) For any autonomous weapon  
3       system or artificial intelligence capability that was  
4       previously verified under paragraph (2)(A) or ex-  
5       empted under any predecessor review process under  
6       Department of Defense Directive 3000.09 (relating  
7       to Autonomy in Weapon Systems), that does not  
8       currently have a valid verification pursuant to para-  
9       graph (3), the Secretary shall ensure that it under-  
10      goes subsequent review and verification under such  
11      paragraph.

12           “(B) For any autonomous weapon system or  
13      artificial intelligence capability that was previously  
14      verified under paragraph (2)(B) or exempted under  
15      any predecessor review process under Department of  
16      Defense Directive 3000.09 (relating to Autonomy in  
17      Weapon Systems) that does not currently have a  
18      valid verification pursuant to paragraph (3), the  
19      Secretary shall ensure that it undergoes subsequent  
20      review and verification under such paragraph as if  
21      it had not been deployed.

22           “(5) PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS.—(A) For  
23      each artificial intelligence capability classified under  
24      subsection (c)(1)(C)(ii), the Secretary ensure that a

1 privacy impact assessment is conducted by the Di-  
2 rector for Privacy, Civil Liberties and Transparency.

3 “(B) In carrying out a privacy impact assess-  
4 ment under subparagraph (A), the Director may  
5 consult with such technical and policy experts in the  
6 Department of Defense or elsewhere in the Federal  
7 Government as the Director considers appropriate.

8 “(d) EXCEPTIONS.—The following categories of au-  
9 tonomous weapon systems are not subject to the policy  
10 set forth in subsection (a) or the requirements of sub-  
11 section (b) and (c):

12 “(1) Operator-supervised autonomous weapon  
13 systems used to select and engage materiel targets  
14 to intercept attempted time-critical or saturation at-  
15 tacks.

16 “(2) Operator-supervised autonomous weapon  
17 systems used to select and engage materiel targets  
18 for defending operationally deployed remotely piloted  
19 or autonomous vehicles or vessels.

20 “(3) Autonomous or semi-autonomous cyber-  
21 space capabilities, reasonably judged to be non-lethal  
22 in nature.

23 “(4) Unarmed platforms, whether remotely op-  
24 erated or operated by onboard personnel, and wheth-  
25 er autonomous or semi-autonomous.

1 “(5) Unguided munitions.

2 “(6) Munitions manually guided by the oper-  
3 ator.

4 “(7) Mines.

5 “(8) Unexploded explosive ordnance.

6 “(9) Autonomous or semi-autonomous systems  
7 that are not weapon systems.

8 “(10) Weapon systems employing autonomous  
9 terminal guidance to acquire and track a target indi-  
10 vidually designated by a human operator prior to or  
11 at the time of launch, where the system’s autono-  
12 mous function does not involve discrimination among  
13 potential targets.

14 “(e) PROHIBITIONS ON CERTAIN USES OF AUTON-  
15 OMY OR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES.—Ex-  
16 cept as may be provided in another statute, the Secretary  
17 may not use autonomy or an artificial intelligence capa-  
18 bility for any of the following use cases:

19 “(1) For the decision to initiate the launch or  
20 detonation of a nuclear weapon.

21 “(2) For the monitoring, tracking, profiling, or  
22 targeting of an individual or group of individuals  
23 reasonably believed to be in the United States or the  
24 collection, querying, or analysis of information about  
25 the same not otherwise permissible under the Con-

1       stitution of the United States, regardless of the ori-  
2       gin of the data used, except for activities conducted  
3       in accordance with applicable provisions of law.

4               “(3) In the employment of lethal force by au-  
5       tonomous weapon without incorporation of appro-  
6       priate levels of human judgment.

7       “(f) VERIFICATION, VALIDATION, TESTING AND  
8       EVALUATION OF AUTONOMOUS WEAPON SYSTEMS  
9       LEVERAGING AUTONOMY OR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
10      SYSTEMS.—

11              “(1) IN GENERAL.—For each autonomy and ar-  
12      tificial intelligence system that is covered by the pol-  
13      icy set forth in subsection (a), regardless of the ac-  
14      quisition pathway or test and evaluation oversight  
15      status for an autonomous weapon system or artifi-  
16      cial intelligence capability, the Director for Oper-  
17      ational Test and Evaluation, or the Director’s des-  
18      ignee, shall ensure the autonomous weapon system  
19      or artificial intelligence capability functions as an-  
20      ticipated in realistic operational environments  
21      against adaptive adversaries and are sufficiently ro-  
22      bust to minimize failures, including by ensuring—

23              “(A) such autonomous weapon system or  
24      artificial intelligence capability goes through  
25      rigorous hardware and software verification and

1 validation and realistic system developmental  
2 and operational test and evaluation, including  
3 analysis of unanticipated emergent behavior to  
4 assess system performance, capability, reli-  
5 ability, effectiveness, and suitability under real-  
6 istic conditions, including possible adversary ac-  
7 tions, consistent with the potential con-  
8 sequences of unintended engagement or unau-  
9 thorized parties interfering with the operation  
10 of the system or capability;

11 “(B) hardware and software verification  
12 and validation include iterative cyber test and  
13 evaluation in accordance with Department of  
14 Defense Instruction 5000.89 (relating to Test  
15 and Evaluation), or successor instruction, to  
16 verify that the autonomous weapon system or  
17 artificial intelligence capability is resilient and  
18 survivable in contested cyberspace, if relevant to  
19 the purpose and mission of the system or capa-  
20 bility;

21 “(C) systems incorporating autonomy or  
22 artificial intelligence capabilities go through rig-  
23 orous developmental and operational test and  
24 evaluation to verify and validate that the auton-  
25 omous weapon system or artificial intelligence

1 capability is robust according to design require-  
2 ments;

3 “(D) test and evaluation of systems incor-  
4 porating autonomy or artificial intelligence ca-  
5 pabilities include testing to confirm that their  
6 autonomy or artificial intelligence algorithms  
7 can be rapidly reprogrammed on new input  
8 data to enable timely correction of any unin-  
9 tended system behaviors that may be observed  
10 or discovered during future system operations;

11 “(E) adequate training, tactics, techniques,  
12 procedures, and doctrine are available, periodi-  
13 cally reviewed, and used by system operators  
14 and commanders to understand the functioning,  
15 capabilities, and limitations of the system’s au-  
16 tonomy or artificial intelligence in realistic oper-  
17 ational conditions;

18 “(F) system design and human-machine  
19 interfaces are readily understandable to trained  
20 operators, with clear ability to activate and de-  
21 activate system functions;

22 “(G) after initial operational testing and  
23 evaluation, as directed by the Director, system  
24 data is collected and any further changes to the  
25 system undergo appropriate verification, valida-

tion, test, and evaluation to ensure that critical safety features have not been degraded;

“(H) system software is tested using the best means and methods available to the Department to validate that critical safety features have not been degraded;

“(I) automated testing tools, such as modeling and simulation, are used whenever feasible;

“(J) testing identifies any new operating states and other relevant changes in the autonomous weapon system or artificial intelligence capability;

“(K) as directed by the Director—

“(i) each new or substantially revised operating state undergoes appropriate and tailored additional test and evaluation to characterize the system behavior in that new operating state; and

“(ii) whole system follow-on operational test and evaluation when required due to changes to the state transition matrix; and

“(L) in coordination with the Under Secretary for Research and Engineering and Direc-



1           tor, the owning component of the Department  
2           provides for monitoring to identify and address  
3           when changes to the system design or oper-  
4           ational environment require additional testing  
5           and evaluation to provide sufficient confidence  
6           that the system will continue to avoid unin-  
7           tended engagements and resist interference by  
8           unauthorized parties.

9           “(2) APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS.—(A)

10          For systems and capabilities assigned Level 1 under  
11          subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii), the requirements of sub-  
12          paragraphs (A) through (L) of paragraph (1) shall  
13          apply only to the extent relevant to the system’s au-  
14          thorized functions and intended operational environ-  
15          ment.

16          “(B) For systems and capabilities assigned  
17          Level 2 under subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii), the require-  
18          ments of subparagraphs (A) through (L) of para-  
19          graph (1) shall apply in full.

20          “(g) AUTONOMY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
21          SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP.—

22          “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—(A) The Secretary  
23          shall establish and charter a working group for the  
24          purposes set forth in paragraph (2).

1           “(B) The working group established under sub-  
2       paragraph (A) shall be known as the ‘Autonomy and  
3       Artificial Intelligence Working Group’.

4           “(2) PURPOSES.—The purposes set forth in  
5       this paragraph are as follows:

6           “(A) To support the Under Secretary of  
7       Defense for Research and Engineering, and the  
8       Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in  
9       considering the full range of relevant Depart-  
10      ment interests during the review of autonomous  
11      weapon systems and artificial intelligence capa-  
12      bilities before formal development.

13          “(B) To support the Under Secretary of  
14      Defense for Research and Engineering, the  
15      Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and  
16      Sustainment, and the Vice Chairman of the  
17      Joint Chiefs of Staff, in considering the full  
18      range of relevant Department interests during  
19      the review of autonomous weapon systems be-  
20      fore deployment.

21          “(C) When requested by appropriate rep-  
22      resentatives of the secretaries of the military  
23      departments, the Commander of United States  
24      Special Operations Command, or, when applica-

1           ble, a director of a defense agency or a Depart-  
2           ment of Defense Field Activity—

3                   “(i) to advise whether a given weapon  
4                   system requires senior-level approval in ac-  
5                   cordance with this section; and

6                   “(ii) to help identify and advise on ad-  
7                   dressing potential issues presented by a  
8                   given weapon system during a potential  
9                   senior-level review in accordance with this  
10                  section.

11                  “(D) To develop and issue safety stand-  
12                  ards for use of autonomy and artificial intel-  
13                  ligence capabilities in evaluation of such capa-  
14                  bilities.

15           “(h) INCIDENT REPOSITORY.—

16                  “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-  
17                  fense shall establish and maintain a centralized re-  
18                  pository for reporting, collecting, and analyzing inci-  
19                  dents involving autonomous weapon systems and ar-  
20                  tificial intelligence capabilities used by the Depart-  
21                  ment of Defense—

22                   “(A) to document operational incidents,  
23                   weapon system failures, unintended weapon sys-  
24                   tem behaviors, or near-miss events involving au-

1 autonomous weapon systems and artificial intel-  
2 ligence capabilities;

3 “(B) to enable the Department to identify  
4 systemic risks, software errors, or operational  
5 vulnerabilities associated with such weapon sys-  
6 tems and capabilities; and

7 “(C) to promote institutional learning and  
8 continuous improvement in the design, testing,  
9 and operational employment of autonomous  
10 weapon systems and artificial intelligence capa-  
11 bilities.

12 “(2) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-  
13 retary shall establish procedures requiring the re-  
14 porting of incidents described in paragraph (1), in-  
15 cluding—

16 “(A) operational malfunctions affecting the  
17 use of force;

18 “(B) unintended or anomalous weapon sys-  
19 tem behavior;

20 “(C) instances in which autonomous weap-  
21 on systems or artificial intelligence capabilities  
22 selected or engaged targets inconsistent with  
23 commander intent or rules of engagement, re-  
24 gardless of whether engagement was ultimately  
25 executed;

1           “(D) human-machine interaction failures  
2           affecting command or operator control; and

3           “(E) other safety-related events deter-  
4           mined appropriate by the Secretary.

5           “(3) SAFETY REPORTING MODEL.—In estab-  
6           lishing the repository under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
7           retary shall, to the extent practicable, model report-  
8           ing practices on aviation safety reporting systems  
9           used to identify and mitigate systemic risks in com-  
10          plex operational environments.

11          “(4) ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION.—The Sec-  
12          retary shall ensure that information collected  
13          through the repository established under paragraph  
14          (1) is analyzed to identify trends and lessons  
15          learned, and that appropriate findings are dissemi-  
16          nated across the Department of Defense to improve  
17          system design, training, and operational procedures.

18          “(5) PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE INFORMA-  
19          TION.—Information contained in the repository es-  
20          tablished under paragraph (1) shall be handled in  
21          accordance with applicable classification, operational  
22          security, and national security requirements.

23          “(i) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than January 31  
24          of each year until January 31, 2037, the Secretary shall

1 submit to the congressional defense committees an annual  
2 report on the administration of this section.

3 “(j) APPLICABILITY.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of this  
5 section apply to—

6 “(A) lethal autonomous weapon systems;  
7 and

8 “(B) artificial intelligence capabilities used  
9 in lethal targeting engagements that support  
10 the validation of a target, the decision to en-  
11 gage a target, the acquisition of a target during  
12 the weapons engagement process, and develop-  
13 ment of engagement parameters for a des-  
14 ignated target.

15 “(2) EXCLUSION.—Systems and capabilities not  
16 described in paragraph (1) are not subject to the re-  
17 quirements of this section.

18 “(k) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
19 tion shall be construed as preventing the lawful use of  
20 military capabilities and platforms or preventing the rapid  
21 development and deployment of military capabilities and  
22 platforms that rely upon or leverage artificial intelligence  
23 in a national security crisis, military conflict, or war. This  
24 section is intended to be temporary in nature until the

1 governed technologies mature to the point of requiring less  
2 direct oversight in their development and employment.

3 “(l) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) The term ‘artificial intelligence’ has the  
5 meaning given the term section 5002 of the National  
6 Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020 (15  
7 U.S.C. 9401).

8 “(2)(A) The term ‘autonomous weapon systems’  
9 means a weapon system that, once activated, can se-  
10 lect and engage targets without further intervention  
11 by an operator. Such term includes operator-super-  
12 vised autonomous weapon systems that are designed  
13 to allow operators to override operation of the weap-  
14 on system but can select and engage targets without  
15 further operator input after activation.

16 “(B) Such term does not include a weapon sys-  
17 tem solely because it employs autonomous terminal  
18 guidance to acquire and track a target class des-  
19 ignated by a human operator prior to or at the time  
20 of launch.

21 “(3) The term ‘autonomy’ means a capability  
22 (or set of capabilities) that enables a particular ac-  
23 tion of a system to be automatic or, within specified  
24 boundaries self-governing with minimal human over-  
25 sight.

1           “(4) The term ‘decision to engage’ means the  
2           determination by a human official with weapons re-  
3           lease authority to authorize lethal or non-lethal force  
4           against a validated target.

5           “(5) The term ‘development of engagement pa-  
6           rameters’ means the calculation of the conditions,  
7           geometry, timing, and constraints under which a  
8           designated target will be engaged, consistent with  
9           rules of engagement and collateral effect limitations

10          “(6) The term ‘target acquisition’ means the  
11          process by which a system locates, identifies, and  
12          tracks a designated target in preparation for engage-  
13          ment.

14          “(7) The term ‘target validation’ means the  
15          process of confirming that a potential target meets  
16          criteria for engagement under applicable law and  
17          rules of engagement, including verification of target  
18          identity and status.

19          “(8) The term ‘ultimate human responsibility’,  
20          with respect to a weapon system, means the ability  
21          of a human commander or operator to exercise in-  
22          formed human agency—

23                 “(A) to understand the operational context  
24                 of the weapon system through continuous train-  
25                 ing, capacity building, and integration of design



and testing features that strengthen human understanding and effective oversight;

“(B) to supervise, intervene in, or terminate the use of force by the system, thereby guaranteeing human responsibility, when appropriate given system design; and

“(C) to ensure compliance with all applicable United States law and international law, including applicable treaties, weapon system safety rules, the law of armed conflict, and rules of engagement.”.

**SEC. 1648. UPDATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
DATA STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION  
PLAN.**

(a) UPDATED DATA STRATEGY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 15, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall, acting through the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer as the Chief Data Officer of the Department of Defense, publish an update to the 2020 Department of Defense Data Strategy (in this section referred to as the “Strategy”) that serves as the authoritative guiding document for how the Department of Defense hosts, manages, and makes discoverable Department data in support of data sharing

1 and artificial intelligence readiness across the mili-  
2 tary departments, combatant commands, defense  
3 agencies, and the defense intelligence enterprise.

4 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the updated  
5 Strategy under paragraph (1), the Chief Digital and  
6 Artificial Intelligence Officer acting in their role as  
7 the Chief Data Officer of the Department of De-  
8 fense shall consult with—

9 (A) the Chief Data Officer of each military  
10 department;

11 (B) the Chief Information Officer of the  
12 Department of Defense;

13 (C) the Chief Information Officer of each  
14 military department;

15 (D) the Chief Data Officer of the Joint  
16 Staff; and

17 (E) the Chief Data Officer of the Director  
18 of National Intelligence.

19 (3) ELEMENTS.—The Strategy shall include the  
20 following:

21 (A) A framework for data ontologies, in-  
22 cluding how the Department will define, struc-  
23 ture, and govern data relationships to advance  
24 data-centric approaches and enable federated  
25 and scalable access to and discoverability of De-

1       partment data, informed by the findings and  
2       outputs of the Data Ontology Governance  
3       Working Group established under section 1504  
4       of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
5       Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10  
6       U.S.C. note prec. 391).

7               (B) An identification of existing Depart-  
8       ment of Defense applications and program of-  
9       fices supporting data-centric approaches and a  
10      plan for how such programs will be leveraged,  
11      consolidated, or evolved in furtherance of the  
12      Strategy.

13             (C) A plan for ensuring integration with  
14      the defense intelligence enterprise for the shar-  
15      ing and exploitation of data in support of na-  
16      tional security missions.

17             (D) Requirements for compliance with  
18      global, consensus-based data ontology specifica-  
19      tions, including standards that treat the ab-  
20      sence of a data assertion as unknown rather  
21      than false, to ensure that data can be consist-  
22      ently shared, interpreted, and transferred  
23      across Department and commercial systems  
24      without loss of meaning or context.

1           (E) An approach for ensuring data avail-  
2           ability, discoverability, and interoperability  
3           across all appropriate classification levels.

4           (F) A plan for streamlining data labeling  
5           across the Department, including an evaluation  
6           of existing data labeling platforms in use across  
7           the Department and the defense intelligence en-  
8           terprise to assess suitability for enterprise-wide  
9           adoption.

10       (b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than De-  
11       cember 15, 2027, the Secretary shall, acting through the  
12       Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer as the  
13       Chief Data Officer of the Department of Defense, develop  
14       and submit to the congressional defense committees a plan  
15       for implementation of the Strategy across the future years  
16       defense program.

17       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18           (1) The term “artificial intelligence” has the  
19           meaning given in section 238(g) of the John S.  
20           McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-  
21           cal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232).

22           (2) The term “combatant command” has the  
23           meaning given that term in section 161(c) of title  
24           10, United States Code.

1           (3) The term “data-centric” means an environ-  
2       ment where data is the primary and permanent  
3       asset separated from systems and applications mak-  
4       ing data available to a broad range of tools and ana-  
5       lytics within and across security domains for enrich-  
6       ment and discovery.

7           (4) The term “data ontology” has the meaning  
8       given that term in section 1504(h) of the National  
9       Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026  
10      (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C. note prec. 391).

11          (5) The term “military department” has the  
12      meaning given that term in section 101(a) of title  
13      10, United States Code.

14   **SEC. 1649. ASSESSMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EF-**  
15                           **FFECTS ON WARFIGHTER SKILL RETENTION**  
16                           **AND OPERATIONAL READINESS.**

17      (a) **ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.**—Commencing not later  
18   than August 1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall con-  
19   duct a comprehensive assessment of the effects on human  
20   performance of the adoption of artificial intelligence sys-  
21   tems by personnel of the Department of Defense on the  
22   maintenance and retention of essential warfighter skills.

23      (b) **COORDINATION AND LEAD OFFICIAL.**—The Sec-  
24   retary of Defense shall designate a senior official—

1           (1) to coordinate the assessment and research  
2           activities required by this section;

3           (2) to oversee the integration of findings under  
4           this section into the policies of the Department, with  
5           the objective of maximizing both artificial intel-  
6           ligence-enabled performance and proficiency in crit-  
7           ical, hard to recover skills; and

8           (3) who is authorized to coordinate among the  
9           military departments and relevant defense agencies  
10          for purposes of carrying out this section.

11       (c) SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT.—The assessment re-  
12       quired under subsection (a) shall include the following:

13           (1) Identification of military occupational spe-  
14           cialties and operational roles where structured pro-  
15           ficiency management will be most critical to sus-  
16           taining readiness alongside artificial intelligence  
17           adoption based on the susceptibility to skill atrophy  
18           resulting from reliance on artificial intelligence-en-  
19           abled systems as well as speed and investments to  
20           recover such skill.

21           (2) Evaluation of the conditions under which  
22           artificial intelligence-enabled systems augment  
23           warfighter capability and the conditions that call for  
24           deliberate proficiency sustainment measures to pre-  
25           serve independent judgment and awareness based on

1 the cognitive, operational, and manual skills decline  
2 among personnel who regularly use artificial intel-  
3 ligence-enabled systems compared to personnel per-  
4 forming equivalent tasks without such systems.

5 (3) Identification of measurable indicators that  
6 distinguish beneficial skill augmentation from condi-  
7 tions requiring proficiency intervention.

8 (4) Assessment of how current training and cer-  
9 tification programs can be structured to build and  
10 sustain critical, hard-to-recover proficiency based on  
11 a review of the conditions under which reliance on  
12 artificial intelligence systems may contribute to over-  
13 reliance, miscalibrated confidence in system outputs,  
14 diminished trust in independent human judgment, or  
15 reduced situation awareness.

16 (5) Evaluation of whether current training pro-  
17 grams and certification standards adequately pre-  
18 serve critical warfighter proficiency for degraded-  
19 mode, denied, or contested operational environments,  
20 including the adequacy of primary, alternate, contin-  
21 gency, and emergency planning frameworks.

22 (6) Recommendations for policies, training pro-  
23 tocols, doctrine, acquisition requirements, talent  
24 management strategies, or readiness metrics to en-

1 sure that artificial intelligence adoption strengthens  
2 operational readiness.

3 (d) RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The official designated  
5 under subsection (b) shall carry out research activi-  
6 ties to support the assessment required under sub-  
7 section (a), which may include controlled experi-  
8 ments or high-fidelity simulations comparing per-  
9 formance with and without artificial intelligence-en-  
10 abled systems, longitudinal studies measuring skill  
11 retention trajectories, full-spectrum performance,  
12 and recovery timelines, assessment of operator con-  
13 fidence and decisionmaking accuracy under simu-  
14 lated contested conditions, and development of  
15 standardized skill sustainment metrics applicable  
16 across the Armed Forces.

17 (2) COORDINATION.—In carrying out the re-  
18 search activities under paragraph (1), the official  
19 designated under subsection (b) shall coordinate  
20 with the following entities, as appropriate:

21 (A) The Army Research Institute for Be-  
22 havioral and Social Sciences.

23 (B) The Office of Naval Research.

24 (C) The Air Force Research Laboratory  
25 Human Effectiveness Directorate.



1 (D) The Chief Digital and Artificial Intel-  
2 ligence Office.

3 (E) The military departments.

4 (F) Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
5 Readiness.

6 (G) Such other research entities and oper-  
7 ational commands as the Secretary of Defense  
8 considers appropriate.

9 (3) RESEARCH METHODOLOGY.—Research con-  
10 ducted under this subsection shall—

11 (A) establish baseline measurements of  
12 task performance and cognitive capabilities  
13 prior to artificial intelligence system use;

14 (B) assess performance changes during  
15 routine artificial intelligence-assisted operations;

16 (C) evaluate skill sustainment when artifi-  
17 cial intelligence systems are removed or unavail-  
18 able;

19 (D) measure recovery timelines to baseline  
20 proficiency after extended artificial intelligence-  
21 assisted operations; and

22 (E) identify factors that accelerate or sup-  
23 port skill sustainment.

24 (e) REPORTS.—

25 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
2           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
3           Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-  
4           gressional defense committees a report on the  
5           assessment required under subsection (a).

6           (B) ELEMENTS.—The report required  
7           under subparagraph (A) shall include the fol-  
8           lowing:

9                   (i) An identification of military occu-  
10                  pational specialties and operational roles  
11                  where proficiency sustainment will be most  
12                  critical based on which are most vulnerable  
13                  to hard-to-recover skill atrophy.

14                  (ii) Preliminary findings from con-  
15                  trolled operational experiments and the de-  
16                  sign of longitudinal studies under sub-  
17                  section (d)(1).

18                  (iii) An assessment of opportunities to  
19                  strengthen readiness based on identifica-  
20                  tion of high-level risks to proficiency based  
21                  on current or planned artificial intelligence  
22                  deployment practices.

23                  (iv) Recommended changes to policies,  
24                  training, doctrine, or acquisition require-

ments to optimize human and artificial intelligence integration.

(v) Recommendations for updates, identified as near- or long-term in nature, to existing training programs, certification standards, and operational doctrine to build and sustain critical and hard-to-recover proficiencies and identification of the Department of Defense component or office best positioned to implement each such recommendation.

(vi) An identification of any additional authorities, resources, research partnerships with academic institutions or federally funded research and development centers, or technical expertise needed to conduct the research activities described in subsection (d).

(2) LONGITUDINAL STUDY REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the findings of the longitudinal studies conducted under subsection (d)(1)(B).

1 (B) ELEMENTS.—The report required  
2 under subparagraph (A) shall include the fol-  
3 lowing:

4 (i) An identification of measured rates  
5 of retention and atrophy of hard-to-recover  
6 skills across different military occupational  
7 specialties and operational contexts.

8 (ii) An assessment of skill recovery  
9 trajectories and the time required to re-  
10 store baseline proficiency.

11 (iii) An evaluation of degraded-mode  
12 performance outcomes under simulated  
13 contested conditions.

14 (iv) Updated recommendations for  
15 policies, training protocols, doctrine, acqui-  
16 sition requirements, or readiness metrics  
17 based on research findings.

18 (v) Any update to the recommenda-  
19 tions made under paragraph (1)(B)(v).

20 (f) BRIEFINGS.—

21 (1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days  
22 after the submittal of the initial report under sub-  
23 section (e)(1), the Secretary of Defense shall provide  
24 to the congressional defense committees a briefing

1 on the findings and recommendations contained in  
2 such report.

3 (2) LONGITUDINAL STUDY BRIEFING.—Not  
4 later than 90 days after the submittal of the longitu-  
5 dinal study report under subsection (e)(2), the Sec-  
6 retary of Defense shall provide to the congressional  
7 defense committees a briefing on the findings and  
8 recommendations contained in such report.

9 (g) REVIEW OF TRAINING AND DOCTRINE.—The  
10 Secretary of Defense shall assess whether existing training  
11 programs, certification standards, and operational doc-  
12 trine adequately account for the effects of artificial intel-  
13 ligence-enabled systems on skill retention and degraded-  
14 mode performance and shall include in the reports re-  
15 quired under subsection (e)—

16 (1) recommendations for updates, as appro-  
17 priate, identified as near-term or longer-term in na-  
18 ture; and

19 (2) identification of the Department of Defense  
20 component or office best positioned to consider im-  
21 plementation of each such recommendation.

22 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) The term “artificial intelligence system”  
24 has the meaning given the term “artificial intel-  
25 ligence” in section 238(g) of the John S. McCain

1 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
2 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 4061 note  
3 prec.).

4 (2) The term “artificial intelligence-enabled sys-  
5 tem” means any weapons system, decision support  
6 tool, or operational capability that incorporates or  
7 relies on an artificial intelligence system.

8 (3) The term “degraded-mode operations”  
9 means military operations conducted when artificial  
10 intelligence systems or supporting infrastructure are  
11 unavailable, partially functional, compromised, or  
12 under adversarial attack.

13 (4) The term “primary, alternate, contingency,  
14 and emergency planning” means a framework for  
15 ensuring continuity of operations when primary sys-  
16 tems become unavailable, requiring personnel to em-  
17 ploy alternate approaches, contingency plans, or  
18 emergency procedures.

19 **SEC. 1650. DERIVED SOURCING REQUIREMENTS FOR ARTI-**  
20 **FICIAL INTELLIGENCE OUTPUTS.**

21 (a) SOURCING REQUIREMENTS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
23 shall, acting through the Chief Digital and Artificial  
24 Intelligence Officer and in coordination with the  
25 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and

1 Sustainment, require that any vendor providing arti-  
2 ficial intelligence capabilities to the Department of  
3 Defense implement, as a condition of contract award  
4 or continued performance, a sourcing mechanism  
5 that affixes clearly cited sources within any output  
6 generated by such capabilities and delivered to the  
7 Department, in a form approved by the Chief Digital  
8 and Artificial Intelligence Officer, indicating, at a  
9 minimum—

10 (A) any source that they originate from or  
11 are attributable to; and

12 (B) any foreign adversary propaganda  
13 source and identifying the foreign adversary  
14 covered nation associated with that source.

15 (2) SCOPE OF SOURCING REQUIREMENT.—The  
16 sourcing requirement under paragraph (1) shall  
17 apply to any artificial intelligence capability used by  
18 the Department of Defense to generate, summarize,  
19 synthesize, translate, or otherwise produce informa-  
20 tional text- or image-based outputs.

21 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
22 subsection shall be construed—

23 (A) to restrict the sources upon which an  
24 artificial intelligence model may draw; or

1 (B) to prohibit a vendor from training,  
2 fine-tuning, retrieval-augmenting, or otherwise  
3 incorporating into an artificial intelligence  
4 model data or content originating from any  
5 source.

6 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

7 (1) SOURCING STANDARDS.—Not later than  
8 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
9 the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer  
10 shall establish standards for the sourcing require-  
11 ment under subsection (a), including—

12 (A) the form and content of required  
13 sourcing;

14 (B) the form, content, and placement of  
15 sourcing to highlight foreign adversary propa-  
16 ganda sources;

17 (C) the methodology by which vendors  
18 shall identify outputs derived from foreign ad-  
19 versary propaganda sources, including prove-  
20 nance tracking and source attribution require-  
21 ments; and

22 (D) thresholds for materiality, including  
23 when partial derivation from a foreign adver-  
24 sary propaganda source triggers the sourcing  
25 requirement.



1           (2) **VENDOR COMPLIANCE.**—Each vendor sub-  
2       ject to the requirements of subsection (a) shall sub-  
3       mit to the Secretary of Defense, through the Chief  
4       Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, docu-  
5       mentation describing the technical mechanism by  
6       which the vendor identifies and labels sources in out-  
7       puts and highlights those sources derived from for-  
8       eign adversary propaganda sources.

9       (c) **REPORT.**—Not later than the date on which the  
10      sourcing standards required under subsection (b)(1) are  
11      established, the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence  
12      Officer shall submit to the congressional defense commit-  
13      tees a report detailing the implementation plans for such  
14      standards.

15      (d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

16           (1) The term “artificial intelligence” has the  
17      meaning given that term in section 5002 of the Na-  
18      tional Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020  
19      (15 U.S.C. 9401).

20           (2) The term “artificial intelligence capability”  
21      means any artificial intelligence model, system, tool,  
22      application, service, or component thereof that is  
23      provided to, procured by, developed for, or used by  
24      the Department of Defense, whether as a standalone  
25      product, an embedded feature, or a service accessed

1 via application programming interface or other  
2 means.

3 (3) The term “foreign adversary covered na-  
4 tion”—

5 (A) has the meaning given the term “cov-  
6 ered nation” in section 4872(f) of title 10,  
7 United States Code;

8 (B) includes any foreign terrorist organiza-  
9 tion designated by the Secretary of State under  
10 section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality  
11 Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); and

12 (C) includes any media organization affili-  
13 ated with an entity on the list of specially des-  
14 ignated nationals and blocked persons main-  
15 tained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control  
16 of the Department of the Treasury (commonly  
17 known as the “SDN list”).

18 (4) The term “foreign adversary propaganda  
19 source” means any media organization, publication,  
20 website, social media account, broadcast outlet, or  
21 other information channel that—

22 (A) is owned, operated, controlled, funded,  
23 or editorially directed, in whole or in part, by  
24 the government of a foreign adversary covered

1 nation, or by an entity acting on behalf of such  
 2 government; or

3 (B) is engaged in foreign malign influence  
 4 activities (as defined in section 119C(f) of the  
 5 National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.  
 6 3059(f))) on behalf of, or in coordination with,  
 7 a foreign adversary covered nation.

8 (5) The term “vendor” means any contractor,  
 9 subcontractor, or other person who provides an arti-  
 10 ficial intelligence capability to the Department of  
 11 Defense under a contract (as described in section  
 12 6303 of title 31, United States Code), a subcontract,  
 13 a grant or cooperative agreement, or any similar in-  
 14 strument.

15 **SEC. 1651. IMPROVEMENTS REGARDING GUIDANCE AND**  
 16 **PROHIBITION ON USE OF CERTAIN ARTIFI-**  
 17 **CIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

18 Section 1532 of the National Defense Authorization  
 19 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60; 10 U.S.C.  
 20 2224 note) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)—

22 (A) in paragraph (2)—

23 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-  
 24 ing “CONSIDERATION OF GUIDANCE” and  
 25 inserting “GUIDANCE”; and

- 1 (ii) by striking “consider issuing” and  
2 inserting “issue”; and
- 3 (B) in paragraph (3)(B) by striking “if”  
4 and inserting “after the date that is 90 days  
5 after the date on which”;
- 6 (2) in subsection (c)—
- 7 (A) in paragraph (2)—
- 8 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;  
9 or” and inserting a semicolon;
- 10 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
11 the period at the end and inserting a semi-  
12 colon; and
- 13 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
14 lowing new subparagraphs:
- 15 “(C) any artificial intelligence, or successor  
16 artificial intelligence, developed by the Chinese  
17 company Baidu;
- 18 “(D) any artificial intelligence, or suc-  
19 cessor artificial intelligence, developed by the  
20 Chinese company Zhipu AI;
- 21 “(E) any artificial intelligence, or suc-  
22 cessor artificial intelligence, developed by the  
23 Chinese company Moonshot AI;

1           “(F) any artificial intelligence, or successor  
2 artificial intelligence, developed by the Chinese  
3 company 01.AI;

4           “(G) any artificial intelligence, or suc-  
5 cessor artificial intelligence, developed by the  
6 Chinese company Mistral-rival Minimax;

7           “(H) any artificial intelligence, or suc-  
8 cessor artificial intelligence, developed by the  
9 Chinese company Alibaba;

10          “(I) any artificial intelligence, or successor  
11 artificial intelligence, developed by the Chinese  
12 company Tencent;

13          “(J) any artificial intelligence, or successor  
14 artificial intelligence, developed by the Chinese  
15 company Huawei;

16          “(K) any artificial intelligence, or suc-  
17 cessor artificial intelligence, developed by the  
18 Chinese company Bytedance;

19          “(L) any artificial intelligence, or successor  
20 artificial intelligence, developed by the Chinese  
21 company Xiaomi; or

22          “(M) any artificial intelligence, or suc-  
23 cessor artificial intelligence, that is a derivative  
24 model derived from artificial intelligence identi-  
25 fied by subparagraphs (A) through (L).”;

1 (B) by amending paragraph (4) to read as  
2 follows:

3 “(4) The term ‘ covered artificial intelligence  
4 company’ means—

5 “(A) an entity that—

6 “(i) produces or provides artificial in-  
7 telligence models or applications; and

8 “(ii)(I) is included on—

9 “(aa) the Consolidated  
10 Screening List maintained by the  
11 International Trade Administra-  
12 tion of the Department of Com-  
13 merce; or

14 “(bb) the civil-military fu-  
15 sion list maintained under section  
16 1260H of the William M. (Mac)  
17 Thornberry National Defense Au-  
18 thorization Act for Fiscal Year  
19 2021 (Public Law 116-283; 10  
20 U.S.C. 113 note);

21 “(II) is domiciled in a covered  
22 nation; or

23 “(III) is subject to unmitigated  
24 foreign ownership, control, or influ-  
25 ence by a covered nation, as deter-

1                   mined by the Secretary of Defense in  
2                   accordance with the National Indus-  
3                   trial Security Program or any suc-  
4                   cessor to such program; or

5                   “(B) an entity that produces or provides  
6                   artificial intelligence models or applications that  
7                   are derivative models that are derived from arti-  
8                   ficial models or applications produced or pro-  
9                   vided by an entity described in subparagraph  
10                  (A).”; and

11                  (C) by adding at the end the following:

12                  “(5) The term ‘derivative model’ means an arti-  
13                  ficial intelligence model with weights, parameters, or  
14                  training outputs that are derived in whole or in ma-  
15                  terial part from another artificial intelligence model,  
16                  including through fine-tuning, quantization, distilla-  
17                  tion, merging, or any other adaptation technique.”.

18 **SEC. 1652. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONAL BILL**  
19 **OF MATERIALS.**

20                  (a) **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONAL BILL**  
21 **OF MATERIALS.**—The Secretary of Defense, in coordina-  
22 tion with the Under Secretary of Defense for Research  
23 and Engineering, the Under Secretary of Defense for Ac-  
24 quisition and Sustainment, the Chief Digital and Artificial  
25 Intelligence Officer, and the Chief Information Officer

1 shall revise the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation  
2 Supplement to prohibit the Department of Defense from  
3 entering into, renewing, or extending a contract for the  
4 procurement of goods or services that utilize artificial in-  
5 telligence, unless the contractor—

6 (1) submits to the Chief Digital and Artificial  
7 Intelligence Officer an artificial intelligence func-  
8 tional bill of materials prior to the award, renewal,  
9 or extension of the contract; and

10 (2) maintains the bill of materials such that the  
11 contractor can deliver an updated bill of materials to  
12 the relevant component of the Department of De-  
13 fense within 48 hours of a request for such bill of  
14 materials.

15 (b) FORMAT AND CONTENTS OF ARTIFICIAL INTEL-  
16 LIGENCE FUNCTIONAL BILL OF MATERIALS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—A functional bill of materials  
18 described under subsection (a) shall—

19 (A) include details related to the software,  
20 data, and hardware underpinning systems uti-  
21 lizing artificial intelligence in accordance with  
22 paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of this subsection.

23 (B) be machine-readable; and



1 (C) disclose sufficient detail to enable a  
2 timely assessment by the Department of De-  
3 fense of the impact of—

- 4 (i) newly identified vulnerabilities;
- 5 (ii) security risks;
- 6 (iii) integrity concerns affecting soft-  
7 ware, models, or data; and
- 8 (iv) other newly available risk-relevant  
9 information affecting components incor-  
10 porated into or relied upon by the artificial  
11 intelligence system.

12 (2) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SOFTWARE  
13 SECTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FUNC-  
14 TIONAL BILL OF MATERIALS.—The software section  
15 of the artificial intelligence functional bill of mate-  
16 rials required under subsection (a) shall include the  
17 following minimum elements:

18 (A) A description of all models of the arti-  
19 ficial intelligence, including—

- 20 (i) pre-trained foundation models;
- 21 (ii) fine-tuned models customized for  
22 specific Department of Defense use cases  
23 through transfer learning or additional  
24 training;

- 1 (iii) internally trained models, includ-
- 2 ing custom architectures and algorithms
- 3 for the Department of Defense;
- 4 (iv) other model versions and configu-
- 5 rations deployed in production, along with
- 6 their hyperparameters and deployment
- 7 context; and
- 8 (v) for each models described in
- 9 clauses (i) through (iv)—
- 10 (I) the model name;
- 11 (II) the model identifiers;
- 12 (III) the model version or release
- 13 identifier;
- 14 (IV) the model supplier;
- 15 (V) the model origin;
- 16 (VI) the model lineage;
- 17 (VII) the model license;
- 18 (VIII) the integrity reference;
- 19 (IX) a description of any self-
- 20 hosted or custom models across con-
- 21 tainers or virtual machines;
- 22 (X) any model source registries
- 23 and versions; and
- 24 (XI) a description of artificial in-
- 25 telligence agents and their functional

1 boundaries (abilities to read, write,  
2 and execute).

3 (B) A description of the dependencies of  
4 the artificial intelligence, including—

5 (i) the machine-learning frameworks  
6 used to build and run the artificial intel-  
7 ligence;

8 (ii) the developer-level artificial intel-  
9 ligence technologies and software develop-  
10 ment kits, including integrated develop-  
11 ment environment extensions;

12 (iii) any third-party packages, includ-  
13 ing supporting libraries and open-source  
14 components that models of the artificial in-  
15 telligence depend on;

16 (iv) the runtime dependencies nec-  
17 essary for training, serving, or orches-  
18 trating artificial intelligence models in pro-  
19 duction; and

20 (v) any direct and nested transitive  
21 relationships.

22 (C) The security and governance of the ar-  
23 tificial intelligence, including—

24 (i) identity verification and access, in-  
25 cluding service accounts, roles, permis-

1           sions, and credentials the artificial intel-  
2           ligence system uses;

3           (ii) access paths, including external  
4           application programming interfaces;

5           (iii) security controls, such as policies,  
6           classifiers, and validation mechanisms that  
7           apply to the artificial intelligence compo-  
8           nents;

9           (iv) guardrail safety configurations  
10          and filters; and

11          (v) model context protocol server tool  
12          configurations.

13          (D) Any access history and permissions  
14          granted by the artificial intelligence, includ-  
15          ing—

16           (i) a description of the ownership of  
17           and access to the artificial intelligence sys-  
18           tem by the Department of Defense;

19           (ii) the change history, including audit  
20           trails that show who modified components,  
21           when, and why; and

22           (iii) a description of the approval  
23           workflows, including processes that govern  
24           how artificial intelligence components move

1 through development, testing, and produc-  
2 tion.

3 (E) The performance metrics and model  
4 updates, including—

5 (i) use cases, prioritizing high-impact  
6 use cases; and

7 (ii) performance metrics, such as ac-  
8 curacy and latency.

9 (3) DATA SECTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTEL-  
10 LIGENCE BILL OF MATERIALS.—The data section of  
11 the artificial intelligence functional bill of materials  
12 required under subsection (a) shall include the fol-  
13 lowing minimum elements:

14 (A) The training data, including datasets  
15 used to train or fine-tune models of the artifi-  
16 cial intelligence, including their origin, licens-  
17 ing, and any applied preprocessing.

18 (B) The inference-time data, such as data  
19 sources any model of the artificial intelligence  
20 accessed during production, including real-time  
21 APIs, feature stores, or data warehouses.

22 (C) Data storage, including the underlying  
23 storage systems, such as cloud storage, data-  
24 bases, or vector databases, that hold artificial  
25 intelligence-related data.

1 (D) Metadata on components' name, pre-  
 2 cise version, file paths, open-source licenses,  
 3 package managers, and unique identifiers such  
 4 as purl or cryptographic hashes.

5 (E) For each dataset described in subpara-  
 6 graphs (A) through (D)—

7 (i) the dataset name;

8 (ii) the dataset version or date of cre-  
 9 ation or last update, whichever is more re-  
 10 cent;

11 (iii) the dataset location;

12 (iv) the integrity reference;

13 (v) the sensitivity of the data;

14 (vi) the license to use such data;

15 (vii) the data supplier;

16 (viii) the creator of the data contained  
 17 in the dataset;

18 (ix) the data origin;

19 (x) the data lineage;

20 (xi) the country of origin; and

21 (xii) the data processing history.

22 (4) HARDWARE SECTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTEL-  
 23 LIGENCE FUNCTIONAL BILL OF MATERIALS.—The  
 24 hardware section of the artificial intelligence func-  
 25 tional bill of materials required under subsection (a)

1 shall include relevant information of the physical in-  
2 frastructure that the artificial intelligence runs on,  
3 including the following minimum elements:

4 (A) Compute resources, including graphics  
5 processing units, tensor processing units, and  
6 other acceleration hardware artificial intel-  
7 ligence workloads use.

8 (B) Any storage and networking that sup-  
9 ports the artificial intelligence, including the  
10 cloud infrastructure supporting artificial intel-  
11 ligence operations and other network paths be-  
12 tween components.

13 (C) Cloud environments, including ac-  
14 counts, regions, and deployment boundaries on  
15 which artificial intelligence workloads run.

16 (c) APPLICABILITY OF SOFTWARE BILL OF MATE-  
17 RIALS REQUIREMENTS TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—

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, in coordination with the Under  
21 Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering,  
22 the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and  
23 Sustainment, the Chief Digital and Artificial Intel-  
24 ligence Officer, and the Chief Information Officer  
25 shall develop regulations, guidance, and policies to

1 ensure that current policies, regulations, and guid-  
2 ance relating to the use, submission, or maintenance  
3 of a software bill of materials shall apply to the soft-  
4 ware that underpins artificial intelligence systems  
5 used, developed, or procured by the Department of  
6 Defense.

7 (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the  
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
9 Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed  
10 Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed  
11 Services of the House of Representatives a report  
12 on—

13 (A) the status of the implementation of the  
14 regulations, guidance, and policies developed  
15 under paragraph (1), including any challenges,  
16 recommendations, and legislative or regulatory  
17 action needed to enhance the effectiveness of  
18 such implementation;

19 (B) the feasibility and necessity of updat-  
20 ing Department of Defense Instruction  
21 5000.87, Operation of the Software Acquisition  
22 Pathway (October 2, 2020) and the software  
23 acquisition pathway established under section  
24 3603 of title 10, United States Code, with re-  
25 quirements for—



1 (i) an artificial intelligence software  
2 bill of materials; and

3 (ii) a more detailed software bill of  
4 materials in the procurement of software,  
5 hardware, artificial intelligence tech-  
6 nologies, and cryptographic technologies;  
7 and

8 (C) the estimated costs of implementing  
9 the requirements described in subparagraph  
10 (B).

11 (d) CYBERSECURITY CONSIDERATIONS FOR BILL OF  
12 MATERIALS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-  
15 rector of the Defense Systems Agency and Chief In-  
16 formation Officer shall issue guidance on to pro-  
17 curing agencies on appropriate storage of any bill of  
18 material submitted under subsection (a) to align  
19 with the cybersecurity requirements of the Depart-  
20 ment of Defense.

21 (2) CONTENTS.—The guidance issued under  
22 paragraph (1) shall include—

23 (A) strict access controls;

24 (B) digital signing and hashing;

25 (C) secure sharing mechanisms; and

1 (D) centralized repositories to prevent tam-  
2 pering and unauthorized access.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The terms  
5 “artificial intelligence” have the meanings given  
6 such terms, respectively, in section 5001 of the Na-  
7 tional Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020  
8 (15 U.S.C. 9401).

9 (2) SOFTWARE BILL OF MATERIALS.—The term  
10 “software bill of materials” means the records kept  
11 in the normal course of business that identify each  
12 component, library, and dependency comprising a  
13 software application.

14 **SEC. 1653. REQUIREMENTS FOR HUMAN OVERSIGHT OF**  
15 **USE OF FORCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-**  
16 **FENSE.**

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 issue regulations to ensure that—

20 (1) the use of force by the Armed Forces of the  
21 United States remains subject to a clear, account-  
22 able, and identifiable human chain of command and  
23 control;

24 (2) decisions to authorize, initiate, or terminate  
25 the use of force are attributable to human com-

1 manders and operators acting within established  
2 legal authorities;

3 (3) the employment of any weapon system,  
4 whether unguided, autonomous, semi-autonomous, or  
5 otherwise enabled by advanced technologies, shall  
6 not eliminate human responsibility for the use of  
7 force;

8 (4) all weapon systems shall be designed, field-  
9 ed, and employed in a manner that preserves human  
10 accountability consistent with the law of armed con-  
11 flict and any applicable law of the United States;  
12 and

13 (5) any weapon system developed or employed  
14 by the Department of Defense that incorporates au-  
15 tonomous or artificial intelligence-enabled func-  
16 tions—

17 (A) is designed and fielded consistent with  
18 Department of Defense Directive 3000.09 (re-  
19 lating to Autonomy in Weapon Systems), or  
20 any successor directive, including the require-  
21 ment that all individuals in the human chain of  
22 command may exercise control over such system  
23 to exercise appropriate levels of human judg-  
24 ment over the use of force;

1 (B) includes operational plans, rules of en-  
2 gagement, doctrine, and training manuals that  
3 clearly specify the roles and responsibilities of  
4 commanders and operators in—

5 (i) authorizing and supervising the  
6 use of force by the system; and

7 (ii) executing manned-unmanned  
8 teaming concepts by semi-autonomous and  
9 fully autonomous formations;

10 (C) is subject to exercises, simulations,  
11 trainings of relevant personnel, and concepts of  
12 employment that assess the risk of automation  
13 bias and evaluate the ability of commanders  
14 and operators to appropriately question, over-  
15 ride, or disengage the system outputs during  
16 decisions involving the use of force as appro-  
17 priate given the design of the system;

18 (D) is subject to verification, validation,  
19 testing, and evaluation processes that assess—

20 (i) system performance to ensure that  
21 the system is sufficiently robust and func-  
22 tions as anticipated in realistic operational  
23 environments; and

24 (ii) the clarity of the human-command  
25 relationship and decision authorities; and

1           (E) has mechanisms in place to ensure  
2           that after-action review processes can identify  
3           responsible human decision-makers within the  
4           chain of command for any employment of force  
5           involving the system.

6       (b) JOINT DOCTRINE FOR AUTONOMOUS WAR-  
7 FARE.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Chairman of the Joint  
9       Chiefs of Staff, in coordination with the Secretaries  
10      of the military departments, shall develop a joint  
11      doctrine for autonomous warfare.

12       (2) CONTENTS.—The doctrine developed under  
13      paragraph (1) shall—

14           (A) establish fundamental principles across  
15           the Joint Force that focus on manned-un-  
16           manned blended units and fully autonomous  
17           units, in which human and machine platforms  
18           conduct multi-domain operations;

19           (B) consider new operational concepts, new  
20           command-and-control structures and processes,  
21           new training and military education, and new  
22           organizational reforms that integrate autonomy  
23           into warfighting; and

24           (C) include the manner by which the Joint  
25      Force will incorporate new warfighting tech-

1 nologies, such as artificial intelligence, auto-  
2 mous platforms and organizational units, and  
3 drone swarms, into existing joint doctrine.

4 (c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
7 retary of Defense shall provide to the congressional  
8 defense committees a report that includes—

9 (A) a description of the measures taken to  
10 ensure compliance with the requirements of  
11 subsection (a);

12 (B) any identified risks of accountability  
13 gaps associated with new weapon systems or  
14 emerging technologies; and

15 (C) any legislative action required to  
16 strengthen compliance with the requirements of  
17 subsection (a).

18 (2) FORM.—The annual report required by  
19 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified  
20 form, but may include a classified annex.

21 **SEC. 1654. BIOSECURITY PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS**  
22 **FOR COVERED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
23 **MODELS.**

24 (a) BIOSECURITY EVALUATION FRAMEWORK.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense  
2       shall develop a framework for the implementation of  
3       biosecurity evaluation standards and best practices  
4       relating to covered artificial intelligence models to  
5       mitigate biosecurity risks to the Department of De-  
6       fense from the use of such models, including any  
7       risk presented by a malicious actor gaining unau-  
8       thorized access to such models.

9           (2) COVERAGE OF RELEVANT ASPECTS OF BIO-  
10      SECURITY RISK.—The framework developed under  
11      paragraph (1) shall cover all aspects of biosecurity  
12      risks posed by and to covered artificial intelligence  
13      models, including the following:

14           (A) Evaluation of the potential for misuse,  
15           including the capability of covered artificial in-  
16           telligence models to materially enable, meaning-  
17           fully facilitate, or significantly lower barriers to  
18           the design, acquisition, production, or dissemi-  
19           nation of biological agents, toxins, or other bio-  
20           logical threats.

21           (B) Evaluation of model behaviors and  
22           failure modes relevant to biosecurity, including  
23           the propensity to provide actionable assistance  
24           for harmful biological activities, including

1 through prompt-based elicitation, fine-tuning,  
2 tool use, or other methods of adaptation.

3 (C) Biosecurity red-teaming and testing re-  
4 quirements, including the use of qualified sub-  
5 ject-matter experts and test protocols designed  
6 to simulate realistic misuse attempts.

7 (D) Mitigation measures and safeguards,  
8 including the deployment of technical and oper-  
9 ational controls to reduce biosecurity risks, such  
10 as access controls, monitoring, logging, usage  
11 restrictions, capability gating, safe completion  
12 techniques, and limitations on high-risk  
13 functionality.

14 (E) Risks relating to the unintended expo-  
15 sure, theft, or release of covered artificial intel-  
16 ligence models (including model weights, pa-  
17 rameters, system prompts, fine-tuning data, or  
18 other sensitive model artifacts) and the biosecu-  
19 rity implications of such unauthorized access.

20 (F) Supply chain and third-party risks rel-  
21 evant to biosecurity, including the risks posed  
22 by integration of covered artificial intelligence  
23 models into other systems and the risk that  
24 downstream deployments or failure by contrac-  
25 tors to implement required biosecurity controls.



1 (G) Processes for re-evaluation over time,  
2 including triggers for reassessment based on  
3 material changes to a model (including capa-  
4 bility improvements, new tooling, fine-tuning, or  
5 deployment changes) and updated threat infor-  
6 mation.

7 (3) RISK-BASED SCALING.—The Secretary of  
8 Defense shall ensure that the framework developed  
9 under paragraph (1)—

10 (A) prioritizes the covered artificial intel-  
11 ligence models that present the greatest poten-  
12 tial biosecurity risk, based on threat reporting,  
13 risk assessments, and model capability evalua-  
14 tions;

15 (B) establishes security and evaluation lev-  
16 els that scale to the biosecurity risk posed by a  
17 covered artificial intelligence model, taking into  
18 account the sensitivity of the mission context  
19 and the potential consequences of misuse; and

20 (C) is designed to be practicable for acqui-  
21 sition and implementation, including through  
22 the use of tiered requirements and appropriate  
23 tailoring to the type of technology and deploy-  
24 ment.

1           (4) CONSULTATION.—In developing the frame-  
2       work under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense  
3       may consult with—

4                   (A) such officials as the Secretary of De-  
5       fense considers appropriate; and

6                   (B) any relevant industry, academic, and  
7       civil society experts with demonstrated biosecu-  
8       rity expertise.

9       (b) CONDITION OF PROCUREMENT; IMPLEMENTA-  
10   TION THROUGH ACQUISITION REGULATIONS.—

11           (1) CONDITION OF PROCUREMENT.—Beginning  
12       on the date that is 18 months after the date on  
13       which the Secretary of Defense issues implementing  
14       guidance under paragraph (2), the Department of  
15       Defense may not procure, obtain, renew, or extend  
16       the use of a covered artificial intelligence model (in-  
17       cluding through a contract for cloud-hosted model  
18       access) unless the covered artificial intelligence  
19       model has undergone biosecurity testing and evalua-  
20       tion consistent with the framework developed under  
21       subsection (a) and the Secretary determines that ap-  
22       propriate mitigation measures and safeguards have  
23       been implemented commensurate with the risk.

24           (2) IMPLEMENTING GUIDANCE AND DFARS.—  
25       Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-

1       ment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall  
2       issue implementing guidance to carry out the re-  
3       quirements of this section. The Secretary may  
4       amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation  
5       Supplement to incorporate requirements consistent  
6       with such guidance, including requirements applica-  
7       ble to contractors that develop, deploy, store, host,  
8       fine-tune, integrate, or provide access to covered ar-  
9       tificial intelligence models for the Department of De-  
10      fense.

11           (3) CONTRACTOR ASSURANCES AND DOCU-  
12      MENTATION.—The implementing guidance under  
13      paragraph (2) shall include contractor assurance and  
14      documentation requirements sufficient for the De-  
15      partment to verify compliance, which may include—

16           (A) summaries of testing protocols and re-  
17           sults, including biosecurity red-teaming results,  
18           limitations, and remediation actions;

19           (B) descriptions of mitigation measures  
20           implemented and evidence of their operation;

21           (C) supply chain and access-control infor-  
22           mation relevant to the risk of unauthorized ac-  
23           cess to the model; and

24           (D) such additional information as the  
25      Secretary determines necessary to evaluate bio-

1 security risk and compliance, consistent with  
2 protection of classified information and propri-  
3 etary business information.

4 (4) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may  
5 waive the requirements of paragraph (1) with re-  
6 spect to a specific procurement or use if the Sec-  
7 retary determines that exigent circumstances or  
8 overriding national security needs require such waiv-  
9 er. Any waiver under this paragraph shall be—

10 (A) in writing;

11 (B) time-limited;

12 (C) accompanied by a description of com-  
13 pensating controls to manage biosecurity risk to  
14 the maximum extent practicable; and

15 (D) provided to the congressional defense  
16 committees not later than 30 days after the  
17 waiver is issued.

18 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
19 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for  
20 3 years, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-  
21 gressional defense committees a report describing—

22 (1) the framework developed under subsection

23 (a) and the status of implementation under sub-  
24 section (b);

1           (2) the categories of covered artificial intel-  
2           ligence models subject to the framework and any up-  
3           dates to the scope of coverage;

4           (3) the extent to which the Department has in-  
5           corporated biosecurity evaluation requirements into  
6           procurement processes and contract instruments;

7           (4) challenges and resource needs for imple-  
8           menting biosecurity evaluations and mitigations; and

9           (5) any recommendations for additional au-  
10          thorities or legislative actions.

11         (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12           (1) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE; MACHINE  
13           LEARNING.—The terms “artificial intelligence” and  
14           “machine learning” have the meanings given such  
15           terms in section 5001 of the National Artificial In-  
16           telligence Initiative Act of 2020 ( 15 U.S.C. 9401).

17           (2) BIOSECURITY EVALUATION.—The term  
18           “biosecurity evaluation” means testing, assessment,  
19           and analysis conducted to identify and characterize  
20           biosecurity-relevant capabilities, misuse potential,  
21           and failure modes of a covered artificial intelligence  
22           model, including through red-teaming, and the eval-  
23           uation of mitigation measures to reduce such risks.

24           (3) COVERED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
25           MODEL.—The term “covered artificial intelligence

(a) PROTOTYPING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DATA CENTERS.—The Secretary of Defense shall, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and in consultation with the Director of the National Security Agency and the head of the Center for Artificial Intelligence Standards and Innovation at the Department of Commerce, carry out a program to construct, retrofit, prototype, and perform testing and evaluation on highly secure data centers uniquely built for artificial intelligence workloads and capable of—

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1           (3) securing the confidentiality, integrity, and  
2           availability of artificial intelligence models and infer-  
3           ence pipelines.

4           (b) FOCUS.—The program required by subsection (a)  
5 shall be focused on—

6           (1) building or retrofitting prototype tech-  
7           nologies and security controls needed to protect arti-  
8           ficial intelligence data centers from attacks by na-  
9           tion-state adversaries;

10          (2) building or prototyping crucial components,  
11          such as cross-domain solutions, to address specific  
12          security needs of artificial intelligence data centers;

13          (3) protecting model weights and other sensitive  
14          assets stored in advanced artificial intelligence data  
15          centers from theft, sabotage, unauthorized access, or  
16          manipulation by nation-state adversaries;

17          (4) addressing new challenges associated with  
18          highly autonomous artificial intelligence systems, in-  
19          cluding attempts to autonomously exploit  
20          vulnerabilities, evade monitoring, or exfiltrate sen-  
21          sitive assets;

22          (5) identifying technologies not yet commer-  
23          cially available or sufficiently mature to achieve the  
24          elements of the focus set out in this subsection, in-  
25          cluding hardware tamper resistance, secure and con-

1        fidential computing at scale, and supply chain  
2        verification tools, and recommending research and  
3        development investments needed to advance such  
4        technologies;

5            (6) assessing relevant physical security, cyberse-  
6        curity, supply chain security, insider threat, access  
7        control, monitoring, compartmentation, secure com-  
8        pute environment, and incident response require-  
9        ments for such facilities; and

10           (7) developing detailed plans, budgets, and cost  
11        estimates and recommended courses of action, for  
12        constructing or retrofitting facilities to achieve the  
13        goals of this subsection.

14        (c) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—

15            (1) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after  
16        the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
17        shall provide to the congressional defense commit-  
18        tees a briefing on progress made under the program  
19        required by subsection (a), including key findings  
20        from prototype activities, threats, vulnerabilities, ca-  
21        pability gaps, and resourcing requirements.

22            (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the  
23        date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
24        shall submit to the congressional defense committees



1 a report on the results of the program required by  
 2 subsection (a), including—

3 (A) prototype results, technologies, or  
 4 operational measures needed to improve the se-  
 5 curity of secure artificial intelligence data cen-  
 6 ters; and

7 (B) recommendations for further invest-  
 8 ments to address threats from nation-state ad-  
 9 versaries and autonomous artificial intelligence  
 10 agents.

11 **DIVISION B—MILITARY CON-**  
 12 **STRUCTION AUTHORIZA-**  
 13 **TIONS**

14 **SEC. 2001. SHORT TITLE.**

15 This division may be cited as the “Military Construc-  
 16 tion Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027”.

17 **SEC. 2002. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATIONS AND**  
 18 **AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO BE SPECIFIED BY**  
 19 **LAW.**

20 (a) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORIZATIONS AFTER THREE  
 21 YEARS.—Except as provided in subsection (b), all author-  
 22 izations contained in titles XXI through XXVII for mili-  
 23 tary construction projects, land acquisition, facilities  
 24 sustainment, family housing projects and facilities, and  
 25 contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

1 Security Investment Program (and authorizations of ap-  
2 propriations therefor) shall expire on the later of—

3 (1) October 1, 2029; or

4 (2) the date of the enactment of an Act author-  
5 izing funds for military construction for fiscal year  
6 2030.

7 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to  
8 authorizations for military construction projects, land ac-  
9 quisition, facilities sustainment, family housing projects  
10 and facilities, and contributions to the North Atlantic  
11 Treaty Organization Security Investment Program (and  
12 authorizations of appropriations therefor), for which ap-  
13 propriated funds have been obligated before the later of—

14 (1) October 1, 2029; or

15 (2) the date of the enactment of an Act author-  
16 izing funds for fiscal year 2030 for military con-  
17 struction projects, land acquisition, facilities  
18 sustainment, family housing projects and facilities,  
19 or contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Orga-  
20 nization Security Investment Program.

21 **SEC. 2003. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 Titles XXI through XXVII shall take effect on the  
23 later of—

24 (1) October 1, 2026; or

25 (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 .....	\$147,000,000
Guam .....	Joint Region Marianas .....	\$184,000,000
Hawaii .....	Schofield Barracks .....	\$30,000,000
	Wheeler Army Air Field .....	\$459,000,000
Indiana .....	Crane Army Ammunition Activity .....	\$27,000,000
Louisiana .....	Fort Polk .....	\$157,000,000
New York .....	Fort Drum .....	\$25,000,000
Oklahoma .....	Fort Sill .....	\$93,000,000
Texas .....	Fort Bliss .....	\$35,000,000
	Fort Hood .....	\$81,000,000
	Joint Base San Antonio .....	\$918,000,000

(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations 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

1 construction projects for the installations or locations out-  
 2 side the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in  
 3 the following table:

**Army: Outside the United States**

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Honduras .....	Soto Cano Air Base .....	\$17,000,000
Italy	Caserma Renato Del Din .....	\$17,000,000

4 **SEC. 2102. FAMILY HOUSING.**

5 (a) CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION.—Using  
 6 amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of ap-  
 7 propriations in section 2103(a) and available for military  
 8 family housing functions as specified in the funding table  
 9 in section 4601, the Secretary of the Army may construct  
 10 or acquire family housing units (including land acquisition  
 11 and supporting facilities) at the installations or locations,  
 12 in the number of units, and in the amounts set forth in  
 13 the following table:

**Army: Family Housing**

Country	Installation	Units	Amount
Germany .....	South Camp Vilseck .....	FH Replacement Construction (44 units).	\$95,060,000
Kwajalein .....	Kwajalein Atoll .....	FH Replacement Construction (30 units).	\$146,359,000

14 (b) IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING  
 15 UNITS.—Subject to section 2825 of title 10, United States  
 16 Code, and using amounts appropriated pursuant to the  
 17 authorization of appropriations in section 2103(a) and  
 18 available for military family housing functions as specified

1 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the  
2 Army may improve existing military family housing units  
3 in an amount not to exceed \$194,006,000.

4 (c) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—Using amounts appro-  
5 priated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in  
6 section 2103(a) and available for military family housing  
7 functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,  
8 the Secretary of the Army may carry out architectural and  
9 engineering services and construction design activities  
10 with respect to the construction or improvement of family  
11 housing units in an amount not to exceed \$90,557,000.

12 **SEC. 2103. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, ARMY.**

13 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds  
14 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years  
15 beginning after September 30, 2026, for military con-  
16 struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and  
17 military family housing functions of the Department of the  
18 Army as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

19 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION  
20 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-  
21 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and  
22 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost  
23 of all projects carried out under sections 2101 and 2102  
24 of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized

1 to be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in  
 2 the funding table in section 4601.

3 **SEC. 2104. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FIS-**  
 4 **CAL YEAR 2021 PROJECT AT FORT GILLEM,**  
 5 **GEORGIA.**

6 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of  
 7 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
 8 Year 2021 (division B of Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat.  
 9 4294), the authorization set forth in the table in sub-  
 10 section (b), as provided in section 2101(a) of that Act  
 11 (134 Stat. 4295) and most recently extended by section  
 12 2104 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for  
 13 Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–60; 139  
 14 Stat. 1266), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027,  
 15 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds  
 16 for military construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever  
 17 is later.

18 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
 19 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

1 **SEC. 2105. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**  
2 **TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022**  
3 **PROJECTS.**

4 (a) **EXTENSION.**—Notwithstanding section 2002 of  
5 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
6 Year 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat.  
7 2161), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-  
8 section (c), as provided in section 2101 of that Act (135  
9 Stat. 2163) and most recently extended by section 2105  
10 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
11 Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat.  
12 1267), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or the  
13 date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for mili-  
14 tary construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.

15 (b) **MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**  
16 **PROJECT AT FORT STEWART, GEORGIA.**—In the case of  
17 the authorization set forth in the table in subsection (c),  
18 as provided in section 2101 of the Military Construction  
19 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (division B of  
20 Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 2161), for Fort Stewart,  
21 Georgia, for construction of a barracks, the Secretary of  
22 the Army may construct a facility of 193,347 square feet.

23 (c) **TABLE.**—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
24 is as follows:

**Army: Extension of 2022 Project Authorizations**

<b>State/Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
Georgia .....	Fort Stewart .....	Barracks .....	\$105,000,000
Germany .....	Smith Barracks ..	Live Fire Exercise Shoothouse.	\$16,000,000

**1 SEC. 2106. 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 2101 of that Act (136  
8 Stat. 2971), and extended by section 2106 of the Military  
9 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (di-  
10 vision B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1267), shall  
11 remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the  
12 enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military con-  
13 struction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.

14 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
15 is as follows:

**Army: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations**

<b>State/Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
Germany .....	East Camp Grafenwoehr.	EDI: Battalion Trng Cplx2 (OPS/Veh Maint).	\$64,000,000
Hawaii .....	Fort Shafter .....	Water System Upgrade .....	\$33,000,000
	Tripler Army Med- ical Center.	Upgrade Potable Water Sys- tem.	\$38,000,000
Japan	Kadena Air Force Base.	Vehicle Maintenance Shop .....	\$80,000,000



1 **SEC. 2107. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
2 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of  
4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
5 Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.  
6 709), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-  
7 section (b), as provided in section 2101 of that Act (137  
8 Stat. 710), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027,  
9 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds  
10 for military construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever  
11 is later.

12 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
13 is as follows:

**Army: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations**

State/Coun- try	Installation or Location	Project	Original Author- ized Amount
Germany .....	Grafenwoehr .....	Automated Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range.	\$10,400,000
Hawaii .....	Hohenfels .....	Simulations Center .....	\$88,000,000
	Aliamanu Military Reservation.	Water Storage Tank .....	\$20,000,000
	Fort Shafter .....	Clearwell and Booster Pump.	\$80,000,000
	Helemano Mili- tary Reserva- tion.	Wells and Storage Tanks ..	\$90,000,000
	Schofield Bar- racks.	Elevated Tank and Dis- tribution Lines.	\$35,000,000
Kentucky .....	Fort Campbell ....	Multipurpose Training Range.	\$39,000,000
North Caro- lina.	Fort Liberty .....	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar.	\$61,000,000
		Barracks (Facility Proto- typing).	\$85,000,000
Texas .....	Red River Army Depot.	Component Rebuild Shop ..	\$113,000,000

1 **SEC. 2108. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**  
2 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROJECT AT**  
3 **GRAFENWOEHR, GERMANY.**

4 In the case of the authorization contained in the table  
5 in section 2101 of the Military Construction Authorization  
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division B of Public Law 118–  
7 159; 138 Stat. 2212) for U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria,  
8 Germany, for construction of an operational readiness  
9 training complex underground electric line as specified in  
10 the funding table in section 4601 of such Act, the Sec-  
11 retary of the Army may construct an operational readiness  
12 training complex underground electric line at  
13 Grafenwoehr, Germany.

14 **SEC. 2109. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**  
15 **FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROJECT AT JOINT RE-**  
16 **GION MARIANAS, GUAM.**

17 In the case of the authorization contained in the table  
18 in section 2101 of the Military Construction Authorization  
19 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–  
20 60; 139 Stat. 1265) for Joint Region Marianas, Guam,  
21 for construction of PDI: Guam Defense System, EIAMD,  
22 Phase 2 (Inc), at that location, the Secretary of the Army  
23 may construct a 2,496-square-foot pump house and  
24 648,000-gallon non-portable water storage tank.

# **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 .....	Camp Pendleton .....	\$53,150,000
	Naval Base San Diego .....	\$68,000,000
Connecticut .....	Naval Submarine Base New London .....	\$50,000,000
Florida .....	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station .....	\$60,990,000
Georgia .....	Naval Air Station Albany .....	\$86,350,000
	Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay .....	\$490,550,000
Guam .....	Joint Region Marianas .....	\$1,346,763,000
Hawaii .....	Ford Island .....	\$183,760,000
	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay .....	\$340,070,000
Illinois .....	Naval Station Great Lakes .....	\$247,000,000
Indiana .....	Naval Weapons Station Crane .....	\$103,380,000
Maryland .....	United States Naval Academy .....	\$86,000,000
Nevada .....	Naval Air Station Fallon .....	\$387,570,000
North Carolina .....	Camp Lejeune .....	\$391,910,000
Virginia .....	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek – Fort Story.	\$65,640,000
	Naval Air Station Oceana .....	\$104,340,000
Washington .....	Naval Station Norfolk .....	\$177,980,000
	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island .....	\$277,000,000
	Naval Base Kitsap–Bangor .....	\$679,530,000
	Naval Base Kitsap–Bremerton .....	\$195,227,000
	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard .....	\$14,759,360,000

(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-

tions 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 installations or locations outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

**Navy: Outside the United States**

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Japan .....	Kadena Air Base .....	\$31,780,000
Spain .....	Naval Station Rota .....	\$64,080,000

**SEC. 2202. FAMILY HOUSING.**

(a) IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING UNITS.—Subject to section 2825 of title 10, United States Code, and 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 improve existing military family housing units in an amount not to exceed \$511,837,000.

(b) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—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 carry out architectural and engineering services and construction design activities

1 with respect to the construction or improvement of family  
2 housing units in an amount not to exceed \$57,371,000.

3 **SEC. 2203. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NAVY.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds  
5 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years  
6 beginning after September 30, 2026, for military con-  
7 struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and  
8 military family housing functions of the Department of the  
9 Navy, as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

10 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION  
11 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-  
12 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and  
13 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost  
14 of all projects carried out under sections 2201 and 2202  
15 may not exceed the total amount authorized to be appro-  
16 priated under subsection (a), as specified in the funding  
17 table in section 4601.

18 **SEC. 2204. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
19 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

20 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of  
21 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
22 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.  
23 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-  
24 section (b), as provided in section 2201 of that Act (136  
25 Stat. 2975) and extended by section 2206 of the Military

1 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (di-  
 2 vision B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1271), shall  
 3 remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the  
 4 enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military con-  
 5 struction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.

6 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
 7 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-Hickman .....	Missile Magazines .....	\$142,783,000
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 .....	\$81,690,000
	.....	Recruit Barracks .....	\$85,040,000
Spain .....	Naval Station Rota .....	EDI: Missile Magazines ....	\$92,323,000

8 **SEC. 2205. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**  
 9 **TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024**  
 10 **PROJECTS.**

11 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of  
 12 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
 13 Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.  
 14 709), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-  
 15 section (c), as provided in section 2201 of that Act (137  
 16 Stat. 714), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027,

1 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds  
 2 for military construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever  
 3 is later.

4 (b) MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT  
 5 PROJECT AT MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, VIR-  
 6 GINIA.—In the case of the authorization set forth in the  
 7 table in subsection (c), as provided in section 2201 of the  
 8 Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
 9 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat. 714)  
 10 for construction of a Water Treatment Plant at Marine  
 11 Corps Base Quantico, Virginia, the Secretary of the Navy  
 12 may construct 20,000 linear feet of water supply lines,  
 13 three pump houses (non-occupied), and one 2,300-square  
 14 foot pump station/multi-purpose building (occupied) in  
 15 lieu of a water treatment plant at the installation.

16 (c) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
 17 is as follows:

**Navy: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations**

State/Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
California .....	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms .....	Communications Towers ...	\$55,341,000
Connecticut ....	Naval Submarine Base New London .....	Weapons Magazine & Ordnance Operations Fac ...	\$219,200,000
District of Columbia.	Marine Barracks Washington (8th Street and I) .....	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters & Support Facility .....	\$131,800,000
Guam .....	Naval Base Guan	PDI: Consolidated MEB HQ/NCIS Phase II .....	\$19,740,000

**Navy: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations—Continued**

<b>State/Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
	.....	PDI: Satellite Communications Facility (INC) .....	\$595,100,000
Hawaii .....	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay .....	Water Reclamation Facility Compliance Upgrade	\$318,845,000
Italy .....	Naval Air Station Sigonella .....	EDI: Ordnance Magazines	\$90,348,000
Maryland .....	Fort Meade .....	Cybersecurity Operations Facility .....	\$186,480,000
	Naval Air Station Patuxent River	Aircraft Development and Maintenance Facilities ..	\$141,700,000
North Carolina	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune .....	10th Marines Maintenance & Operations Complex ...	\$117,550,000
Virginia .....	Marine Corps Base Quantico	Water Treatment Plant ....	\$127,120,000
	Naval Station Norfolk .....	MQ-25 Aircraft Laydown Facility .....	\$128,678,000
	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown .....	Weapons Magazines .....	\$283,500,000
Washington ....	Naval Base Kitsap .....	Alternate Power Transmission Line .....	\$19,000,000

1 **SEC. 2206. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**  
2 **FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROJECT AT PACIFIC MIS-**  
3 **SILE RANGE FACILITY BARKING SANDS, HA-**  
4 **WAI.**

5 In the case of the authorization contained in the table  
6 in section 2201 of the Military Construction Authorization  
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–  
8 60; 139 Stat. 1268) for construction of PDI: Airfield  
9 Pavement Upgrades at Pacific Missile Range Facility  
10 Barking Sands, Hawaii, the Secretary of the Navy may  
11 expand airfield pavement areas to 280,000 square meters  
12 to mitigate the risk of aircraft hydroplane.



# TITLE XXIII—AIR FORCE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

## SEC. 2301. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE CONSTRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.

(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2303(a) and available for military construction projects inside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force 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:

**Air Force: Inside the United States**

State	Installation or Location	Amount
Alabama .....	Redstone Arsenal .....	\$2,050,000,000
Alaska .....	Eielson Air Force Base .....	\$91,000,000
	Joint Base Elmendorf–Richardson .....	\$2,066,050,000
Arkansas .....	Ebbing Air National Guard Base .....	\$18,000,000
	Little Rock Air Force Base .....	\$27,000,000
Colorado .....	Schriever Space Force Base .....	\$250,000,000
Florida .....	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station .....	\$409,800,000
	Eglin Air Force Base .....	\$87,800,000
	Tyndall Air Force Base .....	\$208,000,000
Georgia .....	Moody Air Force Base .....	\$15,870,000
	Robins Air Force Base .....	\$52,000,000
Illinois .....	Scott Air Force Base .....	\$79,000,000
Mississippi .....	Columbus Air Force Base .....	\$11,800,000
Missouri .....	Whiteman Air Force Base .....	\$169,000,000
Montana .....	Malmstrom Air Force Base .....	\$1,390,000,000
Nevada .....	Creech Air Force Base .....	\$159,000,000
	Nellis Air Force Base .....	\$730,700,000
New Mexico	Holloman Air Force Base .....	\$72,750,000
	Kirtland Air Force Base .....	\$250,000,000
North Carolina .....	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base .....	\$13,000,000
North Dakota .....	Grand Forks Air Force Base .....	\$321,000,000
	Minot Air Force Base .....	\$232,000,000
Tennessee .....	Arnold Air Force Base .....	\$17,600,000
Texas .....	Dyess Air Force Base .....	\$470,000,000
	Joint Base San Antonio .....	\$180,000,000
	Lackland Air Force Base .....	\$96,000,000
Virginia .....	Joint Base Langley–Eustis .....	\$49,000,000
Wyoming .....	F.E. Warren Air Force Base .....	\$171,000,000

(b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2303(a) and available for military construction projects outside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force 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:

**Air Force: Outside the United States**

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Djibouti .....	Chabelley Airfield .....	\$27,000,000
Japan .....	Kadena Air Base .....	\$99,000,000
	Misawa Air Base .....	\$89,000,000
Spain .....	Morón Air Base .....	\$156,000,000
Wake Island .....	Wake Island .....	\$335,000,000

#### 10 SEC. 2302. FAMILY HOUSING.

(a) CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2303(a) and available for military family housing functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force may construct or acquire family housing units (including land acquisition and supporting facilities) at the installation or location, in the number of units, and in the amount set forth in the following table:

**Air Force: Family Housing**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Installation</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Amount</b>
United Kingdom .....	Royal Air Force Croughton .....	Croughton (Replacement) (12 Units)	\$24,104,000

1 (b) IMPROVEMENTS TO MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING  
2 UNITS.—Subject to section 2825 of title 10, United States  
3 Code, and using amounts appropriated pursuant to the  
4 authorization of appropriations in section 2303(a) and  
5 available for military family housing functions as specified  
6 in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of the  
7 Air Force may improve existing military family housing  
8 units in an amount not to exceed \$329,064,000.

9 (c) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—Using amounts appro-  
10 priated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in  
11 section 2303(a) and available for military family housing  
12 functions as specified in the funding table in section 4601,  
13 the Secretary of the Air Force may carry out architectural  
14 and engineering services and construction design activities  
15 with respect to the construction or improvement of family  
16 housing units in an amount not to exceed \$125,854,000.

17 **SEC. 2303. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, AIR**  
18 **FORCE.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds  
20 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years  
21 beginning after September 30, 2026, for military con-

struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and military family housing functions of the Department of the Air Force, as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

(b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations authorized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost of all projects carried out under sections 2301 and 2302 may not exceed the total amount authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

**SEC. 2304. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2019 PROJECTS.**

(a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (division B of Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat. 2240), the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b), as provided in section 2903 of that Act (132 Stat. 2287) and most recently extended by section 2305 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1274), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

**Air Force: Extension of 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

**SEC. 2305. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2020 PROJECTS.**

(a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (division B of Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1862), the authorizations set forth in the table in subsection (b), as provided in sections 2301(a) and 2912(a) of that Act (133 Stat. 1867, 1913), and most recently extended by section 2306 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1275), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

**Air Force: Extension of 2020 Project Authorization**

<b>State</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
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

1 **SEC. 2306. 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 2301 of that Act (136  
8 Stat. 2978), and extended by section 2308 of the Military  
9 Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (di-  
10 vision B of Public Law 119–60; 139 Stat. 1276), shall  
11 remain in effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the  
12 enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military con-  
13 struction for fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.

14 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
15 is as follows:

**Air Force: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations**

<b>State/ Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Authorized Amount</b>
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

**Air Force: Extension of 2023 Project Authorizations—Continued**

<b>State/ Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Au- thorized Amount</b>
Texas .....	Joint Base San Anto- nio–Randolph .....	Child Development Center .....	\$29,000,000

1 **SEC. 2307. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
2 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of  
4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
5 Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.  
6 709), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-  
7 section (b), as provided in sections 2301 and 2302 of that  
8 Act (136 Stat. 719), shall remain in effect until October  
9 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment of an Act author-  
10 izing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2028,  
11 whichever is later.

12 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
13 is as follows:

**Air Force: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations**

<b>State/ Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Au- thorized Amount</b>
Alabama .....	Maxwell Air Force Base	MHPI Restructure AETC Group II ..	\$65,000,000
Colorado .....	United States Air Force Academy .....	Construction Im- provement .....	\$9,282,000
Florida .....	Eglin Air Force Base ...	LRSO Hardware Software Develop- ment & Test Fa- cility .....	\$15,500,000
	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL Air- craft Corrosion Control .....	\$25,000,000

**Air Force: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations—Continued**

<b>State/ Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Au- thorized Amount</b>
		KC-46A ADAL Air- craft Maintenance Hangar .....	\$27,000,000
		KC-46A ADAL Apron & Hydrant Fueling Pits .....	\$78,000,000
		KC-46A ADAL Fuel System Maintenance Dock	\$18,000,000
Guam .....	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: North Aircraft Parking Ramp (INC) .....	\$411,000,000
Hawaii .....	Joint Base Pearl Har- bor-Hickam .....	MHPI Restructure— Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam ...	\$75,000,000
Massachusetts	Hanscom Air Force Base .....	Child Development Center .....	\$37,000,000
Mississippi .....	Keesler Air Force Base	MHPI Restructure— Southern Group ..	\$80,000,000
Montana .....	Malmstrom Air Force Base .....	Fire Station Bay/ Storage Area .....	\$10,300,000
Norway .....	Rygge Air Station .....	EDI: DABS-FEV Storage .....	\$96,000,000
		EDI: Munitions Storage Area .....	\$40,000,000
Spain .....	Morón Air Base .....	EDI: Munitions Storage .....	\$34,000,000
Texas .....	Joint Base San Anto- nio-Lackland .....	BMT-Chapel For America's Airmen	\$90,000,000
United King- dom .....	Royal Air Force Fairford .....	EDI: RADR Storage Facility .....	\$67,000,000
	Royal Air Force Lakenheath .....	EDI: RADR Storage Facility .....	\$51,000,000
Wyoming .....	F.E. Warren Air Force Base .....	GBSD Integrated Training Center ..	\$85,000,000

**1 SEC. 2308. AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT FAMILY HOUSING**  
**2 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.**

**3** The Secretary of the Air Force may carry out family  
**4** housing improvement projects to restructure agreements  
**5** under the Military Housing Privatization Initiative under



1 subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title 10, United States  
2 Code, at—

3 (1) Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, in the  
4 amount of \$25,000,000;

5 (2) Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, in the  
6 amount of \$150,685,000;

7 (3) Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, in the  
8 amount of \$52,000,000; and

9 (4) Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, in the  
10 amount of \$50,000,000.

11 **SEC. 2309. AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT PROJECT AT EGLIN**  
12 **AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA.**

13 The Secretary of the Air Force may carry out a mili-  
14 tary construction project to construct a 6,934 square  
15 meter Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2)  
16 and Air Battle Management Systems (ABMS) Test Facil-  
17 ity at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, in the amount of  
18 \$87,800,000 using amounts available to the Secretary for  
19 research, development, test, and evaluation.

**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**

<b>State</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alabama .....	Maxwell Air Force Base .....	\$44,000,000
Colorado .....	Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) - Colorado Springs.	\$85,000,000
Florida .....	Homestead Air Reserve Base .....	\$33,000,000
	Naval Air Station Jacksonville .....	\$40,000,000
Guam .....	Joint Region Marianas .....	\$315,286,000
Kentucky .....	Fort Knox .....	\$117,000,000
Maryland .....	Bethesda Naval Hospital .....	\$415,739,000
	Fort Meade .....	\$1,393,465,000
Nebraska .....	Offutt Air Force Base .....	\$69,000,000
Nevada .....	Creech Air Force Base .....	\$25,381,000
North Carolina .....	Camp Lejeune .....	\$72,000,000
	Fort Bragg .....	\$50,000,000
Utah .....	Camp Williams .....	\$471,000,000
Virginia .....	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek – Fort Story.	\$36,000,000
Washington .....	Joint Base Lewis-McChord .....	\$35,000,000

**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-

struction projects outside the United States as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of Defense may acquire real property and carry out military construction projects for the installations or locations outside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

**Defense Agencies: Outside the United States**

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Belgium .....	Sterrebeek Annex .....	\$33,000,000
Germany .....	United States Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz ....	\$140,000,000
	Ramstein Air Base .....	\$20,500,000
Japan .....	Camp Butler .....	\$37,900,000
	Yokota Air Base .....	\$88,200,000
Korea .....	Kunsan Air Base .....	\$65,000,000
United Kingdom .....	Menwith Hill Station .....	\$35,000,000
Wake Island	Defense Fuel Support Point .....	\$1,652,000,000

**SEC. 2402. AUTHORIZED ENERGY RESILIENCE AND CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS.**

(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2403(a) and available for the Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program as specified in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary of Defense may carry out energy resilience and conservation projects under chapter 173 of title 10, United States Code, for the installations or locations inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

**ERCIP Projects: Inside the United States**

<b>State</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alabama .....	Redstone Arsenal .....	\$90,000,000
California .....	Camp Edwards .....	\$79,000,000
Florida .....	Eglin Air Force Base .....	\$43,000,000
Pennsylvania .....	Defense Distribution Center, Susquehanna .....	\$58,000,000
Puerto Rico .....	Fort Buchanan .....	\$33,500,000
Texas .....	Brooks Army Medical Center .....	\$55,500,000
Washington .....	Naval Base Kitsap .....	\$132,690,000
	Yakima Training Center .....	\$73,000,000
Wyoming .....	F.E. Warren Air Force Base .....	\$51,717,000

1 (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—Using amounts  
2 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-  
3 tions in section 2403(a) and available for the Energy Re-  
4 silience and Conservation Investment Program as speci-  
5 fied in the funding table in section 4601, the Secretary  
6 of Defense may carry out energy resilience and conserva-  
7 tion projects under chapter 173 of title 10, United States  
8 Code, for the installations or locations outside the United  
9 States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following  
10 table:

**ERCIP Projects: Outside the United States**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bahrain .....	Naval Support Activity Bahrain .....	\$5,900,000
Germany .....	United States Army Garrison Ansbach .....	\$72,000,000

11 (c) IMPROVEMENT OF CONVEYED UTILITY SYS-  
12 TEMS.—In the case of a utility system that is conveyed  
13 under section 2688 of title 10, United States Code, and  
14 that only provides utility services to a military installation,  
15 notwithstanding subchapters I and III of chapter 169 and  
16 chapters 221 and 223 of title 10, United States Code, the

1 Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military depart-  
 2 ment may authorize a contract with the conveyee of the  
 3 utility system to carry out the military construction  
 4 projects set forth in the following table:

**Improvement of Conveyed Utility Systems**

State	Installation or Location	Project
California .....	Travis Air Force Base .....	Power Generation and Microgrid
Florida .....	Eglin Air Force Base .....	Power Generation and Microgrid
North Carolina .....	Fort Bragg .....	Power Generation and Microgrid
Wyoming .....	F.E. Warren Air Force Base .....	Microgrid and Battery Storage

5 **SEC. 2403. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, DE-**  
 6 **FENSE AGENCIES.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds  
 8 are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years  
 9 beginning after September 30, 2026, for military con-  
 10 struction, land acquisition, facilities sustainment, and  
 11 military family housing functions of the Department of  
 12 Defense (other than the military departments), as speci-  
 13 fied in the funding table in section 4601.

14 (b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION  
 15 PROJECTS.—Notwithstanding the cost variations author-  
 16 ized by section 2853 of title 10, United States Code, and  
 17 any other cost variation authorized by law, the total cost  
 18 of all projects carried out under sections 2401 and 2402  
 19 of this Act may not exceed the total amount authorized

1 to be appropriated under subsection (a), as specified in  
 2 the funding table in section 4601.

3 **SEC. 2404. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
 4 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

5 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of  
 6 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
 7 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.  
 8 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-  
 9 section (b), as provided in section 2402(a) of that Act  
 10 (136 Stat. 2983) and most recently extended by section  
 11 2406 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for  
 12 Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119-60; 139  
 13 Stat. 1281), shall remain in effect until October 1, 2027,  
 14 or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds  
 15 for military construction for fiscal year 2028, whichever  
 16 is later.

17 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
 18 is as follows:

**Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2023  
 Project Authorizations**

State/ Country	Installation or Location	Project	Original Au- thorized Amount
California .....	Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center .....	Microgrid and Backup Power .....	\$25,560,000
Florida .....	Naval Air Station Jack- sonville .....	Facility Energy Op- erations Center Renovation .....	\$2,400,000
Georgia .....	Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield .....	Power Generation and Microgrid .....	\$25,400,000

**Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2023  
Project Authorizations—Continued**

<b>State/ Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Au- thorized Amount</b>
.....	Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay .....	SCADA Moderniza- tion .....	\$11,200,000
Texas .....	Fort Hood .....	Power Generation and Microgrid .....	\$31,500,000

**1 SEC. 2405. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
**2 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of  
4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
5 Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.  
6 709), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-  
7 section (b), as provided in sections 2401 and 2402 of that  
8 Act (137 Stat. 726, 727), shall remain in effect until Octo-  
9 ber 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment of an Act au-  
10 thorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year  
11 2028, whichever is later.

12 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
13 is as follows:

**Defense Agencies and ERCIP Projects: Extension of 2024  
Project Authorizations**

<b>State/ Country</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Original Au- thorized Amount</b>
California .....	Marine Corps Air Sta- tion Miramar .....	Electrical Infrastruc- ture, On-Site Gen- eration, and Microgrid Im- provements .....	\$30,550,000
	Vandenberg Space Force Base .....	Microgrid with Backup Power .....	\$57,000,000

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.**

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1 Organization as a result of construction previously fi-  
 2 nanced by the United States and the amount set forth  
 3 in the following table:

**North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment  
Program**

Country	Installation or Location	Amount
Worldwide Unspec- ified .....	NATO Security Investment Program .....	\$654,270,000

4 **SEC. 2502. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NATO.**

5 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for  
 6 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2026, for con-  
 7 tributions by the Secretary of Defense under section 2806  
 8 of title 10, United States Code, for the share of the United  
 9 States of the cost of projects for the North Atlantic Treaty  
 10 Organization Security Investment Program authorized by  
 11 section 2501 as specified in the funding table in section  
 12 4601.

13 **Subtitle B—Host Country In-kind**  
 14 **Contributions**

15 **SEC. 2511. REPUBLIC OF KOREA FUNDED CONSTRUCTION**  
 16 **PROJECTS.**

17 Pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Korea  
 18 for required in-kind contributions, the Secretary of De-  
 19 fense may accept military construction projects for the in-  
 20 stallations or locations in the Republic of Korea, and in  
 21 the amounts, set forth in the following table:

**Republic of Korea Funded Construction Projects**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Air Force .....	Osan Air Base ....	Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility, Phase 1.	\$78,000,000
Air Force .....	Osan Air Base ....	Upgrade Electrical Distribution, East, Phase 2.	\$103,000,000
Army .....	Camp Walker .....	Elementary School .....	\$91,000,000
Army .....	USAG Humphreys.	POL Pipeline .....	\$35,000,000
Marine Corps	Camp Mujuk .....	Administrative District Access Control Point.	\$18,500,000
Marine Corps	Yechon Air Base	Replace Concrete Apron ....	\$47,000,000
Navy .....	CFA Chinhae .....	Enlisted Unaccompanied Personnel Housing.	\$44,000,000

1 **SEC. 2512. REPUBLIC OF POLAND FUNDED CONSTRUCTION**  
2 **PROJECTS.**

3 Pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Poland  
4 for required in-kind contributions, the Secretary of De-  
5 fense may accept military construction projects for the in-  
6 stallations or locations in the Republic of Poland, and in  
7 the amounts, set forth in the following table:

**Republic of Poland Funded Construction Projects**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Installation or Location</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Air Force .....	Wroclaw AB .....	Dormitory and Multi-Use Support Building.	\$32,000,000
Army .....	Powdiz .....	Rotary Wing Maintenance Hangers.	\$102,000,000

8 **TITLE XXVI—GUARD AND**  
9 **RESERVE FORCES FACILITIES**

10 **SEC. 2601. AUTHORIZED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD CON-**  
11 **STRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION**  
12 **PROJECTS.**

13 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-  
14 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for

the National Guard and Reserve 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 Army National Guard locations inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

**Army National Guard: Inside the United States**

State	Location	Amount
District of Columbia	Armed Forces Retirement Home .....	\$87,000,000
	Hill East RFK Area 02 .....	\$3,000,000
Florida .....	Camp Blanding .....	\$28,000,000
Idaho .....	Orchard Training Area .....	\$27,000,000
Illinois .....	Peoria .....	\$8,000,000
Kentucky .....	Jackson Field .....	\$18,500,000
Louisiana .....	Abbeville Readiness Center .....	\$23,000,000
Massachusetts .....	Camp Edwards .....	\$43,000,000
Minnesota .....	Camp Ripley .....	\$17,000,000
Oklahoma .....	Tulsa Army Aviation Support Facility .....	\$18,500,000
Washington .....	Yakima Training Center .....	\$18,000,000
West Virginia .....	Martinsburg Readiness Center .....	\$20,000,000
Wisconsin .....	Black River Falls .....	\$20,000,000

**SEC. 2602. AUTHORIZED ARMY RESERVE CONSTRUCTION  
AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for the National Guard and Reserve 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 Army Reserve locations inside the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the following table:

**Army Reserve: Inside the United States**

State	Location	Amount
Colorado .....	Fort Carson .....	\$92,000,000
Illinois .....	Fort Sheridan .....	\$38,000,000

**Army Reserve: Inside the United States**—Continued

State	Location	Amount
Virginia .....	Richmond Reserve Center .....	\$48,000,000

1 **SEC. 2603. AUTHORIZED NAVY RESERVE AND MARINE**  
2 **CORPS RESERVE CONSTRUCTION AND LAND**  
3 **ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

4 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-  
5 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for  
6 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-  
7 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Navy may  
8 acquire real property and carry out military construction  
9 projects for the Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve  
10 location inside the United States, and in the amount, set  
11 forth in the following table:

**Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve: Inside the United  
States**

State	Location	Amount
Florida .....	Naval Air Station Jacksonville .....	\$47,000,000

12 **SEC. 2604. AUTHORIZED AIR NATIONAL GUARD CONSTRUC-**  
13 **TION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

14 Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-  
15 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for  
16 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-  
17 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force  
18 may acquire real property and carry out military construc-  
19 tion projects for the Air National Guard locations inside

1 the United States, and in the amounts, set forth in the  
 2 following table:

**Air National Guard: Inside the United States**

<b>State</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alabama .....	Sumpter Smith Air National Guard Base ...	\$33,000,000
Michigan .....	Selfridge Air National Guard Base .....	\$300,000,000
Missouri .....	Rosecrans Memorial Airport .....	\$63,000,000
South Dakota .....	Joe Foss Field .....	\$40,000,000
Tennessee .....	McGee-Tyson Airport .....	\$28,000,000
Texas .....	Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth .....	\$27,000,000
Wisconsin .....	Volk Field Air National Guard Base .....	\$18,000,000

3 **SEC. 2605. AUTHORIZED AIR FORCE RESERVE CONSTRUC-**  
 4 **TION AND LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS.**

5       Using amounts appropriated pursuant to the author-  
 6 ization of appropriations in section 2606 and available for  
 7 the National Guard and Reserve as specified in the fund-  
 8 ing table in section 4601, the Secretary of the Air Force  
 9 may acquire real property and carry out military construc-  
 10 tion projects for the Air Force Reserve location inside the  
 11 United States, and in the amount, set forth in the fol-  
 12 lowing table:

**Air Force Reserve: Inside the United States**

<b>State</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Pennsylvania .....	Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station .....	\$19,500,000

13 **SEC. 2606. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, NA-**  
 14 **TIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE.**

15       Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for  
 16 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2026, for the  
 17 costs of acquisition, architectural and engineering services,  
 18 facilities sustainment, and construction of facilities for the

1 Guard and Reserve Forces, and for contributions therefor,  
 2 under chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code (in-  
 3 cluding the cost of acquisition of land for those facilities),  
 4 as specified in the funding table in section 4601.

5 **SEC. 2607. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
 6 **TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2023 PROJECTS.**

7 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of  
 8 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
 9 Year 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.  
 10 2970), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-  
 11 section (b), as provided in sections 2601, 2602, 2603 and  
 12 2604 of that Act (136 Stat. 2986, 2987) and extended  
 13 by section 2607 of the Military Construction Authoriza-  
 14 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law  
 15 119–60; 139 Stat. 1287), shall remain in effect until Octo-  
 16 ber 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment of an Act au-  
 17 thorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year  
 18 2028, whichever is later.

19 (b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a)  
 20 is as follows:

**National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2023 Project  
 Authorizations**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alaska .....	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson .....	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar .....	\$63,000,000
Arizona .....	Morris Air National Guard Base .....	Base Entry Complex .....	\$12,000,000

**National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2023 Project  
Authorizations—Continued**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Arkansas .....	Tucson International Airport .....	Land Acquisition .....	\$11,700,000
Florida .....	Camp Robinson ..	Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range .....	\$9,500,000
Florida .....	Gainesville .....	National Guard Readiness Center .....	\$21,000,000
Hawaii .....	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 and Storage Complex ....	\$16,500,000
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	\$12,500,000

**1 SEC. 2608. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT CER-**  
**2 TAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROJECTS.**

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding section 2002 of  
4 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal  
5 Year 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–31; 137 Stat.  
6 709), the authorizations set forth in the table in sub-  
7 section (b), as provided in sections 2601, 2602, 2604, and  
8 2605 of that Act (137 Stat. 735–737), shall remain in  
9 effect until October 1, 2027, or the date of the enactment  
10 of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for  
11 fiscal year 2028, whichever is later.

(b) TABLE.—The table referred to in subsection (a) is as follows:

**National Guard and Reserve: Extension of 2024 Project Authorizations**

State	Installation or Location	Project	Original Authorized Amount
Alabama .....	Birmingham .....	Army Reserve Center/ AMSA/ Land .....	\$57,000,000
Arizona .....	Davis–Monthan Air Force Base	Guardian Angel POTFF Facility .....	\$8,500,000
Arkansas .....	Ebbing Air National Guard Base .....	3-Bay Hangar .....	\$54,000,000
		Special Access Program Facility .....	\$21,989,000
Florida .....	Camp Blanding ...	Multipurpose Machine Gun Range .....	\$11,000,000
Indiana .....	Fort Wayne International Airport .....	Fire Station .....	\$8,900,000
New Mexico ....	Rio Rancho Training Site ..	National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop Addition .....	\$11,000,000
Oregon .....	Portland International Airport .....	Special Tactics Complex, Phase 1 .....	\$23,000,000
		Special Tactics Complex, Phase 2 .....	\$21,000,000
		Special Tactics Complex, Phase 3 .....	\$24,000,000
		Special Tactics Complex, Phase 4 .....	\$11,000,000
Pennsylvania ..	Hermitage Readiness Center .....	National Guard Readiness Center .....	\$13,600,000
Rhode Island ..	Quonset Point .....	National Guard Readiness Center .....	\$41,000,000
South Carolina	Aiken County Readiness Center .....	National Guard Readiness Center .....	\$20,000,000
	McCrady Training Site .....	Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range .....	\$7,900,000
Texas .....	Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth .....	LRS Warehouse .....	\$16,000,000



1 **SEC. 2609. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT**  
2 **FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROJECT AT COLONIE,**  
3 **NEW YORK.**

4 In the case of the authorization contained in the table  
5 in section 2601 of the Military Construction Authorization  
6 Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–  
7 60; 139 Stat. 1285) for Albany, New York, for construc-  
8 tion of a readiness center as specified in the funding table  
9 in section 4601 of such Act, the Secretary of the Army  
10 may construct a readiness center at Colonie, New York.

11 **TITLE XXVII—BASE REALIGN-**  
12 **MENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVI-**  
13 **TIES**

14 **SEC. 2701. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**  
15 **BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVI-**  
16 **TIES FUNDED THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF**  
17 **DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT.**

18 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for  
19 fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2026, for base  
20 realignment and closure activities, including real property  
21 acquisition and military construction projects, as author-  
22 ized by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act  
23 of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101–510;  
24 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) and funded through the Department  
25 of Defense Base Closure Account established by section

1 2906 of such Act, as specified in the funding table in sec-  
 2 tion 4601.

3 **TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CON-**  
 4 **STRUCTION GENERAL PROVI-**  
 5 **SIONS**

6 **Subtitle A—Military Construction**  
 7 **Program**

8 **SEC. 2801. MODIFICATION OF MASTER PLANS FOR MAJOR**  
 9 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

10 Section 2864 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 11 amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “emer-  
 14 gency management,” after “military installation  
 15 resilience,”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (2)—

17 (i) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
 18 “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

19 (ii) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
 20 the period at the end and inserting “;  
 21 and”; and

22 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
 23 lowing:

24 “(F) risk reduction and mitigation aspects of  
 25 installation emergency management planning.”;

1           (2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting before the  
 2           period at the end the following: “and to ensure the  
 3           resilience of those systems to extreme weather and  
 4           other hazards”;

5           (3) in subsection (c)—

6                 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “energy  
 7                 or water disruptions, human-induced hazards  
 8                 with respect to the environment,” after “flood-  
 9                 ing,”;

10                (B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “or  
 11                human-induced hazards with respect to the en-  
 12                vironment” after “extreme weather events”;

13                (C) in paragraph (5), in the matter pre-  
 14                ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “and en-  
 15                ergy” and inserting “emergency response facili-  
 16                ties, and energy or water”; and

17                (D) in paragraph (8), by inserting “or  
 18                other measures” after “any project”;

19           (4) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as  
 20           subsections (e) and (f), respectively; and

21           (5) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
 22           lowing:

23           “(d) CONSIDERATION OF AND CONSISTENCY WITH  
 24           OTHER INSTALLATION PLANS AND ACTIVITIES.—Each

1 installation master plan under this section shall include  
 2 consideration of and be consistent with the following:

3           “(1) Installation natural resource management  
 4 plans.

5           “(2) Military construction projects for energy  
 6 resilience, energy security, and energy conservation.

7           “(3) Energy and water resilience and energy  
 8 and water security measures.

9           “(4) Installation emergency managements  
 10 plans.”.

11 **SEC. 2802. PROHIBITION ON USE OF REPAIR PROJECTS TO**  
 12 **EXPAND FOOTPRINT OF EXISTING FACILI-**  
 13 **TIES OR INFRASTRUCTURE.**

14 Section 2811 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 15 amended—

16           (1) in subsection (c), by inserting “, expansion  
 17 of the footprint of existing facilities or infrastruc-  
 18 ture,” before “or additions”; and

19           (2) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “functional  
 20 purpose; or” and inserting “functional purpose, ex-  
 21 cept that any such restoration to a facility, system,  
 22 or component may not include—

23           “(A) subject to subparagraph (B), increas-  
 24 ing the outside envelope of the facility, system,  
 25 or component beyond its pre-existing external

1 dimensions, except in the case of the addition of  
 2 exterior stairwells, balconies, or similar features  
 3 if added for safety purposes or the placement of  
 4 equipment at ground level such as for heating,  
 5 ventilation, or air conditioning; or

6 “(B) in the case of a facility that is pri-  
 7 marily horizontal, such as a parking area or  
 8 runway, increasing the footprint of such facility  
 9 by greater than five percent of its original sur-  
 10 face area; or”.

11 **SEC. 2803. INCREASE OF AUTHORITY FOR INDO-PACIFIC**  
 12 **POSTURE UNSPECIFIED MILITARY CON-**  
 13 **STRUCTION PROJECTS.**

14 Section 2810(a) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
 15 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10  
 16 U.S.C. 2805 note) is amended by striking “\$30,000,000”  
 17 and inserting “\$35,000,000”.

18 **SEC. 2804. USE OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS FOR ELECTRICAL OR**  
 19 **INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES ON BARBERS**  
 20 **POINT, HAWAII.**

21 Section 2814(i)(1) of title 10, United States Code,  
 22 is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(D) To make electrical or infrastructure up-  
 24 grades on any parcel of land located on Barbers

1 Point, Hawaii, over which the Secretary of Defense  
2 has jurisdiction.”.

3 **SEC. 2805. TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENT OF UNSPECIFIED**  
4 **MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION REQUIRE-**  
5 **MENTS.**

6 Section 2805 of title 10, United States Code, is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) by inserting “laboratory project,”  
11 after “land acquisition,”;

12 (ii) by striking “cost equal” and in-  
13 serting “cost—

14 “(A) except as provided in subparagraph (B),  
15 equal”;

16 (iii) by striking the period at the end  
17 and inserting “; or”; and

18 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-  
19 lowing:

20 “(B) for a project commencing during the five-  
21 year period beginning on the date of the enactment  
22 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
23 Year 2027, equal to or less than \$15,000,000.”; and

24 (B) by striking paragraph (3);

1           (2) by striking subsections (c) and (d) and in-  
2       serting the following:

3       “(c) FUNDS AVAILABLE.—(1) The Secretary con-  
4       cerned may spend from appropriations available for oper-  
5       ation and maintenance amounts necessary to carry out an  
6       unspecified minor military construction project under this  
7       section.

8       “(2) In carrying out an unspecified minor military  
9       construction project under this section for a laboratory,  
10      the Secretary concerned may, in addition to amounts  
11      under paragraph (1), use—

12           “(A) appropriations available to the Secretary  
13           concerned for military construction not otherwise au-  
14           thorized by law; or

15           “(B) amounts authorized to be made available  
16           under section 4123(a) of this title.

17      “(3) In carrying out an unspecified minor military  
18      construction project under this section for a demolition  
19      project, the Secretary concerned may, in addition to  
20      amounts under paragraph (1), use amounts authorized  
21      pursuant to another law or regulation.”;

22           (3) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as  
23           subsections (f) and (g), respectively;

24           (4) in subsection (g), as redesignated by para-  
25           graph (3)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking  
 2 “\$14,000,000” and inserting “\$20,000,000”;  
 3 and

4 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
 5 following:

6 “(2) EXCEPTION FOR LOCATIONS IN ALASKA,  
 7 HAWAII, AND THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION.—During  
 8 the five-year period beginning on the date of the en-  
 9 actment of the National Defense Authorization Act  
 10 for Fiscal Year 2027, paragraph (1) shall not apply  
 11 to unspecified minor military construction projects  
 12 in Alaska, Hawaii, or the Indo-Pacific region.”; and

13 (5) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(h) LABORATORY DEFINED.—In this section, the  
 15 term ‘laboratory’ includes—

16 “(1) a research, engineering, and development  
 17 center; and

18 “(2) a test and evaluation activity.”.

19 **SEC. 2806. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY FOR TRANS-**  
 20 **ACTIONS OTHER THAN CONTRACTS AND**  
 21 **GRANTS FOR PURPOSES OF FACILITY CON-**  
 22 **STRUCTION OR REPAIR.**

23 Section 2808a of title 10, United States Code, is  
 24 amended—

25 (1) in subsection (a)—



1 (A) by striking “Subject to the require-  
 2 ments of section 2853 of this title, the” and in-  
 3 serting “The”; and

4 (B) by inserting before the period at the  
 5 end the following: “, as otherwise authorized by  
 6 law for such projects, notwithstanding chapters  
 7 221 and 223 and section 2851(a) of this title”;

8 (2) by striking subsection (b); and

9 (3) by redesignating subsections (c) through (e)  
 10 as subsections (b) through (d), respectively.

## 11 **Subtitle B—Military Housing**

### 12 **SEC. 2821. EXCLUSION OF WINDOW OPENING CONTROL DE-** 13 **VICES FROM REQUIREMENT FOR WINDOW** 14 **FALL PREVENTION DEVICES IN MILITARY** 15 **FAMILY HOUSING UNITS.**

16 Section 2857(a)(3) of title 10, United States Code,  
 17 is amended by inserting before the period at the end the  
 18 following: “and does not include a device that is solely a  
 19 window opening control device”.

### 20 **SEC. 2822. HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR MILI-** 21 **TARY HOUSING.**

22 (a) HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR  
 23 PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of each mili-  
 25 tary department shall ensure that all housing project

1       agreements and renewals for privatized military  
2       housing under the jurisdiction of the Secretary con-  
3       cerned entered into on or after the date of the enact-  
4       ment of this Act are compliant with the appropriate  
5       environmental health and safety standards estab-  
6       lished by the Department of Defense.

7               (2) FUTURE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS AND RE-  
8       NEWALS.—For all housing project agreements and  
9       renewals for privatized military housing entered into  
10      on or after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
11      the Secretary of Defense shall incorporate enforce-  
12      able provisions related to environmental hazard re-  
13      sponse and enforceable environmental health and  
14      safety clauses.

15      (b) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MOLD AS-  
16      SESSMENT AND REMEDIATION.—The Secretary of De-  
17      fense shall ensure that all maintenance personnel, con-  
18      tracted mold assessors, indoor environmental profes-  
19      sionals, and mold remediators responsible for assessing or  
20      remediating mold and water damage in covered housing  
21      shall possess and maintain current certifications issued by  
22      a nationally recognized, third-party, nonprofit certifying  
23      body.

24      (c) ISSUANCE OF GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180  
25      days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary shall issue guidance with respect to the implementa-  
 2 tion of this section.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) COVERED HOUSING.—The term “covered  
 5 housing” means any military family housing owned,  
 6 leased, or managed by the Department of Defense,  
 7 including privatized military housing.

8 (2) MOLD.—The term “mold” means any form  
 9 of multi-cellular fungi found in water-damaged in-  
 10 door environments and building materials, including,  
 11 cladosporium, penicillium, alternaria, aspergillus, fu-  
 12 sarium, chaetomium, trichoderma, memnoniella,  
 13 mucor, stachybotrys chartarum, streptomyces, and  
 14 epicoccumoften.

15 (3) PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING.—The  
 16 term “privatized military housing” means military  
 17 housing under subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title  
 18 10, United States Code.

19 **SEC. 2823. EXPANSION OF PROTECTION FROM REPRISAL**  
 20 **OR RETALIATION AGAINST TENANTS OF**  
 21 **PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING UNITS WHO**  
 22 **REPORT HOUSING-RELATED ISSUES.**

23 Section 2890(e) of title 10, United States Code, is  
 24 amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “relating to a  
 2 housing unit.” and inserting “relating to a housing  
 3 unit to any of the following:

4 “(A) The landlord.

5 “(B) The chain of command.

6 “(C) The applicable housing management of-  
 7 fice.

8 “(D) The Chief Housing Officer of the Depart-  
 9 ment of Defense.

10 “(E) An inspector general.

11 “(F) A Member of Congress.”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (2)—

13 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)  
 14 and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respec-  
 15 tively;

16 (B) by inserting before subparagraph (B),  
 17 as so redesignated, the following new subpara-  
 18 graph (A):

19 “(A) provide notification of that determination  
 20 to the Secretary of the military department con-  
 21 cerned;”; and

22 (C) in subparagraph (C), as so redesign-  
 23 ated, by striking “the Inspector General has  
 24 taken final action” and inserting “the Secretary  
 25 of the military department concerned has noti-

1           fied the Inspector General that the Secretary  
2           has taken final action”.

3 **SEC. 2824. TRANSPARENCY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR**  
4 **HOUSING.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
6 ensure that any enhanced-use lease executed, extended, or  
7 renewed under section 2662 or 2667 of title 10, United  
8 States Code, for the purpose of housing shall consider the  
9 following:

10           (1) A range of total housing units required to  
11 accommodate sudden or phased influxes of personnel  
12 within a defined operational range, including—

13               (A) targeted projections for incoming  
14 members of the Armed Forces, civilian employ-  
15 ees of the Department of Defense, and depend-  
16 ents of such members and employees; and

17               (B) a timeline of anticipated infrastructure  
18 and capacity needs.

19           (2) A formalized schedule of community en-  
20 gagement events, such as industry days or  
21 roundtables, which may be held in person or vir-  
22 tually, to solicit community and vendor input.

23           (3) The identification and maintenance of a  
24 designated local representative point of contact lo-

1 cated within the affected geographic area who can be  
2 directly reached by local stakeholders.

3 (b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1,  
5 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a brief-  
6 ing to the congressional defense committees on the  
7 plan of the Department of Defense to ensure ade-  
8 quate housing is available in geographic locations  
9 where the area cost factor is at least 1.5.

10 (2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required by  
11 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

12 (A) A summary of current area cost fac-  
13 tors and a comparative analysis of infrastruc-  
14 ture premiums paid to the specific locality  
15 versus other regional baselines.

16 (B) An assessment of the utilization by the  
17 Department of Defense of enhanced-use lease  
18 authorities under sections 2662 and 2667 of  
19 title 10, United States Code, including specific  
20 tracking of how such leases are leveraged for  
21 dual-use infrastructure that serves both military  
22 and community housing needs.

23 (C) An overview of local construction work-  
24 force utilization and market availability in af-  
25 fected regions.

(D) An assessment of potential alternative acquisition strategies, including the consolidation of infrastructure requirements, designed to incentivize broader contractor competition, leverage economies of scale, and meet critical production timelines of the Department of Defense.

**SEC. 2825. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MINIMUM HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING.**

(a) STANDARDS.—

(1) INITIAL GUIDANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall issue interim guidance for acceptable levels of relative humidity, ventilation, dampness, and water intrusion to be applied at all covered housing.

(B) EFFECT.—Interim guidance issued under subparagraph (A) shall remain in effect until final standards are published under paragraph (2).

(2) FINAL STANDARDS.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall issue final standards for

1 acceptable levels of relative humidity, ventilation,  
2 dampness, and water intrusion to be applied at all  
3 covered housing, which shall include—

4 (A) acceptable levels of relative humidity  
5 indoors;

6 (B) required ventilation and moisture con-  
7 trol measures;

8 (C) environmental inspection and testing  
9 methods; and

10 (D) the standard of care for mold remedi-  
11 ation adopted under subsection (f).

12 (3) REPORTING AND AVAILABILITY OF TEST-  
13 ING.—The final standards established under para-  
14 graph (2) shall require results of environmental in-  
15 spection and testing methods under subparagraph  
16 (C) of such paragraph to be reported to the Sec-  
17 retary of Defense and made available to tenants of  
18 affected housing units not later than 10 days after  
19 sample collection.

20 (b) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—Not less fre-  
21 quently than annually, each housing office of the Depart-  
22 ment shall certify to Congress that the housing office is  
23 in compliance with health and safety standards for covered  
24 housing required under this section.



1       (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT INSPECTION  
2       PROTOCOL FOR PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING.—

3           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
4       after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5       retary of Defense shall ensure that each installation  
6       of the Department of Defense conducts, using inde-  
7       pendent certified third-party inspectors, mold and  
8       environmental health inspections for all covered  
9       housing that is privatized military housing—

10           (A) upon receipt of any tenant complaint  
11       regarding safety and habitability of a housing  
12       unit; and

13           (B) following any remediation effort, struc-  
14       tural repair, or response to an identified envi-  
15       ronmental hazard at a housing unit.

16       (2) ELEMENTS OF INSPECTIONS.—Inspections  
17       conducted under paragraph (1) shall include, at min-  
18       imum—

19           (A) evaluation of heating, ventilation, and  
20       air conditioning (HVAC) systems, plumbing,  
21       electrical systems, and structural integrity;

22           (B) inspection for signs of water intrusion,  
23       dampness, humidity, visible or non-visible mold,  
24       microbial growth, and other indoor air quality  
25       concerns;

1 (C) review of current and past work order  
2 records and completion timelines; and

3 (D) review of contractor compliance with  
4 privatized military housing contract require-  
5 ments and housing regulations of the Depart-  
6 ment of Defense.

7 (3) RECORDING AND MAINTENANCE OF  
8 RECORDS.— All findings of inspections conducted  
9 under paragraph (1) shall be—

10 (A) recorded in a standardized Federal  
11 Government inspection record;

12 (B) certified by the inspector with a clear  
13 “pass” or “fail” status;

14 (C) maintained in an accessible, historical  
15 housing record for each housing unit; and

16 (D) made available to the relevant installa-  
17 tion commander and military housing office.

18 (4) DOCUMENTATION AND SUBMISSION OF RE-  
19 SULTS.—The commander of each installation of the  
20 Department shall—

21 (A) document results of inspections con-  
22 ducted under paragraph (1); and

23 (B) submit the results of such inspections  
24 to—

25 (i) the Secretary;

1 (ii) the Office of Inspector General of  
2 the Department of Defense; and

3 (iii) the Committees on Armed Serv-  
4 ices of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
5 resentatives.

6 (5) ACCESS AND TRANSPARENCY.—Inspection  
7 reports certified under paragraph (3)(B) and hous-  
8 ing history records required under paragraph (3)(C)  
9 shall be—

10 (A) provided in full to current tenants of  
11 the inspected unit;

12 (B) made available upon request to any in-  
13 coming tenants; and

14 (C) maintained in a secure portal acces-  
15 sible to staff of the relevant military housing of-  
16 fice, the Committees on Armed Services of the  
17 Senate and the House of Representatives, and  
18 military family advocacy personnel.

19 (6) REMEDIATION OR TENANT RELOCATION.—  
20 In the case of a housing unit failing inspection con-  
21 ducted under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall en-  
22 sure that the unit is remediated or the tenants of  
23 such unit are relocated not later than 30 days after  
24 such failed inspection, if such tenants wish to be re-  
25 located.

1       (d) REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATIZED MILITARY  
2 HOUSING.—

3           (1) HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS FOR  
4 MILITARY HOUSING.—The Secretary of each military  
5 department shall ensure that all housing project  
6 agreements and renewals for privatized military  
7 housing under the jurisdiction of the Secretary con-  
8 cerned entered into on or after the date of the enact-  
9 ment of this Act are compliant with the appropriate  
10 environmental health and safety standards estab-  
11 lished by the Department of Defense.

12           (2) FUTURE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS AND RE-  
13 NEWALS.—For all housing project agreements and  
14 renewals for privatized military housing entered into  
15 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
16 and to the extent practicable for agreements in place  
17 as of such date of enactment, not later than 180  
18 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
19 Secretary of Defense shall incorporate enforceable  
20 provisions related to environmental hazard response,  
21 inspection, and tenant relocation protections which  
22 shall include—

23           (A) enforceable environmental health and  
24 safety clauses; and

1 (B) requirements that providers of  
2 privatized military housing bear full financial  
3 responsibility for—

4 (i) required third-party inspections;

5 (ii) maintenance;

6 (iii) mold remediation;

7 (iv) all relocation expenses for military  
8 families forced to vacate uninhabitable  
9 units;

10 (v) property loss; and

11 (vi) refunding any amounts paid  
12 through a basic allowance for housing  
13 under section 403 of title 37, United  
14 States Code, for military families forced to  
15 vacate uninhabitable units.

16 (e) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MOLD AS-  
17 SESSMENT AND REMEDIATION.—The Secretary shall en-  
18 sure that all maintenance personnel, contracted mold as-  
19 sessors, indoor environmental professionals, and mold re-  
20 mediators responsible for assessing or remediating mold  
21 and water damage in covered housing shall possess and  
22 maintain current certifications issued by a nationally rec-  
23 ognized, third-party, nonprofit certifying body, which may  
24 include the following:

1           (1) The Institute of Inspection Cleaning and  
2 Restoration Certification.

3           (2) The National Organization of Remediators  
4 and Microbial Inspectors.

5           (3) The American Council for Accredited Cer-  
6 tification.

7       (f) STANDARD OF CARE FOR MOLD REMEDIATION.—  
8 All mold remediation activities conducted in covered hous-  
9 ing shall comply with the American National Standards  
10 Institute and Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Res-  
11 toration Certification S520 Standard for Professional  
12 Mold Remediation, Fourth Edition, or any subsequent edi-  
13 tion published by the Institute of Inspection Cleaning and  
14 Restoration Certification or successor organization.

15       (g) ISSUANCE OF GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180  
16 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
17 retary shall—

18           (1) issue guidance with respect to the imple-  
19 mentation of this section; and

20           (2) provide written notification to all providers  
21 of privatized military housing regarding the require-  
22 ments of this section.

23       (h) WITHHOLDING AND ABATEMENT OF AMOUNTS  
24 FOR PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING UNITS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in  
2           consultation with the Secretary of Housing and  
3           Urban Development, shall establish procedures to  
4           allow a tenant living in a unit of privatized military  
5           housing that receives a failed inspection result under  
6           this section to withhold or abate payment of the  
7           basic allowance for housing under section 403 of  
8           title 37, United States Code, for such unit.

9           (2) PERIOD.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
10          permit withholding or abatement under paragraph  
11          (1) of payment of the basic allowance for housing  
12          under section 403 of title 37, United States Code,  
13          for a unit of privatized military housing during any  
14          period in which the unit maintains a failed inspec-  
15          tion and until the violations are remedied.

16          (3) RELEASE OF PAYMENT.—Amounts withheld  
17          or abated under paragraph (1) with respect to a unit  
18          of privatized military housing shall be released if—

19                (A) all violations are remediated; and

20                (B) an independent inspector provides a  
21                written certification to the Secretary of the  
22                military department concerned verifying such  
23                remediation and the compliance of such unit  
24                with the requirements under this section.

1           (4) CONTINUED NONCOMPLIANCE.—If defi-  
2           ciencies in compliance with the requirements under  
3           this section are not corrected within a 30-day pe-  
4           riod—

5                   (A) the owner or operator of the affected  
6           unit of privatized military housing shall not  
7           have a right to receive current, future, withheld,  
8           or abated payments;

9                   (B) amounts withheld or abated under  
10          paragraph (1) may be returned to the tenant;  
11          and

12                  (C) the Secretary concerned shall—

13                          (i) pursue additional contractual rem-  
14                          edies, including termination of the author-  
15                          ity of the owner or operator of the affected  
16                          unit to provide privatized military housing;  
17                          and

18                          (ii) ensure that ongoing violations  
19                          with respect to such unit are disclosed to  
20                          any prospective tenant before they enter  
21                          into a rental agreement for such unit.

22          (5) PROTECTION OF TENANTS.—

23                  (A) IN GENERAL.—An owner of a unit of  
24                  privatized military housing may not terminate  
25                  the tenancy of any tenant because of the with-



1 holding or abatement of payment pursuant to  
2 paragraph (1).

3 (B) AUTHORITY OF TENANT TO TERMINATE.—During the period that payment is  
4 withheld or abated pursuant to paragraph (1)  
5 for a unit of privatized military housing, the  
6 tenant of such unit may terminate the tenancy  
7 by notifying the owner of such unit.  
8

9 (6) ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary  
10 of Housing and Urban Development, shall administer this subsection by conducting or authorizing inspections, certifying clearance inspections, administering withholding and abatement functions, and  
11 enforcing payment conditions in a manner similar to  
12 that used by the Secretary of Housing and Urban  
13 Development under section 8(o) of the United States  
14 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)).  
15

16 (i) PUBLIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Not later  
17 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
18 and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall publish on a  
19 publicly available website of the Department of Defense,  
20 with respect to covered housing—  
21

22 (1) the number of mold complaints received,  
23 disaggregated by installation of the Department;  
24  
25

1           (2) the results of inspections under this section  
2           and compliance rates;

3           (3) remediation timelines and costs; and

4           (4) the number of relocations made.

5           (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6           (1) ACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF RELATIVE HUMID-  
7           ITY.—The term “acceptable levels of *relative* humid-  
8           ity”, with respect to an area, means an area with  
9           humidity levels that are less than 50 percent.

10          (2) COVERED HOUSING.—The term “covered  
11          housing” means any military family housing owned,  
12          leased, or managed by the Department of Defense,  
13          including privatized military housing.

14          (3) ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION AND TEST-  
15          ING METHODS.—The term “environmental *inspection*  
16          and testing methods” means detailed visual inspec-  
17          tion substantiated by mold testing measures that in-  
18          clude air sampling, tape lifts, swabs, and carpet  
19          samples, and official laboratory analysis of such  
20          samples.

21          (4) MOLD.—The term “mold” means any form  
22          of multi-cellular fungi found in water-damaged in-  
23          door environments and building materials, including,  
24          cladosporium, penicillium, alternaria, aspergillus, fu-  
25          sarium, chaetomium, trichoderma, memnoniella,

1       mucor, stachybotrys chartarum, streptomyces, and  
2       epicoccumoften.

3           (5) PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUSING.—The  
4       term “privatized military housing” means military  
5       housing under subchapter IV of chapter 169 of title  
6       10, United States Code.

7       **SEC. 2826. TREATMENT OF NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS**  
8                       **WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATIZED MILITARY**  
9                       **HOUSING.**

10       Section 2890(f) of title 10, United States Code, is  
11   amended—

12           (1) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence—

13               (A) by striking “A tenant or prospective  
14       tenant of a housing unit may not be required  
15       to sign” and inserting “A landlord may not re-  
16       quest that a tenant, former tenant, or prospec-  
17       tive tenant of a housing unit sign”; and

18               (B) by inserting “or in connection with the  
19       provision of services related to the housing  
20       unit” before the period; and

21           (2) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and in-  
22   serting the following:

23       “(2) The prohibition under paragraph (1) shall apply  
24   to all housing units, including accompanied family housing  
25   and military unaccompanied housing.

1 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘tenant’ includes any  
 2 party (other than a landlord) to a lease for a housing  
 3 unit.”.

4 **SEC. 2827. IMPROVEMENT OF PRIVATIZED MILITARY HOUS-**  
 5 **ING COMPLAINT DATABASE.**

6 Section 2894a of title 10, United States Code, is  
 7 amended—

8 (1) in subsection (d), by striking subparagraphs  
 9 (B) and (C) and inserting the following new sub-  
 10 paragraphs:

11 “(B) The name of the landlord responsible for  
 12 the covered dwelling unit, including the ultimate  
 13 parent company and any entity with direct or indi-  
 14 rect ownership or control over such landlord, regard-  
 15 less of the legal structure or intermediary entities  
 16 used.

17 “(C) A description of the nature of the com-  
 18 plaint, disaggregated by complaint type.”;

19 (2) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-  
 20 section (i); and

21 (3) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
 22 lowing new subsections:

23 “(f) PROHIBITION ON FILTERING AND SUPPRES-  
 24 SION.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of  
 25 each military department shall develop policies to ensure

1 that complaints filed by tenants under this section cannot  
2 be arbitrarily altered, deleted, or suppressed.

3 “(g) PROTECTION FROM RETALIATION.—The Sec-  
4 retary shall—

5 “(1) ensure tenants are protected from retalia-  
6 tion; and

7 “(2) develop and implement policies to prevent  
8 violations of whistleblower protections under section  
9 1034 of this title.

10 “(h) PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND AWARENESS OF  
11 RIGHTS.—(1) The Secretary shall ensure that any agree-  
12 ment with a tenant for a covered dwelling unit includes  
13 a standardized notice outlining—

14 “(A) the right to submit complaints regarding  
15 covered dwelling units to the database under this  
16 section;

17 “(B) how to submit feedback; and

18 “(C) anti-retaliation protections.

19 “(2) Each military housing office of the Department  
20 shall—

21 “(A) display signage regarding the database  
22 under this section; and

23 “(B) provide onboarding education during in-  
24 processing at a new duty station for new tenants of  
25 covered dwelling units regarding such database.”.

1 **SEC. 2828. REQUIREMENT RELATING TO ANY REPROGRAM-**  
2 **MING REQUEST RELATING TO FUNDING FOR**  
3 **HOUSING OR FACILITIES OF DEPARTMENT**  
4 **OF DEFENSE.**

5 In any instance in which the Secretary of Defense  
6 requests approval from the congressional defense commit-  
7 tees to reprogram funding authorized or appropriated by  
8 Congress or requests funding in the President's budget for  
9 accompanied housing, unaccompanied housing, or any  
10 other facility of the Department of Defense, including  
11 funding under the Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and  
12 Modernization account, the Secretary shall include with  
13 such request documentation of the following:

14 (1) Any assessment of the condition of the facil-  
15 ity from which the funding is proposed to be repro-  
16 grammed that were completed within the past five  
17 years.

18 (2) The number of outstanding maintenance re-  
19 quests at such facility and the average wait time for  
20 maintenance requests to be resolved at such facility.

21 (3) The level of funding required to address all  
22 outstanding maintenance requests, facility upgrades,  
23 and any other modifications needed to fully improve  
24 the conditions of such facility.

1           (4) The number of members of the Armed  
2       Forces and family members of such members, as ap-  
3       plicable, living at or working at such facility.

4           (5) With respect to an unaccompanied housing  
5       facility, the number of barracks managers at such  
6       facility, including an identification of whether those  
7       managers work in a full-time or part-time capacity,  
8       as of the date of the request and each year within  
9       the past five years.

10          (6) Any anticipated impacts to military readi-  
11       ness or morale due to the reprogramming of fund-  
12       ing.

13          (7) An analysis by the Department or the mili-  
14       tary departments on why the determination was  
15       made to reprogram such funding.

## 16       **Subtitle C—Land Conveyances**

### 17       **SEC. 2841. LAND CONVEYANCE, MILAN ARMY AMMUNITION** 18       **PLANT, TENNESSEE.**

19       (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of  
20       the Army may convey, without consideration, to the Uni-  
21       versity of Tennessee System (in this section referred to  
22       as the “University”) all right, title, and interest of the  
23       United States in and to parcels of real property, including  
24       any improvements thereon, at Milan Army Ammunition  
25       Plant, Tennessee, that consist of a total of approximately

1 5,000 acres for the purpose of permitting the University  
2 to use the parcels for education research.

3 (b) REVISIONARY INTEREST.—

4 (1) INTEREST RETAINED.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of the  
6 Army determines at any time that the property  
7 conveyed to the University under subsection (a)  
8 is not being used in accordance with the pur-  
9 pose of the conveyance specified in such sub-  
10 section, all right, title, and interest in and to  
11 the conveyed property, including any improve-  
12 ments thereon, shall, at the option of the Sec-  
13 retary, revert to and become the property of the  
14 United States, and the United States shall have  
15 the right of immediate entry onto the property.

16 (B) DETERMINATION.—A determination  
17 by the Secretary of the Army under subpara-  
18 graph (A) shall be made on the record after an  
19 opportunity for a hearing.

20 (2) ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERATION OPTION.—In  
21 lieu of exercising the reversionary interest retained  
22 under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Army may  
23 accept an offer by the University to pay to the Sec-  
24 retary an amount equal to the fair market value of  
25 the property conveyed under subsection (a), exclud-



1       ing the value of any improvements on the conveyed  
2       property constructed without Federal funds after the  
3       date the conveyance is completed, as determined by  
4       the Secretary.

5       (c) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—The Sec-  
6       retary of the Army shall require the University to pay  
7       costs (except costs for environmental remediation of the  
8       property) to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse  
9       the Secretary for such costs incurred by the Secretary, to  
10      carry out the conveyance authorized under subsection (a),  
11      including survey costs, appraisal costs, costs for environ-  
12      mental documentation related to the conveyance, and any  
13      other administrative costs related to the conveyance.

14      (d) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts received as reim-  
16      bursement under subsection (c) or as alternative  
17      consideration under subsection (b)(2) shall be cred-  
18      ited to the fund or account that was used to pay the  
19      costs incurred by the Secretary of the Army in car-  
20      rying out the conveyance under subsection (a) or, if  
21      the period of availability of obligation for appropria-  
22      tions to that fund or account has expired, to the  
23      fund or account that is currently available to the  
24      Secretary for the same purpose.

1           (2) MERGER OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts credited  
2           to a fund or account under paragraph (1) shall be  
3           merged with amounts in such fund or account and  
4           shall be available for the same purposes, and subject  
5           to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts  
6           in such fund or account.

7           (e) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage  
8           and legal description of the parcels of real property to be  
9           conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a  
10          survey satisfactory to the Secretary of the Army.

11          (f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-  
12          retary of the Army may require such additional terms and  
13          conditions in connection with the conveyance authorized  
14          by subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate  
15          to protect the interests of the United States.

16   **SEC. 2842. LAND CONVEYANCE, ARMY RESERVE CENTER,**  
17                           **OPELIKA, ALABAMA.**

18          (a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—

19               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army  
20               (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) may  
21               convey to the City of Opelika, Alabama (in this sec-  
22               tion referred to as the “City”), all right, title, and  
23               interest of the United States in and to a parcel of  
24               real property, including any improvements thereon,  
25               containing an Army Reserve Center and consisting

1 of approximately 4.5 acres, located within the City,  
2 for the purpose of meeting increased health care de-  
3 mands.

4 (2) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING EASEMENTS,  
5 RESTRICTIONS, AND COVENANTS.—The conveyance  
6 of the property under paragraph (1) shall be subject  
7 to any easement, restriction, or covenant of record  
8 applicable to the property and in existence on the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (b) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the con-  
11 veyance of property under subsection (a), the City shall  
12 provide the United States, whether by cash payment, in-  
13 kind consideration described in section 2667(c) of title 10,  
14 United States Code, or a combination thereof, an amount  
15 that is not less than the fair market value of the conveyed  
16 property, as determined pursuant to an appraisal accept-  
17 able to the Secretary.

18 (c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines  
20 at any time that the property conveyed under sub-  
21 section (a) is not being used in accordance with the  
22 purpose of the conveyance specified in such sub-  
23 section, all right, title, and interest in and to the  
24 property, including any improvements thereto, may,  
25 at the option of the Secretary, revert to and become

1 the property of the United States, and the United  
2 States may have the right of immediate entry onto  
3 such property.

4 (2) DETERMINATION.—A determination by the  
5 Secretary under paragraph (1) may be made on the  
6 record after an opportunity for a hearing.

7 (d) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

8 (1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary may  
9 require the City to cover all costs (except costs for  
10 environmental remediation of the property) to be in-  
11 curred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Sec-  
12 retary for costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry  
13 out the conveyance under subsection (a), including  
14 costs for environmental and real estate due diligence  
15 and any other administrative costs related to the  
16 conveyance.

17 (2) REFUND OF EXCESS AMOUNTS.—If  
18 amounts are collected from the City under para-  
19 graph (1) in advance of the Secretary incurring the  
20 actual costs, and the amount collected exceeds the  
21 costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out  
22 the conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary  
23 shall refund the excess amount to the City.

1 (e) LIMITATION ON SOURCE OF FUNDS.—The City  
2 may not use Federal funds to cover any portion of the  
3 costs required to be paid by the City under this section.

4 (f) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage  
5 and legal description of the property to be conveyed under  
6 subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory  
7 to the Secretary.

8 (g) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The  
9 Secretary may require such additional terms and condi-  
10 tions in connection with the conveyance under subsection  
11 (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the  
12 interests of the United States.

13 **SEC. 2843. REPORT ON LAND WITHDRAWAL AT YUMA PROV-**  
14 **ING GROUND, ARIZONA.**

15 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
16 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit  
17 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
18 the House of Representatives a report describing all land  
19 withdrawal actions that are necessary to support the train-  
20 ing of Armed Forces at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.

21 **SEC. 2844. REPORT ON NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO**  
22 **MILITARY LAND WITHDRAWAL OF FALLON**  
23 **RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX, NEVADA.**

24 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
25 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit

1 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and  
 2 the House of Representatives a report on any modifica-  
 3 tions that the Secretary determines are necessary to the  
 4 military land withdrawal of Fallon Range Training Com-  
 5 plex, Nevada, under subtitle G of the Military Land With-  
 6 draws Act of 2013 (title XXIX of Public Law 113–66),  
 7 as added by section 2901 of the Military Construction Au-  
 8 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division B of Public  
 9 Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 3015), regarding the manage-  
 10 ment of withdrawn and reserved land, road reconstruction  
 11 and treatment of existing roads and rights-of-way, recon-  
 12 struction and relocation requirements, and treatment of  
 13 livestock grazing permits.

14 **SEC. 2845. LAND EXCHANGE, CAMP PIKE AND CAMP JO-**  
 15 **SEPH T. ROBINSON, ARKANSAS.**

16 (a) EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the  
 17 Army (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may  
 18 convey to the State of Arkansas all right, title, and inter-  
 19 est of the United States in and to a parcel of real property,  
 20 including any improvements thereon, consisting of ap-  
 21 proximately 16.02 acres at Camp Pike, North Little Rock,  
 22 Arkansas, containing the facility commonly known as the  
 23 “90th Readiness Division Headquarters” and such addi-  
 24 tional real property north of Arkansas Avenue as deter-  
 25 mined by the survey conducted under subsection (e)(1),

1 which shall be used by the Arkansas National Guard for  
2 administration, training, and operational purposes.

3 (b) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the con-  
4 veyance under subsection (a), the State of Arkansas shall  
5 convey to the United States all right, title, and interest  
6 of the State of Arkansas in and to a parcel of real prop-  
7 erty, including any improvements thereon, consisting of  
8 approximately 68.16 acres at Camp Joseph T. Robinson,  
9 North Little Rock, Arkansas, containing the facility com-  
10 monly known as the “Chappell Armory” and such addi-  
11 tional adjoining lands as determined by the survey con-  
12 ducted under subsection (e)(1).

13 (c) MANNER OF EXCHANGE.—

14 (1) APPROXIMATELY EQUAL VALUE.—The ex-  
15 change of real property under this section shall be  
16 for parcels of approximately equal value, as deter-  
17 mined by the Secretary through an appraisal accept-  
18 able to the Secretary.

19 (2) NO MONETARY CONSIDERATION.—Pursuant  
20 to section 18240 of title 10, United States Code, no  
21 monetary consideration may be provided or accepted  
22 by either party to equalize the value of the prop-  
23 erties exchanged under this section.

24 (d) REVERSIONARY INTERESTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary determines  
2           at any time that the real property conveyed under  
3           subsection (a) is not being used in accordance with  
4           the purpose of the conveyance specified in such sub-  
5           section, all right, title, and interest in and to the  
6           property, including any improvements thereto, may,  
7           at the option of the Secretary, revert to and become  
8           the property of the United States, and the United  
9           States may have the right of immediate entry onto  
10          such property.

11          (2) DETERMINATION.—A determination by the  
12          Secretary under paragraph (1) shall be made on the  
13          record after an opportunity for a hearing

14          (3) EXTINGUISHMENT OF EXISTING INTER-  
15          EST.—In connection with the exchange authorized  
16          by this section, the Secretary shall extinguish the re-  
17          versionary interest of the United States created by  
18          the Act entitled “An Act authorizing the transfer of  
19          part of Camp Joseph T. Robinson to the State of  
20          Arkansas”, approved June 30, 1950 (64 Stat. 310,  
21          chapter 429), applicable to the property to be con-  
22          veyed by the State of Arkansas under subsection (b).

23          (e) SURVEYS AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS.—

24          (1) DETERMINATION.—The exact acreage and  
25          legal descriptions of the real property to be ex-



1 changed under this section shall be determined by  
2 surveys satisfactory to the Secretary.

3 (2) COSTS.—The State of Arkansas shall be re-  
4 sponsible for all costs associated with the exchange  
5 of real property under this section, including the  
6 costs of surveys, appraisals, and any other adminis-  
7 trative or environmental documentation required to  
8 complete the exchange.

9 (f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-  
10 retary may require such additional terms and conditions  
11 in connection with the conveyances under this section as  
12 the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the inter-  
13 ests of the United States.

14 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
15 tion shall be construed to affect or limit the application  
16 of, or any requirement for, environmental remediation  
17 under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Com-  
18 pensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et  
19 seq.) or any other law.

20 **SEC. 2846. REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS ON USE OF CERTAIN**  
21 **LAND CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF INDIANA.**

22 Section 2858 of the Military Construction Authoriza-  
23 tion Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (division B of Public Law  
24 104–106; 110 Stat. 571), as amended by section 2838 of  
25 the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal

1 Year 1998 (division B of Public Law 105–85; 111 Stat.  
2 2006) and section 2843(i) of the Military Construction  
3 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (division B of  
4 Public Law 105–261; 112 Stat. 2217), is further amend-  
5 ed—

6 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “The convey-  
7 ances” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-  
8 section (d), the conveyances”; and

9 (2) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the  
10 following:

11 “(d) CONDITION ON RELEASE OF COVENANTS.—On  
12 the condition that the State convey approximately 80 acres  
13 of prior park property to the Indiana Army Ammunition  
14 Plant Reuse Authority, the Reuse Authority convey ap-  
15 proximately 100 acres of prior industrial use property to  
16 the State, and the use of that 100 acres will be restricted  
17 by covenant to recreational purposes, the Secretary may  
18 release the covenant that requires the 80 acres of prior  
19 park property to be used for recreational purposes.”.

20 **SEC. 2847. REVIEW AND REPORT ON CONVEYANCE OF LAM-**  
21 **BERT ST. LOUIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.**

22 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days  
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
24 of Defense shall conduct a comprehensive review of, and  
25 submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Sen-

1 ate and the House of Representatives a report on, the fea-  
2 sibility and advisability of conveying to the City of St.  
3 Louis, Missouri, all right, title, and interest of the United  
4 States in and to Lambert St. Louis International Airport,  
5 located in St. Louis County, Missouri (in this section re-  
6 ferred to as “Lambert Airport”).

7 (b) ELEMENTS OF REVIEW.—The review required by  
8 subsection (a) shall address, at a minimum, each of the  
9 following:

10 (1) The current and anticipated military utility  
11 of Lambert Airport, including its value to the De-  
12 partment of Defense for airlift, training, contingency  
13 operations, and strategic access.

14 (2) The operational impact of any conveyance  
15 under such subsection on the Missouri Army Na-  
16 tional Guard and Missouri Air National Guard units  
17 currently based at or using Lambert Airport, includ-  
18 ing the 131st Bomb Wing and any associated tenant  
19 units.

20 (3) The operational impact of any such convey-  
21 ance on units of the Navy Reserve and Marine Corps  
22 Reserve currently stationed at or using Lambert Air-  
23 port.

24 (4) The benefits to the Department of Defense  
25 of such a conveyance, including any expected reduc-

1       tion in maintenance costs, real property obligations,  
2       and administrative burdens associated with contin-  
3       ued ownership by the Federal Government.

4           (5) The legal authorities required to effectuate  
5       such a conveyance, including any required congres-  
6       sional action, environmental review under the Na-  
7       tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.  
8       4321 et seq.), and compliance with the base realign-  
9       ment and closure process, if applicable.

10          (6) The terms and conditions, including any re-  
11       versionary interests, use restrictions, or Federal  
12       Government access rights, that should be incor-  
13       porated into any instrument of conveyance to protect  
14       the interests of the Department of Defense.

15          (7) The estimated fair market value of the Fed-  
16       eral Government interest in Lambert Airport and  
17       whether any compensation to the United States  
18       would be required or appropriate as a condition of  
19       conveyance.

20       (c) ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS FOR RESERVE COMPO-  
21       NENT UNITS.—

22           (1) IN GENERAL.—As part of the review re-  
23       quired by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense  
24       shall identify and evaluate alternative locations with-  
25       in the State of Missouri to which units of the reserve

1 components of the Armed Forces currently assigned,  
2 stationed, or regularly operating at Lambert Airport  
3 could be relocated in the event of a conveyance de-  
4 scribed in subsection (a).

5 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The evaluation required  
6 under paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to  
7 each alternative location identified, each of the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 (A) The suitability of such location to sup-  
10 port the mission requirements, equipment, per-  
11 sonnel, and readiness posture of the affected  
12 units.

13 (B) The estimated costs of construction,  
14 facility modification, or infrastructure develop-  
15 ment necessary to accommodate relocated units  
16 at each such alternative location.

17 (C) The anticipated impact of relocation  
18 on unit recruitment, retention, and civilian em-  
19 ployment, with particular attention to the eco-  
20 nomic effects on the communities currently  
21 served by Lambert Airport.

22 (D) The timeline required to achieve full  
23 operational capability at any such alternative lo-  
24 cation.

1           (E) The availability and sufficiency of air-  
2           field, runway, hangar, maintenance, armory,  
3           and administrative facilities at each such alter-  
4           native location.

5           (d) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the review re-  
6           quired by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall  
7           consult with each of the following:

8           (1) The Governor of Missouri.

9           (2) The Adjutant General of Missouri.

10          (3) The Mayor of the City of St. Louis, Mis-  
11          souri.

12          (4) The Secretary of the Air Force, the Sec-  
13          retary of the Army, and the Secretary of the Navy.

14          (5) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

15          (6) The Administrator of the Federal Aviation  
16          Administration.

17          (e) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by sub-  
18          section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but  
19          may include a classified annex.

20          (f) NO AUTHORIZATION FOR CONVEYANCE.—Noth-  
21          ing in this section shall be construed to authorize the con-  
22          veyance of Lambert Airport or any other Federal Govern-  
23          ment property, or to waive any otherwise applicable re-  
24          quirement of law.

1 **SEC. 2848. REVIEW AND REPORT ON CONVEYANCE OF**  
2 **JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, AN-**  
3 **CHORAGE, ALASKA.**

4 (a) REVIEW AND REQUIRED.—Not later than 180  
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary of Defense shall conduct a comprehensive review  
7 of, and submit to the Committees on Armed Services of  
8 the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on,  
9 the feasibility and advisability of conveying to the munici-  
10 pality of Anchorage, Alaska (in this section referred to as  
11 the “Municipality”), all right, title, and interest of the  
12 United States in and to approximately 50 acres of land  
13 located on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchor-  
14 age, Alaska (in this section referred to as the “parcel”).

15 (b) ELEMENTS OF REVIEW.—The review required by  
16 subsection (a) shall address, at a minimum, each of the  
17 following:

18 (1) The current and anticipated utility of the  
19 parcel to the Department of Defense and the value  
20 of the parcel to the Municipality.

21 (2) The operational impact to the Department  
22 of the conveyance under such subsection.

23 (3) The benefits to the Department of such  
24 conveyance, including any expected reduction in  
25 maintenance costs, real property obligations, and ad-

1       ministrative burdens associate with continued owner-  
2       ship of the parcel.

3           (4) The legal authorities required to effectuate  
4       such conveyance, including any required congres-  
5       sional action, environmental review under the Na-  
6       tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.  
7       4321 et seq.), and compliance with the base realign-  
8       ment and closure process, if applicable.

9           (5) The terms and conditions, including any re-  
10      versionary interests, use restrictions, or Federal  
11      Government access rights, that should be incor-  
12      porated into any instrument of conveyance of the  
13      parcel to protect the interests of the Department.

14          (6) The estimated fair market value of the Fed-  
15      eral Government interest in the parcel.

16      (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by sub-  
17      section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but  
18      may include a classified annex.

19      (d) NO AUTHORIZATION FOR CONVEYANCE.—Noth-  
20      ing in this section shall be construed to authorize the con-  
21      veyance of the parcel or any other Federal Government  
22      property, or to waive any otherwise applicable requirement  
23      of law.



## **Subtitle D—Other Matters**

### **SEC. 2861. AUTHORITY OF COMBATANT COMMANDS TO RECOVER AND REINVEST OPERATIONAL ENERGY COST SAVINGS.**

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

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “combatant command,” after “agency,”; and

(2) in subsection (c)(3), by inserting “combatant command,” after “agency,”.

### **SEC. 2862. ENERGY CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES.**

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to ensure that electrical systems within facilities of the Department of Defense are capable of supporting distributed energy resources and microgrid operations, thereby enhancing energy resilience, security, and operational continuity.

(b) REQUIREMENT.—Any project described in subsection (c) shall include the installation of energy management and control systems that enable the following:

(1) The capability to—

(A) operate in islanded mode during grid outages;

1 (B) integrate distributed energy resources,  
2 including renewable generation and energy stor-  
3 age; and

4 (C) provide automated load management  
5 and demand response.

6 (2) Interoperability with existing and future su-  
7 pervisory control and data acquisition systems.

8 (3) Compliance with cybersecurity standards es-  
9 tablished by the Department of Defense.

10 (c) PROJECT DESCRIBED.—A project described in  
11 this subsection is a project involving the replacement, up-  
12 grade, or major modification of—

13 (1) electrical panels, switchgear, or associated  
14 distribution equipment of the Department of De-  
15 fense; or

16 (2) systems serving mission critical or essential  
17 operations within facilities of the Department.

18 (d) STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE.—Not later than one  
19 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
20 retary of Defense shall issue technical standards and im-  
21 plementation guidance to carry out this section, including  
22 the following:

23 (1) Minimum functional requirements for en-  
24 ergy management and control systems to be installed  
25 under this section.

1           (2) Certification criteria for infrastructure that  
2           has the capability described in subsection (b)(1).

3           (3) Approved technologies and protocols for  
4           interoperability under subsection (b)(2).

5           (e) REPORTING.—Not later than one year after the  
6           date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
7           the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report  
8           summarizing compliance by the Department of Defense  
9           with this section and identifying barriers to implementa-  
10          tion of this section.

11          (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
12          on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-  
13          ment of this Act.

14   **SEC. 2863. MODIFICATION OF CALCULATION OF MINIMUM**  
15                   **CAPITAL INVESTMENT FOR FACILITIES**  
16                   **SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION, AND MOD-**  
17                   **ERNIZATION.**

18          Section 2680 of title 10, United States Code, is  
19          amended—

20           (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

21                   (A) by striking “subsection (b)” and in-  
22                   serting “subsection (b)(1)”; and

23                   (B) by inserting “, including amounts obli-  
24                   gated under eligible performance-based con-  
25                   tracts,” after “facilities”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) by striking “In making” and inserting

3 “(1) In making”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
5 paragraph:

6 “(2) For purposes of the minimum investment re-  
7 quired under paragraph (2) of subsection (a), only  
8 amounts obligated for execution during the relevant fiscal  
9 year, not any planned, projected, or anticipated obliga-  
10 tions, may be credited toward such requirement.”; and

11 (3) in subsection (e)—

12 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
13 paragraph (3); and

14 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
15 following new paragraph (2):

16 “(2) The term ‘eligible performance-based con-  
17 tract’ means an energy savings performance con-  
18 tract, utility energy savings contract, or other per-  
19 formance-based arrangement under which—

20 “(A) the contract or arrangement is fully  
21 executed;

22 “(B) all private financing associated with  
23 such contract or arrangement is secured and  
24 obligated; and

1           “(C) the Department of Defense is legally  
2           committed to payments under the contract or  
3           arrangement.”.

4 **SEC. 2864. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO LEASING OF**  
5 **LAND IN HAWAII.**

6       The Secretary of the Army shall—

7           (1) seek from the State of Hawaii on terms ac-  
8           ceptable to both the Department of the Army and  
9           the State of Hawaii a renewal of the relevant leases  
10          entered into pursuant to section 2667 of title 10,  
11          United States Code, relating to the 19,700 acres of  
12          the Pohakuloa Training Area and 450 acres of the  
13          Kahuku Training Area identified in the environ-  
14          mental impact statement preferred by the Depart-  
15          ment of the Army;

16          (2) not later than 30 days after the date of the  
17          enactment of this Act, resubmit a new environmental  
18          impact statement for additional review by the Ha-  
19          waii Department of Land and Natural Resources  
20          that responds to and addresses any deficiencies iden-  
21          tified by the Hawaii Department of Land and Nat-  
22          ural Resources; and

23          (3) not later than 60 days after the date of the  
24          enactment of this Act, submit to the congressional  
25          defense committees a report describing the specific

1 steps and proposals the Secretary has made to pro-  
2 mote lease renewals pursuant to this section.

3 **SEC. 2865. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE LABORATORY FACIL-**  
4 **ITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subchapter I of chapter 169  
6 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
7 the end the following new section:

8 **“§ 2820a. Department of Defense Laboratory Facility**  
9 **Investment Program**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense  
11 shall establish and carry out a program to be known as  
12 the ‘Department of Defense Laboratory Facility Invest-  
13 ment Program’ (in this section referred to as the ‘Pro-  
14 gram’) to fund military construction projects that im-  
15 prove, modernize, or recapitalize the physical infrastruc-  
16 ture of covered defense laboratories in support of research,  
17 development, test, and evaluation missions critical to na-  
18 tional security.

19 “(b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Program shall be ad-  
20 ministered by the Under Secretary of Defense for Re-  
21 search and Engineering (in this section referred to as the  
22 ‘Under Secretary’).

23 “(c) DUTIES.—In carrying out the Program, the  
24 Under Secretary shall—

1           “(1) establish policies, criteria, and procedures  
2           for the submission, evaluation, and prioritization of  
3           project proposals under the Program;

4           “(2) coordinate with the Secretaries of the mili-  
5           tary departments, the heads of defense agencies, and  
6           the commanders of combatant commands to identify  
7           and prioritize infrastructure requirements for cov-  
8           ered defense laboratories;

9           “(3) evaluate project proposals using criteria  
10          that include—

11               “(A) the mission criticality of the labora-  
12               tory and affected facilities;

13               “(B) the degree of facility degradation, ob-  
14               solescence, or inadequacy relative to current  
15               and projected research requirements;

16               “(C) the potential impact on the ability of  
17               the Department of Defense to develop, test, or  
18               evaluate technologies essential to national de-  
19               fense, including critical and emerging tech-  
20               nologies designated under the national security  
21               strategy submitted under section 4811 of this  
22               title;

23               “(D) the cost-effectiveness of the proposed  
24               construction relative to the projected useful

1 service life and research workload of the labora-  
2 tory; and

3 “(E) consistency with the long-term stra-  
4 tegic plan of the Department for science and  
5 technology infrastructure; and

6 “(4) issue annual program guidance to compo-  
7 nents of the Department not later than 90 days be-  
8 fore the date on which project submissions for the  
9 Program are due each fiscal year.

10 “(d) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A military construction  
12 project is eligible for funding under the Program if  
13 the project—

14 “(A) is located at, or directly supports the  
15 mission of, a covered defense laboratory;

16 “(B) involves the construction, expansion,  
17 replacement, or modernization of a facility or  
18 facility system used principally for research, de-  
19 velopment, test, or evaluation activities;

20 “(C) has an estimated cost of not less than  
21 \$2,000,000; and

22 “(D) has been designed to not less than  
23 the 35-percent design stage before submission  
24 to Congress as part of a budget request unless  
25 progressive design build is being utilized.



1           “(2) INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—The following  
2           activities are not eligible for funding under the Pro-  
3           gram:

4                   “(A) New mission construction not tied to  
5                   existing research activities at a covered defense  
6                   laboratory.

7                   “(B) Routine maintenance, repair, or  
8                   sustainment activities that are properly funded  
9                   through a facilities sustainment, restoration,  
10                  and modernization account.

11                  “(C) Projects that duplicate capabilities  
12                  available under other military construction au-  
13                  thorities, including those available under sec-  
14                  tions 2805, 2811, and 2854 of this title, unless  
15                  the Under Secretary determines that use of  
16                  such authorities is impracticable.

17          “(e) FUNDING.—

18                  “(1) AUTHORIZATIONS.—

19                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to  
20                   be appropriated to the Under Secretary for  
21                   each fiscal year \$250,000,000 to carry out the  
22                   Program.

23                   “(B) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—  
24                   Amounts authorized under subparagraph (A)

1           for the Program shall be available for obligation  
2           for a period of three fiscal years.

3           “(2) ACCOUNT.—Amounts for the Program  
4           shall be authorized to a separate budget line item  
5           within the Military Construction, Defense-Wide ac-  
6           count under the heading ‘Department of Defense  
7           Laboratory Facility Investment Program’.

8           “(3) PROJECT AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED.—  
9           The Secretary of Defense may carry out a military  
10          construction project under the Program only if the  
11          project has been specifically authorized by law.

12          “(4) PLANNING AND DESIGN.—The Secretary  
13          of Defense may use amounts available under the  
14          Program for planning and design activities associ-  
15          ated with projects proposed for inclusion in a subse-  
16          quent budget request. Planning and design costs  
17          shall be reported separately in the annual budget  
18          justification documents for the Program.

19          “(f) SUBMISSION OF PROJECT PROPOSALS.—As part  
20          of the budget justification materials submitted to Con-  
21          gress in connection with the budget of the Department  
22          of Defense for a fiscal year (as submitted with the budget  
23          of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31), the  
24          Secretary of Defense shall include, for each military con-  
25          struction project proposed for funding under the Program

1 in such fiscal year, a completed Department of Defense  
2 Form 1391 (or successor form) that includes—

3 “(1) the name and location of the covered de-  
4 fense laboratory for which the project is intended;

5 “(2) a description of the project, the scope of  
6 work, and the estimated cost;

7 “(3) a description of the research, development,  
8 test, or evaluation mission supported by the project  
9 and the consequences of deferred investment;

10 “(4) the current facility condition rating and an  
11 assessment of the suitability of the facility to sup-  
12 port the assigned missions of the laboratory without  
13 the proposed investment;

14 “(5) the status of design completion and the  
15 anticipated award date for construction;

16 “(6) an economic analysis consistent with the  
17 procedures under Department of Defense Instruction  
18 7041.03 (relating to economic analysis for decision-  
19 making) or successor instruction; and

20 “(7) any other information the Under Secretary  
21 determines appropriate to facilitate congressional re-  
22 view.

23 “(g) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of  
24 each year, the Under Secretary shall submit to the con-

1 gressional defense committees a report on the Program  
2 for the preceding fiscal year that includes—

3 “(1) a summary of all projects funded under  
4 the Program, including the name of the covered de-  
5 fense laboratory, the project description, the amount  
6 obligated, and the construction status;

7 “(2) an assessment of the overall condition of  
8 covered defense laboratory facilities, including an es-  
9 timate of the total unfunded facility investment re-  
10 quirement across the defense laboratory enterprise;

11 “(3) a description of projects proposed for in-  
12 clusion in the next annual budget request; and

13 “(4) any recommended changes to policies, cri-  
14 teria, or funding levels for the Program.

15 “(h) PROJECT CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS.—

16 “(1) CHANGES.—Any changes to the cost or  
17 scope of a project authorized under the Program  
18 shall be subject to the requirements of section 2853  
19 of this title.

20 “(2) CANCELLATIONS.—The Under Secretary  
21 shall notify the congressional defense committees not  
22 later than 14 days after deciding to cancel a project  
23 authorized under the Program.

24 “(i) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AUTHORITIES.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Program shall com-  
2           plement, but not replace, other authorities available  
3           to components of the Department of Defense for  
4           laboratory facility investment, including—

5                   “(A) the authority to use funds available  
6                   to the Department for research, development,  
7                   test, and evaluation for laboratory facility con-  
8                   struction under section 4093 of this title;

9                   “(B) the authority for unspecified minor  
10                  military construction under section 2805 of this  
11                  title; and

12                  “(C) the authority for restoration or re-  
13                  placement of damaged or destroyed facilities  
14                  under section 2854 of this title.

15           “(2) USE OF PROGRAM.—A component of the  
16           Department of Defense may use the Program for  
17           projects that are not adequately addressed by the  
18           authorities described in paragraph (1).

19           “(j) COVERED DEFENSE LABORATORY DEFINED.—  
20           In this section, the term ‘covered defense laboratory’  
21           means any laboratory, research center, test and evaluation  
22           facility, or warfare center of the Department of Defense  
23           designated as a science and technology reinvention labora-  
24           tory under section 4121 of this title, or any other facility  
25           of the Department determined by the Under Secretary to

1 perform research, development, test, or evaluation activi-  
2 ties as a primary mission.”.

3 (b) INITIAL PROGRAM GUIDANCE.—Not later than  
4 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
5 Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering  
6 shall issue initial program guidance for the Department  
7 of Defense Laboratory Facility Investment Program es-  
8 tablished under section 2820a of title 10, United States  
9 Code (as added by subsection (a)), including criteria for  
10 project submission, evaluation methodology, and the an-  
11 nual timeline for project proposals and congressional  
12 budget submissions.

13 (c) FIRST BUDGET SUBMISSION.—The Secretary of  
14 Defense shall include proposed projects under the Depart-  
15 ment of Defense Laboratory Facility Investment Program  
16 established under section 2820a of title 10, United States  
17 Code (as added by subsection (a)), in the budget materials  
18 submitted to Congress for fiscal year 2029, which shall  
19 be the first fiscal year for which projects under the Pro-  
20 gram may be authorized.

1 **SEC. 2866. CONSIDERATION OF MODULAR CONSTRUCTION**  
2 **METHODS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**  
3 **PROJECTS WITH PROTECTIVE DESIGN ELE-**  
4 **MENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In determining the requirements  
6 for a proposed military construction project with protec-  
7 tive design elements, the Secretary of Defense shall con-  
8 sider the use of modular construction methods along with  
9 other construction methods to determine the most effective  
10 method for such military construction project to meet mis-  
11 sion needs.

12 (b) REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
15 retary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on  
16 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
17 resentatives a report on the use of modular con-  
18 struction methods as described in subsection (a).

19 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-  
20 graph (1) shall include the following:

21 (A) A summary of current policy and guid-  
22 ance of the Department of Defense governing  
23 the use of modular construction for military  
24 construction projects, including modular con-  
25 struction methodologies with protective design  
26 elements.

1 (B) A cost-benefit analysis that—

2 (i) compares modular construction  
3 methods to other construction methods for  
4 military construction projects; and

5 (ii) describes the effect of modular  
6 construction methods on construction  
7 timelines and life-cycle costs.

8 (C) An identification of potential use cases  
9 for modular construction methods and any limi-  
10 tations or constraints on the use of such meth-  
11 ods.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) MODULAR CONSTRUCTION.—The term  
14 “modular construction” means a construction proc-  
15 ess in which components of a construction project  
16 are prefabricated off-site under controlled conditions  
17 and then transported to the site of such project for  
18 assembly.

19 (2) PROTECTIVE DESIGN ELEMENTS.—The  
20 term “protective design elements” means, with re-  
21 spect to a military construction project, that such  
22 project requires use of materials that have been  
23 blast hardened or ballistic hardened, or requires in-  
24 corporation of measures intended to mitigate blast  
25 or ballistic threats, including minimum standoff dis-



1 tance requirements, berms, or barriers as identified  
2 in the security or antiterrorism design criteria for  
3 the project.

4 **SEC. 2867. STANDARDIZED METHODOLOGY FOR BASING DE-**  
5 **CISIONS FOR THE AIR FORCE.**

6 The Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that all  
7 basing decisions for aircraft of the Air Force made on or  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act are conducted  
9 using a standardized methodology that—

- 10 (1) incorporates lifecycle cost estimates for the  
11 aircraft over a period of not less than 10 years;  
12 (2) uses current and validated infrastructure,  
13 readiness, and aircraft condition data;  
14 (3) includes transparent weighing of evaluation  
15 criteria; and  
16 (4) accounts for operational mission require-  
17 ments, including projected demand from the combat-  
18 ant commands.

19 **SEC. 2868. PILOT PROGRAM ON REPLACEMENT OF SUB-**  
20 **STANDARD CHILLERS OR FACILITIES THAT**  
21 **SUPPORT SUBSISTENCE RESILIENCY.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned may, in  
23 accordance with this section, carry out a pilot program  
24 under which the Secretary concerned may replace a chiller  
25 or chiller-related facility that supports subsistence resili-

1 iency with a new such chiller or facility not otherwise au-  
2 thorized by law.

3 (b) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary may carry out the  
4 pilot program under subsection (a) at a facility of the De-  
5 partment of Defense within the area of responsibility of  
6 the Indo Pacific Command that is deemed to be a remote  
7 and isolated facility.

8 (c) CHILLER AND FACILITY REQUIREMENTS.—A new  
9 chiller or facility replaced under subsection (a)—

10 (1) must be replacing a chiller or facility that  
11 is in a substandard condition, as determined by the  
12 Secretary concerned;

13 (2) must be designed and utilized for the same  
14 purpose as the chiller or facility being replaced;

15 (3) must be located on the same installation as  
16 the chiller or facility being replaced;

17 (4) must be designed to meet, at a minimum,  
18 current standards for construction, utilization, and  
19 force protection; and

20 (5) may not be more than 125 percent of the  
21 footprint of the chiller or facility being replaced un-  
22 less—

23 (A) justification is provided under sub-  
24 section (d) indicating that an increased oper-

1           ational presence is expected within the next five  
2           years; or

3                   (B) multiple chillers or facilities are being  
4           consolidated to improve efficiency.

5       (d) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary concerned,  
6 in using the authority under this section, may spend  
7 amounts available to the Secretary concerned for oper-  
8 ation and maintenance or unspecified military construc-  
9 tion.

10       (e) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—When a deci-  
11 sion is made to carry out a replacement project under this  
12 section with an estimated cost in excess of \$15,000,000,  
13 the Secretary concerned shall submit, in an electronic me-  
14 dium pursuant to section 480 of title 10, United States  
15 Code, to the appropriate committees of Congress a report  
16 containing—

17           (1) the justification for the replacement project  
18           and the current estimate of the cost of the project;  
19           and

20           (2) a description of the elements of military  
21           construction, including the elements specified in sec-  
22           tion 2802(b) of such title, incorporated into the  
23           project.

24       (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS;  
 2       FACILITY; SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The terms  
 3       “appropriate committees of Congress”, “facility”,  
 4       and “Secretary concerned” have the meanings given  
 5       those terms in section 2801 of title 10, United  
 6       States Code.

7           (2) SUBSTANDARD CONDITION.—The term  
 8       “substandard condition”, with respect to a chiller or  
 9       facility, means the chiller or facility, as the case may  
 10      be, can no longer meet the requirements of current  
 11      standards without repair that would cost more than  
 12      75 percent of the replacement cost.

13      (g) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall  
 14      terminate on the date that is five years after the date of  
 15      the enactment of this Act.

16   **SEC. 2869. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PILOT PROGRAM**  
 17                           **FOR DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF ONLINE**  
 18                           **REAL ESTATE INVENTORY TOOL.**

19      Section 2866 of the Military Construction Authoriza-  
 20      tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (division B of Public Law  
 21      116–283; 10 U.S.C. 7771 note prec.) is amended to read  
 22      as follows:

1 **“SEC. 2866. PILOT PROGRAM OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**  
2 **FOR DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF ONLINE**  
3 **REAL ESTATE INVENTORY TOOL.**

4 “(a) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—

5 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of De-  
6 fense shall establish a pilot program for the develop-  
7 ment of an online real estate tool to identify the ex-  
8 isting inventory of space available at the installa-  
9 tions of the Department of Defense selected by the  
10 Secretary under paragraph (2) for the purposes  
11 specified in subsection (b) (in this section referred to  
12 as the ‘pilot program’).

13 “(2) SELECTION OF PILOT LOCATIONS.—The  
14 Secretary shall evaluate the online inventory tool de-  
15 veloped under the pilot program at installations of  
16 the Department selected by the Secretary as appro-  
17 priate locations for evaluation of the online inventory  
18 tool, which shall include—

19 “(A) not less than five, but not more than  
20 10, installations of the Air Force, Navy, Marine  
21 Corps, or Space Force; and

22 “(B) all installations selected by the Sec-  
23 retary of the Army under this section as of the  
24 day before the date of the enactment of this  
25 Act.

1           “(3) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall es-  
2       tablish the pilot program and develop the online in-  
3       ventory tool under the pilot program in consultation  
4       with the Administrator of General Services and each  
5       Secretary of a military department.

6           “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the online inven-  
7       tory tool developed under the pilot program are—

8           “(1) to achieve efficiencies in real estate prop-  
9       erty management consistent with the goal under the  
10      national defense strategy under section 113(g) of  
11      title 10, United States Code, of finding greater effi-  
12      ciencies within operations of the Department and  
13      leveraging commercial off-the-shelf technologies to  
14      better support members of the Armed Forces; and

15          “(2) to provide a means to better quantify ex-  
16      isting space available at installations of the Depart-  
17      ment and how it is utilized for current missions and  
18      requirements.

19          “(c) CONSIDERATIONS.—To establish the pilot pro-  
20      gram, the Secretary shall—

21          “(1) consider innovative approaches, including  
22      the use of other transaction authorities consistent  
23      with section 4021 of title 10, United States Code,  
24      and the use of commercial off-the-shelf technologies;

1           “(2) develop appropriate protections of sensitive  
2           or classified information from being included with  
3           the online inventory tool developed under the pilot  
4           program;

5           “(3) develop appropriate levels of access for pri-  
6           vate sector users of the online inventory tool; and

7           “(4) in developing the online inventory tool and  
8           the protections, levels of access, and other consider-  
9           ations under this subsection, include lessons learned  
10          from the Secretary of the Army on the development  
11          of the pilot program under this section before the  
12          date of the enactment of this Act.

13          “(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF USE POLICY.—

14               “(1) IN GENERAL.—In connection with the de-  
15               velopment of the online inventory tool under the  
16               pilot program, the Secretary of Defense shall develop  
17               policy requiring the use of the online inventory tool  
18               at all installations of the Department selected under  
19               subsection (a)(2) to query for existing inventory at  
20               such installations before any military construction or  
21               off-post leases are agreed to for such installations.

22               “(2) GUIDELINES.—The Secretary shall pre-  
23               scribe guidelines to be implemented by each Sec-  
24               retary of a military department in using the online  
25               inventory tool under the pilot program.

1           “(3) NOTIFICATIONS.—The Secretary shall en-  
2       sure that all relevant notifications to the congres-  
3       sional defense committees include a certification that  
4       the online inventory tool developed under the pilot  
5       program was used.

6           “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
7       tion shall be construed to affect the application of title  
8       V of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42  
9       U.S.C. 11411 et seq.).

10          “(f) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

11               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
12       after the date of the enactment of the Military Con-  
13       struction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027,  
14       the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Committees  
15       on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of  
16       Representatives a report evaluating the success of  
17       the pilot program in achieving the purposes specified  
18       in subsection (b).

19               “(2) ELEMENTS.—At a minimum, the report  
20       required under paragraph (1) shall identify and con-  
21       tain the following:

22                   “(A) An identification of the installations  
23               selected under subsection (a)(2) to participate  
24               in the pilot program broken out by respective  
25               military department.



1           “(B) The number of real estate agree-  
2           ments entered into by each Secretary of a mili-  
3           tary department that were facilitated by use of  
4           the online inventory tool developed under the  
5           pilot program, including for each agreement the  
6           installation, amount of space, value, and pur-  
7           pose of the agreement.

8           “(C) An evaluation of the extent to which  
9           use of the online inventory tool reduced the  
10          need for military construction or off-post leases.

11          “(D) An evaluation of any impediments to  
12          efficient use of the online inventory tool.

13          “(E) The recommendations of the Sec-  
14          retary regarding whether the pilot program  
15          should be extended, expanded, or made perma-  
16          nent.

17          “(g) ONLINE INVENTORY TOOL DEFINED.—In this  
18          section, the term ‘online inventory tool’ means the online  
19          real estate tool developed under the pilot program to iden-  
20          tify existing inventory of space available at installations  
21          of the Department of Defense selected to participate in  
22          the pilot program.

23          “(h) DURATION.—The authority of the Secretary of  
24          Defense to conduct the pilot program shall expire on Sep-  
25          tember 30, 2031.”.

1 **SEC. 2870. TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF**  
2 **FORD ISLAND, HAWAII, AND ELECTRICAL UP-**  
3 **GRADES AND BARBERS POINT, HAWAII.**

4 (a) TRANSFER.—Not later than 30 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the  
6 Navy shall transfer all amounts contained in an account  
7 associated with the Ford Island Master Development  
8 Agreement to the Ford Island Improvement Account.

9 (b) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts transferred under  
10 subsection (a) may be used—

11 (1) pursuant to section 2814 of title 10, United  
12 States Code—

13 (A) to carry out improvements of property  
14 or facilities at Ford Island, Hawaii; and

15 (B) to obtain property support services for  
16 property or facilities at Ford Island; and

17 (2) to make electrical upgrades at Barbers  
18 Point, Hawaii.

19 **SEC. 2871. EXPANSION OF DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRA-**  
20 **STRUCTURE PILOT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE**  
21 **INSTALLATIONS OF THE COAST GUARD.**

22 Section 2391 of title 10, United States Code, is  
23 amended—

24 (1) in subsection (d)—

25 (A) in paragraph (1)(B), in the matter  
26 preceding clause (i), by inserting “, in consulta-

1           tion with the Commandant of the Coast  
2           Guard,” after “The Secretary”; and

3                   (B) by adding at the end the following new  
4           paragraph:

5           “(5) In considering grants, agreements, or other  
6 funding under paragraph (1)(A) with respect to commu-  
7 nity infrastructure supportive of a military installation of  
8 the Coast Guard, the Secretary of Defense shall consult  
9 with the Commandant of the Coast Guard to assess the  
10 selection and prioritization of the project concerned.”; and

11                   (2) in subsection (e)(1), by adding at the end  
12 the following new sentence: “For purposes of sub-  
13 section (d), the term ‘military installation’ includes  
14 an installation of the Coast Guard under the juris-  
15 diction of the Department of Homeland Security.”.

16 **SEC. 2872. PLAN ON REMEDIATION OF CERTAIN EQUIP-**  
17 **MENT AND COMPUTATIONAL FACILITIES**  
18 **OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN AD-**  
19 **VERSARY.**

20           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-  
22 fense, in coordination with the Commander of the United  
23 States Northern Command and the Secretaries of the mili-  
24 tary departments and in consultation with the Secretary  
25 of Energy, shall submit to the congressional defense com-

1 mittees a plan to identify, prioritize, and remediate, to the  
2 standards established under sections 394, 2815, and 2920  
3 of title 10, United States Code, the presence of covered  
4 equipment and covered computational facilities owned or  
5 controlled by a foreign adversary in the electric grid of  
6 the United States.

7 (b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required under subsection  
8 (a) shall include—

9 (1) an assessment of the risks to the national  
10 defense and security of the United States posed by  
11 covered equipment owned or controlled by a foreign  
12 adversary, components, systems, and technologies re-  
13 lated to such equipment, and covered computational  
14 facilities owned or controlled by a foreign adversary,  
15 including risks to—

16 (A) military installations and defense crit-  
17 ical electric infrastructure (as defined in section  
18 215A of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C.  
19 824o–1));

20 (B) continuity of operations for critical  
21 missions of the Department of Defense; and

22 (C) the reliability and resilience of the  
23 bulk-power system;

24 (2) criteria for prioritizing remediation actions  
25 based on risk to military operations, including prox-

1 imity to covered military installations and entities of  
2 the defense industrial base, and the criticality of af-  
3 fected infrastructure;

4 (3) a remediation strategy, coordinated with  
5 relevant State governments—

6 (A) to remove, replace, or otherwise miti-  
7 gate, to the standards established under sec-  
8 tions 2815 and 2920 of title 10, United States  
9 Code, covered equipment, components, systems,  
10 and technologies related to such equipment, and  
11 computational facilities;

12 (B) to incorporate secure and trusted al-  
13 ternatives to such equipment, components, sys-  
14 tems, technologies, and facilities, including  
15 weapons protection, standard manufactured  
16 components, and software; and

17 (C) to minimize disruption to grid oper-  
18 ations; and

19 (4) such other information and plans as the  
20 Secretary determines relevant.

21 (c) FORM.—The plan required under subsection (a)  
22 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include  
23 a classified annex.

24 (d) ANNUAL FUNDING, EQUIPMENT, AND PER-  
25 SONNEL REQUIREMENTS.—Beginning in the fiscal year

1 2028 budget cycle, and annually thereafter, the Com-  
2 mander of the United States Northern Command shall  
3 submit to the Secretary and the congressional defense  
4 committees an annual budget estimating the funding re-  
5 quired to execute the plan submitted under subsection (a).

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) CONTROL.—The term “control” has the  
8 meaning given that term in section 800.208 of title  
9 31, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor  
10 regulations.

11 (2) COVERED COMPUTATIONAL FACILITY.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
13 graph (B), the term “covered computational fa-  
14 cility” means a facility used to operate com-  
15 puting equipment in support of continuous,  
16 automated computational operations.

17 (B) ISSUANCE OF GUIDANCE.—

18 (i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90  
19 days after the date of the enactment of  
20 this Act, the Secretary, in consultation  
21 with the Commander of the United States  
22 Northern Command, shall issue guidance  
23 to further define the term “covered com-  
24 putational facility” for purposes of this  
25 section.

1           (ii) ANNUAL UPDATE.—Not less fre-  
2           quently than annually, the Secretary, in  
3           consultation with the Commander of the  
4           United States Northern Command, shall,  
5           as appropriate, update guidance under  
6           clause (i) in response to technical develop-  
7           ments, legal, regulatory, and institutional  
8           barriers, and newly identified threats and  
9           risks.

10          (3) COVERED EQUIPMENT.—The term “covered  
11          equipment” means any equipment that—

12                (A) is capable of connecting to the inter-  
13                net, a local area network, a wide area network,  
14                or any other communications network, whether  
15                through wired or wireless means, regardless of  
16                ownership or operational control by the govern-  
17                ment or private industry;

18                (B) contains software, firmware, or hard-  
19                ware that is remotely updatable or remotely ac-  
20                cessible;

21                (C) is otherwise susceptible to unauthor-  
22                ized access, exploitation, or manipulation  
23                through a network-connected vector, including  
24                through embedded components, supply chain

1 vulnerabilities, or third-party software depend-  
2 encies; and

3 (D) is directly connected to the grid, the  
4 electric distribution system of a military instal-  
5 lation or entity of the defense industrial base,  
6 or connected to the grid through a transformer,  
7 and can be accessed or communicated with via  
8 power line or other communication, or that can  
9 be physically accessed.

10 (4) FOREIGN ADVERSARY.—The term “foreign  
11 adversary” has the meaning given the term “covered  
12 nation” in section 4872(f) of title 10, United States  
13 Code.

14 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
15 the Secretary of Defense.



1 **DIVISION C—DEPARTMENT OF**  
2 **ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**  
3 **AUTHORIZATIONS AND**  
4 **OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**  
5 **TITLE XXXI—DEPARTMENT OF**  
6 **ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY**  
7 **PROGRAMS**  
8 **Subtitle A—National Security**  
9 **Programs and Authorizations**

10 **SEC. 3101. NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRA-**  
11 **TION.**

12 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds  
13 are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Depart-  
14 ment of Energy for fiscal year 2027 for the activities of  
15 the National Nuclear Security Administration in carrying  
16 out programs as specified in the funding table in section  
17 4701.

18 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF NEW PLANT PROJECTS.—  
19 From funds referred to in subsection (a) that are available  
20 for carrying out plant projects, the Secretary of Energy  
21 may carry out new plant projects for the National Nuclear  
22 Security Administration as follows:

23 Project 27-D-512 Plutonium Engineering Support  
24 Building, Los Alamos National Laboratory, \$88,700,000.

1 **SEC. 3102. DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP.**

2 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to  
3 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2027 for defense  
4 environmental cleanup activities in carrying out programs  
5 as specified in the funding table in section 4701.

6 **SEC. 3103. OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES.**

7 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to  
8 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2027 for other  
9 defense activities in carrying out programs as specified in  
10 the funding table in section 4701.

11 **SEC. 3104. NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

12 Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to  
13 the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2027 for nuclear  
14 energy as specified in the funding table in section 4701.

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

18 **SEC. 3111. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITIES TO ADMINIS-**  
19 **TRATOR FOR NUCLEAR SECURITY.**

20 The Secretary of Energy shall delegate to the Admin-  
21 istrator for Nuclear Security the approval authority under  
22 DOE Order 413.3B with respect to the evaluation and ap-  
23 proval for projects of the National Nuclear Security Ad-  
24 ministration.

1 **SEC. 3112. PROTECTION OF OFFICE OF SECURE TRANSPOR-**  
 2 **TATION VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FROM**  
 3 **UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.**

4 Section 6227 of title 10, United States Code, is  
 5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “or asset” and  
 7 inserting “, asset, or equipment”; and

8 (2) in subsection (e)(1)—

9 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph  
 10 (A), by striking “or asset” each place it appears  
 11 and inserting “, asset, or equipment”; and

12 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or  
 13 uses” and inserting, “, uses, or transports”.

14 **SEC. 3113. AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC-PRI-**  
 15 **VATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR NUCLEAR EF-**  
 16 **FECTS TESTING.**

17 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Administrator for Nu-  
 18 clear Security, in coordination with the Secretary of De-  
 19 fense, may establish one or more public-private partner-  
 20 ships to provide nuclear effects testing capabilities in sup-  
 21 port of the mission requirements of the National Nuclear  
 22 Security Administration and the Department of Defense.

23 (b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the public-private  
 24 partnership authorized under subsection (a) is—

25 (1) to expand the availability and throughput of  
 26 nuclear effects testing capabilities, including the use

1 of pulsed power, radiation, and high-energy plasma  
2 physics to generate radiation environments relevant  
3 to modern threat systems;

4 (2) to reduce cost, schedule, and technical risk  
5 associated with developing and sustaining advanced  
6 nuclear effects testing infrastructure;

7 (3) to enable milestone-based development and  
8 demonstration of capabilities aligned with require-  
9 ments of the Department of Defense and the Na-  
10 tional Nuclear Security Administration; and

11 (4) to complement, rather than replace, existing  
12 Federal Government-owned and Federal Govern-  
13 ment-operated nuclear effects testing facilities.

14 (c) PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE.—A public-private  
15 partnership established under this section shall include—

16 (1) commercially owned and operated entities  
17 that have operational hardware with validated data  
18 that meet the needs of threat environments and can  
19 support the nuclear, conventional, missile defense,  
20 space, and nuclear command, control, and commu-  
21 nications missions of the Department of Defense;

22 (2) milestone-based agreements, cooperative re-  
23 search and development agreements, leases, service-  
24 based arrangements, or other appropriate contrac-  
25 tual mechanisms;

1           (3) cost-sharing arrangements that leverage pri-  
2       vate capital investment alongside Federal funding;  
3       and

4           (4) provisions for Federal Government access to  
5       testing capabilities, data, diagnostics, and results  
6       necessary to meet mission requirements.

7       (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180  
8       days after the establishment of a public-private partner-  
9       ship under this section, the Administrator for Nuclear Se-  
10      curity, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall  
11      submit to the congressional defense committees a report  
12      that includes—

13           (1) a description of the partnership structure  
14      and selected contractual mechanisms;

15           (2) an assessment of how the partnership sup-  
16      ports nuclear effects testing requirements of the Na-  
17      tional Nuclear Security Administration and the De-  
18      partment of Defense;

19           (3) a summary of anticipated cost, schedule,  
20      and risk reduction benefits relative to traditional  
21      Federal Government-only approaches;

22           (4) a description of safeguards implemented to  
23      protect safety, security, and sensitive information;

24           (5) an assessment of intellectual property and  
25      data rights considerations associated with the part-

1       nership, including anticipated data rights, Federal  
2       Government purpose rights, or access provisions re-  
3       quired to enable reuse, validation, or replication of  
4       testing results, and any legal, policy, or regulatory  
5       challenges related to data ownership or use; and

6               (6) any recommendations for additional au-  
7       thorities needed to expand or sustain such partner-  
8       ships.

9   **SEC. 3114. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**  
10                   **ING SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON RESTORA-**  
11                   **TION OF A DOMESTIC URANIUM ENRICH-**  
12                   **MENT CAPABILITY.**

13       Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this  
14   Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2027 for  
15   Federal Salaries and Expenses and available to the Na-  
16   tional Nuclear Security Administration for travel pur-  
17   poses, not more than 80 percent may be obligated or ex-  
18   pended until the Administrator for Nuclear Security sub-  
19   mits the report required by section 3123 of the National  
20   Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public  
21   Law 118–159; 138 Stat. 2301).

1 **SEC. 3115. BRIEFING ON ACTIVITIES BY THE DIRECTOR**  
2 **FOR COST ESTIMATING AND PROGRAM EVAL-**  
3 **UATION.**

4 Section 3221(g) of the National Nuclear Security Ad-  
5 ministration Act (50 U.S.C. 2411) is amended in the mat-  
6 ter preceding paragraph (1)—

7 (1) by striking “submit to Congress” and in-  
8 serting “brief the congressional defense commit-  
9 tees”; and

10 (2) by striking “of fiscal years 2015 through  
11 2018, a report that includes” and inserting “fiscal  
12 year through 2031, activities including”.

13 **SEC. 3116. MODIFICATION TO SELECTED ACQUISITION RE-**  
14 **PORTS REQUIREMENT.**

15 Section 6125(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code,  
16 is amended by striking “At the end of the first quarter  
17 of each fiscal year,” and inserting “Not later than 30 days  
18 after the date on which the President submits to Congress  
19 the budget of the President for a fiscal year pursuant to  
20 section 1105 of title 31, United States Code,”.

21 **SEC. 3117. MODIFICATION TO THE PROGRAM FOR ACCEL-**  
22 **ERATION OF REPLACEMENT OF CESIUM**  
23 **BLOOD IRRADIATION SOURCES.**

24 Section 6156(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code,  
25 is amended by striking “50 percent of the” and inserting  
26 “the full”.

1 **SEC. 3118. BRIEFINGS ON NUCLEAR-RELATED AUTONO-**  
2 **MOUS OR REMOTELY-PILOTED AIRCRAFT IN-**  
3 **CURSIONS.**

4 (a) BRIEFINGS.—Beginning not later than Sep-  
5 tember 1, 2026, and occurring not less than once every  
6 90 days thereafter, the Administrator for Nuclear Secu-  
7 rity, in coordination with the Vice Chairman of the Joint  
8 Chiefs of Staff and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for  
9 Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical and Biological Defense Pol-  
10 icy and Programs, shall brief the congressional defense  
11 committees on all instances occurring over the previous  
12 calendar year of remotely-piloted or autonomous system  
13 incursions into secured areas or airspace in or around—

14 (1) facilities, installations, or transportation  
15 equipment owned by the National Nuclear Security  
16 Administration;

17 (2) facilities, installations, or transportation  
18 equipment leased by or operated pursuant to con-  
19 tracts with the National Nuclear Security Adminis-  
20 tration;

21 (3) facilities or installations owned by the De-  
22 partment of Defense that support operational mis-  
23 sions assigned to United States Strategic Command;

24 (4) facilities or installations leased by, or oper-  
25 ated pursuant to contracts with, the Department of



1 Defense that support operational missions assigned  
2 to United States Strategic Command; and

3 (5) facilities or installations leased by, or oper-  
4 ated pursuant to contracts with, the Department of  
5 Defense that support military department programs  
6 or activities conducted as part or in support of nu-  
7 clear force operations, nuclear force program  
8 sustainment activities, or nuclear force moderniza-  
9 tion programs.

10 (b) SUBSTITUTION.—Completion of the annual and  
11 semiannual reporting requirements of the Secretary of De-  
12 fense described in subsections (h) and (i) of section 130i  
13 of Title 10, United States Code, may be used to fulfill  
14 any two of the briefings required by paragraphs (3), (4),  
15 or (5) of subsection (a) in any calendar year.

16 (c) TERMINATION.—The briefing requirement de-  
17 scribed by subsection (a) shall terminate on August 31,  
18 2031.

19 **SEC. 3119. CONCEPTUAL AND CONSTRUCTION DESIGN.**

20 Section 6277(b) of title 10, United States Code, is  
21 amended by striking “\$5,000,000” each place it appears  
22 and inserting “\$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 dollars”.

1 **SEC. 3120. ANNUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOPS AND NUCLEAR**  
2 **SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEWS.**

3 Section 3173(a) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
4 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (42 U.S.C. 2065(a)) is  
5 amended by striking paragraph(4).

6 **SEC. 3121. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS UNTIL CERTAIN**  
7 **CRITERIA ARE MET.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-  
9 propriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fis-  
10 cal year 2027 for Federal Salaries and Expenses and  
11 available to the Office of the Administrator for Nuclear  
12 Security for travel purposes, not more than—

13 (1) 50 percent may be obligated or expended  
14 until the date on which the Administrator notifies  
15 the congressional defense committees that site selec-  
16 tion has been completed and site preparation has  
17 commenced for covered projects;

18 (2) 80 percent may be obligated or expended  
19 until the date on which the Administrator notifies  
20 the congressional defense committees that initial  
21 long-lead component, equipment, and commodity re-  
22 quirements have been identified for covered projects;  
23 and

24 (3) 90 percent may be obligated or expended  
25 until the date on which the Administrator notifies  
26 the congressional defense committees that orders for

1 not less than 25 percent of the value of the items  
 2 described in paragraph (2) have been submitted to  
 3 vendors for covered projects.

4 (b) COVERED PROJECTS.—In this section, the term  
 5 “covered project” means—

6 (1) 21-D-510, the High Explosive Synthesis  
 7 Formulation and Production Facility, Pantex Plant,  
 8 Amarillo, Texas; and

9 (2) 18-D-650 Tritium Finishing Facility, Sa-  
 10 vannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.

11 **SEC. 3122. CONTINUATION OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECU-**  
 12 **RITY ADMINISTRATION PAY AND PERFORM-**  
 13 **ANCE SYSTEM.**

14 Section 3116(a)(1) of the National Defense Author-  
 15 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 50  
 16 U.S.C. 2441 note prec.) is amended by striking “, until”  
 17 and all that follows through “this Act”.

18 **Subtitle C—Other Matters**  
 19 **TITLE XXXII—DEFENSE NU-**  
 20 **CLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY**  
 21 **BOARD**

22 **SEC. 3201. AUTHORIZATION.**

23 There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal  
 24 year 2027, \$45,000,000 for the operation of the Defense

1 Nuclear Facilities Safety Board under chapter 21 of the  
2 Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286 et seq.).

### 3 **DIVISION D—FUNDING TABLES**

#### 4 **SEC. 4001. AUTHORIZATION OF AMOUNTS IN FUNDING TA-** 5 **BLES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Whenever a funding table in this  
7 division specifies a dollar amount authorized for a project,  
8 program, or activity, the obligation and expenditure of the  
9 specified dollar amount for the project, program, or activ-  
10 ity is hereby authorized, subject to the availability of ap-  
11 propriations.

12 (b) MERIT-BASED DECISIONS.—A decision to com-  
13 mit, obligate, or expend funds with or to a specific entity  
14 on the basis of a dollar amount authorized pursuant to  
15 subsection (a) shall—

16 (1) be based on merit-based selection proce-  
17 dures in accordance with the requirements of sec-  
18 tions 3201 and 4024 of title 10, United States Code,  
19 or on competitive procedures; and

20 (2) comply with other applicable provisions of  
21 law.

22 (c) RELATIONSHIP TO TRANSFER AND PROGRAM-  
23 MING AUTHORITY.—An amount specified in the funding  
24 tables in this division may be transferred or repro-  
25 grammed under a transfer or reprogramming authority

1 provided by another provision of this Act or by other law.  
 2 The transfer or reprogramming of an amount specified in  
 3 such funding tables shall not count against a ceiling on  
 4 such transfers or reprogrammings under section 1001 of  
 5 this Act or any other provision of law, unless such transfer  
 6 or reprogramming would move funds between appropria-  
 7 tion accounts.

8 (d) **APPLICABILITY TO CLASSIFIED ANNEX.**—This  
 9 section applies to any classified annex that accompanies  
 10 this Act.

11 (e) **ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.**—No oral  
 12 or written communication concerning any amount speci-  
 13 fied in the funding tables in this division shall supersede  
 14 the requirements of this section.

## 15 **TITLE XLI—PROCUREMENT**

### 16 **SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT.**

<b>SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT</b> (In Thousands of Dollars)			
<b>Line</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>FY 2027 Request</b>	<b>Senate Authorized</b>
<b>AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b>			
<b>FIXED WING</b>			
3	SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS .....	291,472	291,472
4	UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS) .....	52,398	52,398
5	HADES PLATFORM, PAYLOADS/PED, AND INTEGRATION .....	227,569	227,569
<b>ROTARY</b>			
7	AH-64 APACHE BLOCK IIIA REMAN .....	1,552	1,552
9	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT FAMILY OF SYSTEMS .....	127,217	0
	Realignment to Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for operational test aircraft		[-127,217]
10	UH-60 BLACKHAWK M MODEL (MYP) .....	39,257	39,257
12	CH-47 HELICOPTER .....	210,645	210,645
<b>MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT</b>			
15	MQ-1 PAYLOAD .....	53,190	53,190
16	GRAY EAGLE MODS2 .....	2,556	2,556
17	AH-64 MODS .....	251,645	251,645
18	SCALABLE CONTROL INTERFACE (SCI) .....	2,061	2,061
19	CH-47 CARGO HELICOPTER MODS (MYP) .....	108,408	108,408
20	UTILITY HELICOPTER MODS .....	120,013	120,013
21	NETWORK AND MISSION PLAN .....	29,235	29,235
22	COMMS, NAV SURVEILLANCE .....	14,384	14,384
24	AVIATION ASSURED PNT .....	55,055	55,055
<b>GROUND SUPPORT AVIONICS</b>			
27	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY EQUIPMENT .....	125,050	125,050
28	CMWS .....	21,511	21,511
29	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCUM) .....	140,636	140,636
<b>OTHER SUPPORT</b>			
30	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT .....	29,778	29,778

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Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
31	AIRCREW INTEGRATED SYSTEMS .....	15,229	15,229
32	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL .....	11,044	11,044
33	LAUNCHER, 2.75 ROCKET .....	3,864	3,864
	<b>TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b> .....	<b>1,933,769</b>	<b>1,806,552</b>
	<b>MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b>		
	<b>SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM</b>		
1	LOWER TIER AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AMD) SEN .....	2,036,358	2,036,358
2	TERMINAL HIGH ALTITUDE AREA DEFENSE (THAAD) .....	907,162	733,424
	Realignment to Operation and Maintenance .....		[-173,738]
3	M-SHORAD—PROCUREMENT .....	712,690	712,690
4	MSE MISSILE .....	1,297,528	1,297,528
5	PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE (PRSM) .....	1,226,526	1,226,526
6	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2-I .....	1,626,004	1,626,004
7	MID-RANGE CAPABILITY (MRC) .....	370,351	370,351
	<b>AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE SYSTEM</b>		
9	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MSLS (JAGM) .....	104,059	104,059
11	LONG-RANGE HYPERSONIC WEAPON .....	301,777	301,777
	<b>ANTI-TANK/ASSAULT MISSILE SYS</b>		
12	JAVELIN (AAWS-M) SYSTEM SUMMARY .....	417,031	417,031
14	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS) .....	1,014,937	1,014,937
15	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS) .....	49,106	49,106
16	MLRS REDUCED RANGE PRACTICE ROCKETS (RRPR) .....	7,412	7,412
17	HIGH MOBILITY ARTILLERY ROCKET SYSTEM (HIMARS) .....	745,682	745,682
20	FAMILY OF LOW ALTITUDE UNMANNED SYSTEMS .....	139,191	139,191
	<b>MODIFICATIONS</b>		
21	PATRIOT MODS .....	796,837	796,837
22	STINGER MODS .....	10,786	10,786
23	AVENGER MODS .....	6,823	6,823
24	MLRS MODS .....	289,496	289,496
25	HIMARS MODIFICATIONS .....	54,363	54,363
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
26	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	6,698	6,698
	<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT &amp; FACILITIES</b>		
27	AIR DEFENSE TARGETS .....	9,613	9,613
	<b>TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b> .....	<b>12,130,430</b>	<b>11,956,692</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT OF W&amp;TCV, ARMY</b>		
	<b>TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES</b>		
1	ARMORED MULTI PURPOSE VEHICLE (AMPV) .....	1,150,759	1,150,759
3	ASSAULT BREACHER VEHICLE (ABV) .....	17,807	17,807
5	XM30 MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLE (MICV) .....	546,990	546,990
	<b>MODIFICATION OF TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES</b>		
7	STRYKER UPGRADE .....	45,725	45,725
8	BRADLEY FIRE SUPPORT TEAM (BFIST) VEHICLE .....	4,863	4,863
9	BRADLEY PROGRAM (MOD) .....	161,979	161,979
10	M109 FOV MODIFICATIONS .....	74,070	74,070
11	PALADIN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT (PIM) .....	84,193	84,193
12	IMPROVED RECOVERY VEHICLE (M88 HERCULES) .....	106,036	106,036
13	JOINT ASSAULT BRIDGE .....	163,354	163,354
14	ABRAMS UPGRADE PROGRAM .....	654,969	654,969
15	VEHICLE PROTECTION SYSTEMS (VPS) .....	16,134	16,134
	<b>WEAPONS &amp; OTHER COMBAT VEHICLES</b>		
19	MORTAR SYSTEMS .....	3,575	3,575
20	LOCATION & AZIMUTH DETERMINATION SYSTEM (LADS) .....	10,420	10,420
24	NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON .....	372,641	372,641
	<b>MOD OF WEAPONS AND OTHER COMBAT VEH</b>		
28	M777 MODS .....	1,569	1,569
30	M119 MODIFICATIONS .....	4,453	4,453
	<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT &amp; FACILITIES</b>		
31	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5.0M (WOCV-WTCV) .....	512	512
32	PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT (WOCV-WTCV) .....	308,110	308,110
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF W&amp;TCV, ARMY</b> .....	<b>3,728,159</b>	<b>3,728,159</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY</b>		
	<b>SMALL/MEDIUM CAL AMMUNITION</b>		
1	CTG, 5.56MM, ALL TYPES .....	114,418	134,418
	5.56 Munition Procurement .....		[20,000]
2	CTG, 7.62MM, ALL TYPES .....	41,356	91,356
	7.62 Munition Procurement .....		[50,000]
3	NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON AMMUNITION .....	536,695	536,695
4	CTG, HANDGUN, ALL TYPES .....	6,719	8,719
	9mm Munition Procurement .....		[2,000]
5	CTG, .50 CAL, ALL TYPES .....	50,861	70,861
	.50 cal Munition Procurement .....		[20,000]
6	CTG, 20MM, ALL TYPES .....	9,427	9,427
7	CTG, 25MM, ALL TYPES .....	34,038	34,038
8	CTG, 30MM, ALL TYPES .....	164,116	164,116

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9	CTG, 40MM, ALL TYPES .....	146,105	146,105
10	CTG, 50MM, ALL TYPES .....	58,221	58,221
	<b>MORTAR AMMUNITION</b>		
11	60MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES .....	67,727	67,727
12	81MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES .....	123,745	123,745
13	120MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES .....	192,826	192,826
	<b>TANK AMMUNITION</b>		
14	CARTRIDGES, TANK, 105MM AND 120MM, ALL TYPES .....	421,735	421,735
	<b>ARTILLERY AMMUNITION</b>		
15	ARTILLERY CARTRIDGES, 75MM & 105MM, ALL TYPES .....	48,841	48,841
16	ARTILLERY PROJECTILE, 155MM, ALL TYPES .....	120,703	205,703
	155mm Projectile Procurement .....		[50,000]
	Advanced manufacturing propulsion facility .....		[35,000]
18	ARTILLERY PROPELLANTS, FUZES AND PRIMERS, ALL .....	431,328	431,328
	<b>MINES</b>		
19	MINES & CLEARING CHARGES, ALL TYPES .....	47,012	47,012
21	MINE, AT, VOLCANO, ALL TYPES .....	4,026	4,026
	<b>ROCKETS</b>		
22	SHOULDER LAUNCHED MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES .....	50,235	50,235
23	ROCKET, HYDRA 70, ALL TYPES .....	92,772	92,772
	<b>OTHER AMMUNITION</b>		
24	CAD/PAD, ALL TYPES .....	11,615	11,615
25	DEMOLITION MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES .....	21,691	21,691
26	GRENADES, ALL TYPES .....	66,845	66,845
27	SIGNALS, ALL TYPES .....	44,927	44,927
28	SIMULATORS, ALL TYPES .....	11,508	11,508
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
30	AMMO COMPONENTS, ALL TYPES .....	4,109	4,109
31	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION (AMMO) .....	16,290	16,290
32	AMMUNITION PECULIAR EQUIPMENT .....	14,007	14,007
33	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION (AMMO) .....	18,712	18,712
34	CLOSEOUT LIABILITIES .....	101	101
	<b>PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT</b>		
35	INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES .....	2,331,763	2,406,763
	Industrial Facilities Modernization .....		[75,000]
36	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS DEMILITARIZATION .....	161,179	161,179
37	ARMS INITIATIVE .....	3,935	3,935
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY</b> .....	<b>5,469,588</b>	<b>5,721,588</b>
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b>		
	<b>TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>		
1	FAMILY OF SEMITRAILERS .....	129,602	129,602
2	HI MOB MULTI-PURP WHLD VEH (HMMWV) .....	0	60,000
	Modernization over 350 HMMWVs for the Army Reserves .....		[60,000]
3	GROUND MOBILITY VEHICLES (GMV) .....	526,796	526,796
4	ARNG HMMWV MODERNIZATION PROGRAM .....	0	140,000
	Modernization over 750 HMMWVs for the Army National Guard .....		[140,000]
6	TRUCK, DUMP, 20T (CCE) .....	17,030	52,030
	M917A3 Heavy Dump Truck procurement .....		[35,000]
7	FAMILY OF MEDIUM TACTICAL VEH (FMTV) .....	283,344	283,344
8	FAMILY OF COLD WEATHER ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (C .....	38,294	38,294
9	FIRETRUCKS & ASSOCIATED FIREFIGHTING EQUIP .....	40,203	40,203
10	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES (FHTV) .....	169,404	169,404
11	FAMILY OF COMMON TACTICAL TRUCKS .....	80,187	80,187
13	MODIFICATION OF IN SVC EQUIP .....	28,583	28,583
	<b>NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>		
14	NONTACTICAL VEHICLES, OTHER .....	12,029	12,029
	<b>COMM—JOINT COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
16	C2 INFRASTRUCTURE .....	1,293,203	1,293,203
17	C2 TRANSPORT .....	1,581,863	1,581,863
18	JCSE EQUIPMENT (USRDECOM) .....	39	39
	<b>COMM—SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
21	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE WIDEBAND SATCOM SYSTEMS .....	73,959	73,959
22	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING .....	243,303	243,303
	<b>COMM—COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
25	HANDHELD MANPACK SMALL FORM FIT (HMS) .....	516,045	516,045
26	ARMY LINK 16 SYSTEMS .....	33,711	33,711
27	UNIFIED COMMAND SUITE .....	20,187	20,187
28	COTS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT .....	5,188	5,188
30	ARMY COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS .....	54,428	54,428
	<b>COMM—INTELLIGENCE COMM</b>		
31	CI AUTOMATION ARCHITECTURE-INTEL .....	16,382	16,382
32	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE .....	243,732	243,732
	<b>INFORMATION SECURITY</b>		
33	INFORMATION SYSTEM SECURITY PROGRAM-ISSP .....	853	853
34	COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC) .....	145,507	145,507
35	BIOMETRIC ENABLING CAPABILITY (BEC) .....	65	65
	<b>COMM—BASE COMMUNICATIONS</b>		

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36	INFORMATION SYSTEMS .....	133,046	133,046
37	BASE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION .....	50,644	50,644
38	INSTALLATION INFO INFRASTRUCTURE MOD PROGRAM .....	335,050	335,050
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—TACT INT REL ACT (TIARA)</b>		
42	TITAN .....	368,672	287,162
	Realignment to Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation .....		[-81,510]
43	TERRESTRIAL LAYER SYSTEMS (TLS) .....	172,558	172,558
44	COLLECTION CAPABILITY .....	5,914	5,914
46	DCGS-A-INTEL .....	1,075	1,075
47	TROJAN .....	48,885	48,885
48	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIP (INTEL SPT) .....	12,441	12,441
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)</b>		
50	AIR VIGILANCE (AV) .....	106,497	106,497
52	ELECTRONIC WARFARE PLANNING & MGMT TOOLS (EWP) .....	46,570	46,570
53	FAMILY OF PERSISTENT SURVEILLANCE CAP. ....	163	163
54	COUNTERINTELLIGENCE/SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES .....	8,427	8,427
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL SURV. (TAC SURV)</b>		
56	SENTINEL MODS .....	485,840	485,840
59	BASE EXPEDITIARY TARGETING AND SURV SYS .....	1,818	1,818
60	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION FAMILY OF SYSTEMS .....	18,000	18,000
61	FAMILY OF WEAPON SIGHTS (FWS) .....	15,340	15,340
62	ENHANCED PORTABLE INDUCTIVE ARTILLERY FUZE SE .....	13,228	13,228
63	SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS .....	9,848	9,848
64	FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED (IFLIR) .....	84,134	84,134
65	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM (C-SUAS) .....	994,127	994,127
67	JOINT EFFECTS TARGETING SYSTEM (JETS) .....	7,663	7,663
68	COMPUTER BALLISTICS: LHMCB XM32 .....	6,382	6,382
69	MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM .....	2,391	2,391
70	MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS MODIFICATIONS .....	7,139	7,139
71	COUNTERFIRE RADARS .....	196,522	196,522
72	ADVANCED SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SYSTEMS .....	397,286	397,286
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL C2 SYSTEMS</b>		
74	FIRE SUPPORT C2 FAMILY .....	3,559	3,559
75	AIR & MSL DEFENSE PLANNING & CONTROL SYS .....	61,127	61,127
76	IAMD BATTLE COMMAND SYSTEM .....	1,052,868	1,052,868
77	AIAMD FAMILY OF SYSTEMS (FOS) COMPONENTS .....	16,446	16,446
78	LIFE CYCLE SOFTWARE SUPPORT (LCSS) .....	5,265	5,265
82	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (ENFIRE) .....	16,673	16,673
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—AUTOMATION</b>		
83	ARMY TRAINING MODERNIZATION .....	4,303	4,303
84	AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING EQUIP .....	99,039	99,039
86	HIGH PERF COMPUTING MOD PGM (HPCMP) .....	75,004	75,004
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	1,577	1,577
	<b>CHEMICAL DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT</b>		
88	BASE DEFENSE SYSTEMS (BDS) .....	143	143
89	CBRN DEFENSE .....	65,020	65,020
	<b>BRIDGING EQUIPMENT</b>		
90	TACTICAL BRIDGE, FLOAT-RIBBON .....	35,806	35,806
	<b>ENGINEER (NON-CONSTRUCTION) EQUIPMENT</b>		
92	ROBOTICS AND APPLIQUE SYSTEMS .....	84,303	84,303
93	RENDER SAFE SETS KITS OUTFITS .....	12,461	12,461
94	FAMILY OF BOATS AND MOTORS .....	8,028	8,028
	<b>COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
95	HEATERS AND ECU'S .....	15,021	15,021
97	GROUND SOLDIER SYSTEM .....	193,491	193,491
101	CARGO AERIAL DEL & PERSONNEL PARACHUTE SYSTEM .....	39,505	39,505
103	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5M (ENG SPT) .....	4,129	4,129
	<b>PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT</b>		
104	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, PETROLEUM & WATER .....	133,881	133,881
	<b>MEDICAL EQUIPMENT</b>		
105	COMBAT SUPPORT MEDICAL .....	93,705	93,705
	<b>MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT</b>		
106	MOBILE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS .....	58,997	58,997
	<b>CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT</b>		
107	CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT .....	72,582	72,582
	<b>RAIL FLOAT CONTAINERIZATION EQUIPMENT</b>		
108	ARMY WATERCRAFT ESP .....	75,717	75,717
109	MANEUVER SUPPORT VESSEL (MSV) .....	104,705	104,705
110	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5.0M (FLOAT/RAIL) .....	22,021	22,021
	<b>GENERATORS</b>		
111	GENERATORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIP .....	79,456	79,456
	<b>MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT</b>		
112	FAMILY OF FORKLIFTS .....	6,238	21,238
	Crane procurement .....		[15,000]
	<b>TRAINING EQUIPMENT</b>		
113	COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS SUPPORT .....	141,848	141,848
114	TRAINING DEVICES, NONSYSTEM .....	140,860	140,860



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115	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (STE) .....	115,535	115,535
116	GAMING TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF ARMY TRAINING .....	4,180	4,180
	<b>TEST MEASURE AND DIG EQUIPMENT (TMD)</b>		
117	INTEGRATED FAMILY OF TEST EQUIPMENT (IFTE) .....	18,570	18,570
118	TEST EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION (TEMOD) .....	53,597	53,597
	<b>OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
119	PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (OPA3) .....	137,271	137,271
120	BASE LEVEL COMMON EQUIPMENT .....	19,889	19,889
121	MODIFICATION OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (OPA-3) .....	41,358	41,358
122	PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT (OTH) .....	362,356	362,356
123	BUILDING, PRE-FAB, RELOCATABLE .....	10,878	10,878
124	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR TEST AND EVALUATION .....	88,721	88,721
	<b>OPA2</b>		
126	INITIAL SPARES—C&E .....	7,323	7,323
	<b>TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b> .....	<b>12,667,053</b>	<b>12,835,543</b>
	<b>AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>		
	<b>COMBAT AIRCRAFT</b>		
1	F/A-18E/F (FIGHTER) HORNET .....	49,088	97,088
	F/A-18 IRST capability .....		[48,000]
2	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV .....	995,707	995,707
3	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV .....	651,081	651,081
4	JSF STOVL .....	62,363	62,363
5	JSF STOVL .....	77,963	77,963
6	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT) .....	3,044,450	3,044,450
7	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT) .....	429,295	429,295
9	H-1 UPGRADES (UH-1Y/AH-1Z) .....	5,974	5,974
10	P-8A POSEIDON .....	4,227,350	4,099,721
	Early to need .....		[-127,629]
11	E-2D ADV HAWKEYE .....	2,075,025	2,075,025
12	E-2D ADV HAWKEYE .....	550,000	550,000
	<b>OTHER AIRCRAFT</b>		
15	KC-130J .....	1,601,906	1,601,906
16	MQ-4 TRITON .....	104,326	104,326
17	MQ-25 .....	771,177	771,177
18	MQ-25 .....	80,965	80,965
19	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS .....	118,600	118,600
20	OTHER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT .....	204,476	204,476
	<b>MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT</b>		
21	F-18 A-D UNIQUE .....	36,951	36,951
22	F-18E/F AND EA-18G MODERNIZATION AND SUSTAINM .....	563,832	563,832
23	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS SERIES .....	179,603	179,603
24	AEA SYSTEMS .....	37,125	37,125
26	INFRARED SEARCH AND TRACK (IRST) .....	171,345	171,345
27	ADVERSARY .....	24,732	24,732
28	F-18 SERIES .....	858,716	858,716
29	H-53 SERIES .....	91,903	91,903
30	MH-60 SERIES .....	236,555	236,555
31	H-1 SERIES .....	304,267	304,267
32	E-2 SERIES .....	96,428	96,428
33	TRAINER A/C SERIES .....	12,359	12,359
34	C-130 SERIES .....	185,266	185,266
36	CARGO/TRANSPORT A/C SERIES .....	20,100	20,100
37	E-6 SERIES .....	270,832	270,832
38	EXECUTIVE HELICOPTERS SERIES .....	57,319	57,319
39	T-45 SERIES .....	191,139	191,139
40	POWER PLANT CHANGES .....	23,765	23,765
41	JPATS SERIES .....	28,059	28,059
43	COMMON ECM EQUIPMENT .....	365,990	365,990
44	COMMON AVIONICS CHANGES .....	246,728	246,728
45	COMMON DEFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEM .....	11,028	11,028
46	ID SYSTEMS .....	3,199	3,199
47	P-8 SERIES .....	381,014	381,014
48	MAGTF EW FOR AVIATION .....	20,686	20,686
49	V-22 (TILT/ROTOR ACFT) OSPREY .....	641,715	641,715
50	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) .....	458,658	458,658
51	F-35 STOVL SERIES .....	428,881	428,881
52	F-35 CV SERIES .....	135,612	135,612
53	QRC .....	27,686	27,686
54	MQ-4 SERIES .....	157,849	157,849
	<b>AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
58	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	4,511,417	4,511,417
	<b>AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIP &amp; FACILITIES</b>		
59	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT .....	666,140	666,140
60	AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES .....	113,513	113,513
61	WAR CONSUMABLES .....	56,577	56,577
62	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES .....	61,970	61,970
63	SPECIAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	218,318	218,318

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	<b>TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>	<b>26,947,023</b>	<b>26,867,394</b>
	<b>WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>		
	<b>MODIFICATION OF MISSILES</b>		
1	CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE	750,387	375,193
	CPS six missiles		[-375,194]
2	TRIDENT II MODS	3,912,267	3,912,267
	<b>STRATEGIC MISSILES</b>		
4	TOMAHAWK	1,015,106	1,015,106
	<b>TACTICAL MISSILES</b>		
5	AMRAAM	167,439	167,439
6	SIDEWINDER	174,750	174,750
7	JOINT ADVANCE TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM)	557,806	557,806
8	STANDARD MISSILE	733,159	833,159
	SM-6 solid rocket motor second sourcing		[100,000]
10	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II	166,688	166,688
11	RAM	119,166	119,166
12	MSE MISSILE	97,835	97,835
13	JOINT AIR GROUND MISSILE (JAGM)	73,226	73,226
15	AERIAL TARGETS	179,931	179,931
16	OTHER MISSILE SUPPORT	3,877	3,877
17	LRASM	670,456	670,456
18	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	75,972	75,972
19	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM)	2,103	2,103
21	PRECISION ATTACK STRIKE MUNITION (PASM)	4,019	4,019
	<b>MODIFICATION OF MISSILES</b>		
22	TOMAHAWK MODS	799,139	799,139
23	ESSM	521,006	521,006
24	AARGM-ER	20	20
25	AARGM-ER	5,210	5,210
26	STANDARD MISSILES MODS	69,579	69,579
	<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT &amp; FACILITIES</b>		
27	WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES	62,403	62,403
28	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS	640	640
	<b>ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
29	ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	43,261	43,261
	<b>TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP</b>		
30	SSTD	3,969	3,969
31	MK-48 TORPEDO	571,274	571,274
32	ASW TARGETS	47,277	47,277
	<b>MOD OF TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP</b>		
33	MK-54 TORPEDO MODS	112,126	112,126
34	MK-48 TORPEDO ADCAP MODS	67,279	67,279
35	MARITIME MINES	251,724	251,724
	<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
36	TORPEDO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	160,445	160,445
37	ASW RANGE SUPPORT	4,438	4,438
	<b>DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION</b>		
38	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION	6,011	6,011
	<b>GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS</b>		
39	SMALL ARMS AND WEAPONS	13,946	13,946
	<b>MODIFICATION OF GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS</b>		
40	CIWS MODS	7,939	7,939
41	COAST GUARD WEAPONS	49,537	49,537
42	GUN MOUNT MODS	84,004	84,004
43	LCS MODULE WEAPONS	2,190	2,190
44	AIRBORNE MINE NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEMS	14,265	14,265
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
46	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS	167,242	167,242
	<b>TOTAL WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>	<b>11,769,111</b>	<b>11,493,917</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT OF AMMO, NAVY &amp; MC</b>		
	<b>NAVY AMMUNITION</b>		
1	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS	45,607	45,607
2	JDAM	96,935	96,935
3	AIRBORNE ROCKETS, ALL TYPES	92,145	92,145
4	MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION	14,832	14,832
5	PRACTICE BOMBS	46,782	46,782
6	CARTRIDGES & CART ACTUATED DEVICES	63,064	63,064
7	AIR EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES	121,059	121,059
8	JATOS	8,179	8,179
9	5 INCH/54 GUN AMMUNITION	44,136	44,136
10	INTERMEDIATE CALIBER GUN AMMUNITION	40,095	40,095
11	OTHER SHIP GUN AMMUNITION	43,106	43,106
12	SMALL ARMS & LANDING PARTY AMMO	48,801	48,801
13	PYROTECHNIC AND DEMOLITION	9,510	9,510
15	AMMUNITION LESS THAN \$5 MILLION	1,692	1,692
16	EXPEDITIONARY LOITERING MUNITIONS	165,662	215,662

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	Increase expeditionary loitering munitions .....		[50,000]
	<b>MARINE CORPS AMMUNITION</b>		
17	MORTARS .....	181,464	181,464
18	DIRECT SUPPORT MUNITIONS .....	29,715	29,715
19	INFANTRY WEAPONS AMMUNITION .....	142,179	142,179
20	COMBAT SUPPORT MUNITIONS .....	12,510	12,510
21	AMMO MODERNIZATION .....	19,009	19,009
22	ARTILLERY MUNITIONS .....	723,278	723,278
23	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	8,837	8,837
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMO, NAVY &amp; MC</b> .....	<b>1,958,597</b>	<b>2,008,597</b>
	<b>SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY</b>		
	<b>FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SHIPS</b>		
1	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE .....	3,329,047	3,329,047
1	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE .....	6,904,785	6,904,785
2	COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE .....	4,763,342	4,763,342
	<b>OTHER WARSHIPS</b>		
3	CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM .....	641,907	641,907
4	CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM .....	1,940,566	1,940,566
5	CVN-81 .....	1,447,882	1,447,882
6	VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE .....	8,402,316	8,402,316
7	VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE .....	4,143,618	4,143,618
8	SURFACE SHIP INDUSTRIAL BASE .....	0	550,000
	DDG-51 wage commitment .....		[100,000]
	Surface combatant shipyard infrastructure and strategic sourcing .....		[450,000]
9	BBG(X) .....	1,000,000	0
	Advance procurement early to need .....		[-1,000,000]
10	CVN REFUELING OVERHAULS .....	4,418,902	2,018,902
	Incremental funding extended .....		[-2,400,000]
11	CVN REFUELING OVERHAULS .....	53,070	53,070
12	DDG 1000 .....	66,516	66,516
13	DDG-51 .....	2,954,238	5,454,238
	Second DDG-51 ship for FY27 .....		[2,500,000]
17	FF(X) .....	1,429,000	1,429,000
	<b>AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS</b>		
18	LPD FLIGHT II .....	2,188,700	2,188,700
19	LPD FLIGHT II .....	355,950	355,950
21	LHA REPLACEMENT .....	3,850,319	3,850,319
	<b>AUXILIARIES, CRAFT AND PRIOR YR PROGRAM COST</b>		
26	AS SUBMARINE TENDER .....	4,444,000	2,344,000
	Second ship early to need, unjustified savings .....		[-2,100,000]
28	TAO FLEET OILER .....	1,946,063	1,946,063
31	TAGOS SURTASS SHIPS .....	610,664	0
	Third ship early to need .....		[-610,664]
35	STRATEGIC SEALIFT .....	450,000	450,000
36	OUTFITTING .....	741,270	741,270
37	SHIP TO SHORE CONNECTOR .....	733,895	733,895
38	SERVICE CRAFT .....	177,079	177,079
39	AUXILIARY PERSONNEL LIGHTER .....	83,000	83,000
40	BULK FUEL VESSEL .....	450,000	450,000
43	LCAC SLEP .....	37,998	37,998
45	COMPLETION OF PY SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS .....	2,611,990	2,611,990
	<b>TOTAL SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY</b> .....	<b>60,176,117</b>	<b>57,115,453</b>
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>		
	<b>SHIP PROPULSION EQUIPMENT</b>		
1	SURFACE POWER EQUIPMENT .....	22,668	22,668
	<b>GENERATORS</b>		
2	SURFACE COMBATANT HM&E .....	103,871	103,871
	<b>NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT</b>		
3	OTHER NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT .....	83,510	83,510
	<b>OTHER SHIPBOARD EQUIPMENT</b>		
4	SUB PERISCOPE, IMAGING AND SUPT EQUIP PROG .....	344,885	344,885
5	DDG MOD .....	1,000,278	1,000,278
6	FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT .....	177,708	177,708
7	COMMAND AND CONTROL SWITCHBOARD .....	2,259	2,259
8	LHA/LHD MIDLIFE .....	131,315	131,315
9	LCC 19/20 EXTENDED SERVICE LIFE PROGRAM .....	766	766
10	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT .....	22,506	22,506
11	SUBMARINE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	330,951	330,951
12	VIRGINIA CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	83,297	83,297
13	LCS CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	15,815	15,815
14	SUBMARINE BATTERIES .....	26,211	26,211
15	LPD CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	213,723	213,723
16	DDG 1000 CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	58,284	58,284
17	STRATEGIC PLATFORM SUPPORT EQUIP .....	72,163	72,163
18	DSSP EQUIPMENT .....	7,440	7,440
19	SMALL UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLES .....	585	100,585

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	Increase small unmanned surface vessels .....		[100,000]
20	LCAC .....	22,515	22,515
21	UNDERWATER EOD EQUIPMENT .....	20,575	20,575
22	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	69,425	69,425
23	CHEMICAL WARFARE DETECTORS .....	2,425	2,425
	<b>REACTOR PLANT EQUIPMENT</b>		
24	SHIP MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION .....	2,737,140	2,737,140
25	REACTOR COMPONENTS .....	519,821	519,821
	<b>OCEAN ENGINEERING</b>		
26	DIVING AND SALVAGE EQUIPMENT .....	33,013	33,013
	<b>SMALL BOATS</b>		
27	MEDIUM UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLE (MUSVS) .....	121,130	121,130
28	STANDARD BOATS .....	97,746	97,746
	<b>PRODUCTION FACILITIES EQUIPMENT</b>		
29	OPERATING FORCES IPE .....	492,100	492,100
	<b>OTHER SHIP SUPPORT</b>		
30	LCS COMMON MISSION MODULES EQUIPMENT .....	30,565	30,565
31	LCS MCM MISSION MODULES .....	65,113	65,113
32	LCS SUW MISSION MODULES .....	1,719	1,719
33	LCS IN-SERVICE MODERNIZATION .....	315,272	315,272
34	SMALL & MEDIUM UUV .....	110,955	110,955
35	LARGE UUV .....	222,998	222,998
36	EXTRA LARGE UUV .....	135,802	135,802
	<b>LOGISTIC SUPPORT</b>		
37	LSD MIDLIFE & MODERNIZATION .....	240	240
	<b>SHIP SONARS</b>		
39	AN/SQQ-89 SURF ASW COMBAT SYSTEM .....	142,355	142,355
40	SSN ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT .....	454,161	454,161
	<b>ASW ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
42	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE SYSTEM .....	68,881	68,881
43	SSTD .....	14,857	14,857
44	FIXED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM .....	490,548	490,548
45	SURTASS .....	72,190	72,190
	<b>ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT</b>		
46	AN/SLQ-32 .....	653,483	653,483
	<b>RECONNAISSANCE EQUIPMENT</b>		
47	SHIPBOARD IW EXPLOIT .....	701,667	701,667
48	MARITIME BATTLESPACE AWARENESS .....	8,652	8,652
	<b>OTHER SHIP ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
49	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY .....	33,932	33,932
50	NAVAL TACTICAL COMMAND SUPPORT SYSTEM (NTCSS) .....	10,108	10,108
51	ATDLS .....	52,758	52,758
52	NAVY COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NCCS) .....	16,167	16,167
53	MINESWEEPING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT .....	14,879	14,879
54	NAVSTAR GPS RECEIVERS (SPACE) .....	43,097	43,097
55	AMERICAN FORCES RADIO AND TV SERVICE .....	289	289
	<b>AVIATION ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
56	ASHORE ATC EQUIPMENT .....	83,057	83,057
57	AFLOAT ATC EQUIPMENT .....	62,581	62,581
58	ID SYSTEMS .....	35,620	35,620
59	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEM ( .....	2,976	2,976
60	NAVAL MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS .....	54,487	54,487
	<b>OTHER SHORE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
62	TACTICAL/MOBILE C4I SYSTEMS .....	48,262	48,262
63	INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE (ISR) .....	11,824	11,824
64	CANES .....	493,046	493,046
65	RADIAC .....	38,000	38,000
66	CANES-INTELL .....	43,028	43,028
67	GPETE .....	31,462	31,462
68	MASF .....	5,822	5,822
69	INTEG COMBAT SYSTEM TEST FACILITY .....	6,454	6,454
70	EMI CONTROL INSTRUMENTATION .....	3,435	3,435
71	IN-SERVICE RADARS AND SENSORS .....	338,946	338,946
	<b>SHIPBOARD COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
72	BATTLE FORCE TACTICAL NETWORK .....	125,661	125,661
73	SHIPBOARD TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS .....	50,350	50,350
74	SHIP COMMUNICATIONS AUTOMATION .....	156,605	156,605
75	COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS UNDER \$5M .....	15,097	15,097
	<b>SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
76	SUBMARINE BROADCAST SUPPORT .....	173,069	173,069
77	SUBMARINE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT .....	88,071	88,071
	<b>SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
78	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS .....	57,961	57,961
79	NAVY MULTIBAND TERMINAL (NMT) .....	57,768	57,768
80	MOBILE ADVANCED EHF TERMINAL (MAT) .....	202,305	202,305
	<b>CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
82	INFO SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM (ISSP) .....	349,099	349,099
83	MIO INTEL EXPLOITATION TEAM .....	1,063	1,063

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	<b>CRYPTOLOGIC EQUIPMENT</b>		
84	CRYPTOLOGIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP .....	7,419	7,419
	<b>OTHER ELECTRONIC SUPPORT</b>		
91	COAST GUARD EQUIPMENT .....	67,106	67,106
	<b>DRUG INTERDICTION SUPPORT</b>		
92	OTHER DRUG INTERDICTION SUPPORT .....	57,568	57,568
	<b>SONOBUOYS</b>		
93	SONOBUOYS—ALL TYPES .....	300,151	400,151
	Sonobuoys—All Types Increase .....		[100,000]
	<b>AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
94	MINOTAUR .....	4,831	4,831
95	WEAPONS RANGE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	119,900	119,900
96	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	69,065	69,065
97	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG) .....	23,551	23,551
98	ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRCRAFT LAUNCH SYSTEM (EMALS) .....	36,908	36,908
99	METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT .....	7,477	7,477
100	AIRBORNE MCM .....	9,507	9,507
101	AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	116,873	116,873
102	UMCS-UNMAN CARRIER AVIATION(UCA)MISSION CNTRL .....	211,216	211,216
	<b>SHIP GUN SYSTEM EQUIPMENT</b>		
103	SHIP GUN SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT .....	6,962	6,962
	<b>SHIP MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT</b>		
104	HARPOON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	195	195
105	SHIP MISSILE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	431,069	431,069
106	TOMAHAWK SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	116,208	116,208
	<b>FBM SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
107	CPS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	188,430	188,430
108	STRATEGIC MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIP .....	327,941	327,941
	<b>ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
109	SSN COMBAT CONTROL SYSTEMS .....	165,416	165,416
110	ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	25,105	25,105
	<b>OTHER ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
111	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL EQUIP .....	48,252	48,252
113	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	2,592	2,592
	<b>OTHER EXPENDABLE ORDNANCE</b>		
114	ANTI-SHIP MISSILE DECOY SYSTEM .....	606,241	606,241
115	SUBMARINE TRAINING DEVICE MODS .....	73,681	73,681
116	SURFACE TRAINING EQUIPMENT .....	218,181	218,181
	<b>CIVIL ENGINEERING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
117	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES .....	3,567	3,567
118	GENERAL PURPOSE TRUCKS .....	4,801	4,801
120	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE EQUIP .....	91,269	91,269
121	FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT .....	17,107	17,107
122	TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	46,796	46,796
123	AMPHIBIOUS EQUIPMENT .....	53,916	53,916
124	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT .....	3,586	3,586
125	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	131,449	131,449
126	PHYSICAL SECURITY VEHICLES .....	998	998
	<b>SUPPLY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
127	SUPPLY EQUIPMENT .....	67,828	67,828
128	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION .....	4,732	4,732
129	SPECIAL PURPOSE SUPPLY SYSTEMS .....	323,644	323,644
	<b>TRAINING DEVICES</b>		
130	TRAINING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	10,608	10,608
131	TRAINING AND EDUCATION EQUIPMENT .....	331,016	331,016
	<b>COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
132	COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	55,202	55,202
133	MEDICAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	54,862	54,862
135	NAVAL MIP SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	5,213	5,213
136	OPERATING FORCES SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	15,107	15,107
137	C4ISR EQUIPMENT .....	33,975	33,975
138	ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	60,467	60,467
139	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT .....	218,037	218,037
140	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY .....	40,490	40,490
	<b>OTHER</b>		
142	NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISE SERVICE .....	223,647	223,647
143	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	7,131	7,131
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	42,813	42,813
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
144	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	765,711	1,515,711
	Increase for ship spares and repairs .....		[750,000]
	<b>TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>	<b>18,866,679</b>	<b>19,816,679</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS</b>		
	<b>TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES</b>		
2	AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICLES .....	237,336	237,336
3	LAV PIP .....	68,825	68,825

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	<b>ARTILLERY AND OTHER WEAPONS</b>		
4	155MM LIGHTWEIGHT TOWED HOWITZER .....	5,709	5,709
5	ARTILLERY WEAPONS SYSTEM .....	341,085	341,085
6	WEAPONS AND COMBAT VEHICLES UNDER \$5 MILLION .....	50,299	50,299
	<b>GUIDED MISSILES</b>		
8	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) .....	204,639	204,639
9	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) .....	14,391	14,391
10	GROUND BASED AIR DEFENSE .....	1,274,446	1,274,446
11	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-JAVELIN .....	63,020	63,020
12	FAMILY ANTI-ARMOR WEAPON SYSTEMS (FOAAWS) .....	808	808
13	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-TOW .....	1,265	1,265
14	GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS) .....	61,355	61,355
	<b>REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT</b>		
16	REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT .....	65,665	65,665
	<b>OTHER SUPPORT (TEL)</b>		
17	MODIFICATION KITS .....	1,047	1,047
	<b>COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NON-TEL)</b>		
18	ITEMS UNDER \$5 MILLION (COMM & ELEC) .....	140,929	140,929
	<b>RADAR + EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)</b>		
20	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR) .....	55,622	55,622
	<b>INTELL/COMM EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)</b>		
21	ELECTRO MAGNETIC SPECTRUM OPERATIONS (EMSO) .....	79,269	79,269
22	GCSS-MC .....	3,435	3,435
23	FIRE SUPPORT SYSTEM .....	136,070	136,070
24	INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	395,854	395,854
26	UNMANNED AIR SYSTEMS (INTEL) .....	262,815	262,815
28	UAS PAYLOADS .....	14,834	14,834
	<b>OTHER SUPPORT (NON-TEL)</b>		
29	MARINE CORPS ENTERPRISE NETWORK (MCEN) .....	190,282	190,282
30	COMMON COMPUTER RESOURCES .....	15,950	15,950
31	COMMAND POST SYSTEMS .....	442,308	442,308
32	RADIO SYSTEMS .....	764,001	764,001
34	COMM & ELEC INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT .....	37,640	37,640
35	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	19,854	19,854
36	UNMANNED EXPEDITIONARY SYSTEMS .....	1,001	1,001
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	2,029	2,029
	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES</b>		
40	COMMERCIAL CARGO VEHICLES .....	27,582	27,582
	<b>TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>		
41	MOTOR TRANSPORT MODIFICATIONS .....	22,460	22,460
42	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE .....	244,941	244,941
43	TRAILERS .....	136,438	136,438
	<b>ENGINEER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT</b>		
44	TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS .....	112,197	112,197
45	POWER EQUIPMENT ASSORTED .....	34,219	34,219
46	AMPHIBIOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	29,042	29,042
47	EOD SYSTEMS .....	24,297	24,297
	<b>MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT</b>		
48	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT .....	151,740	151,740
	<b>GENERAL PROPERTY</b>		
49	FIELD MEDICAL EQUIPMENT .....	227,761	227,761
50	TRAINING DEVICES .....	136,639	136,639
51	FAMILY OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT .....	115,681	115,681
52	ULTRA-LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (ULTV) .....	972	972
	<b>OTHER SUPPORT</b>		
53	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	54,228	54,228
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
54	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	18,925	18,925
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS</b>	<b>6,288,905</b>	<b>6,288,905</b>
	<b>AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b>		
	<b>STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE</b>		
1	B-21 RAIDER .....	2,230,615	2,230,615
2	B-21 RAIDER .....	1,005,667	1,005,667
	<b>TACTICAL FORCES</b>		
3	F-35 .....	2,393,723	2,626,203
	Program increase .....		[232,480]
4	F-35 .....	738,103	738,103
5	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT .....	996,528	996,528
6	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT .....	150,500	150,500
7	F-15EX .....	2,656,716	2,656,716
9	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT .....	52,695	52,695
	<b>TACTICAL AIRLIFT</b>		
10	KC-46A MDAP .....	3,520,530	3,520,530
	<b>OTHER AIRLIFT</b>		
11	C-130J .....	636,680	636,680
	<b>UPT TRAINERS</b>		

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12	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING T-7A .....	529,464	529,464
13	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING T-7A .....	69,690	69,690
	<b>HELICOPTERS</b>		
14	MH-139A .....	252,949	380,578
	Procure 8 MH-139A aircraft .....		[127,629]
15	COMBAT RESCUE HELICOPTER .....	69,395	104,395
	Realignment from HH60W Modifications .....		[35,000]
	<b>MISSION SUPPORT AIRCRAFT</b>		
16	C-37A .....	208,000	208,000
18	CIVIL AIR PATROL A/C .....	3,219	3,219
	<b>OTHER AIRCRAFT</b>		
20	TARGET DRONES .....	31,912	31,912
21	COMPASS CALL .....	660,000	660,000
24	RQ-20B PUMA .....	15,513	15,513
	<b>STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT</b>		
25	B-2A .....	178,668	178,668
26	B-1B .....	146,862	146,862
27	B-52 .....	422,399	467,399
	Procurement of 10 F130 engines for B-52 CERP .....		[45,000]
28	LARGE AIRCRAFT INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES .....	66,638	66,638
	<b>TACTICAL AIRCRAFT</b>		
29	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT MODS .....	822	822
31	F-15 .....	140,204	140,204
32	F-15EX .....	214,176	214,176
33	F-16 MODIFICATIONS .....	946,747	946,747
34	F-22A .....	1,052,088	1,052,088
35	F-35 MODIFICATIONS .....	335,973	335,973
36	F-15 EPAW .....	141,233	141,233
37	KC-46A MDAP .....	85,515	85,515
	<b>AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT</b>		
38	C-5 .....	10,308	10,308
39	C-17A .....	59,867	59,867
42	OSA-EA MODIFICATIONS .....	136,786	136,786
	<b>TRAINER AIRCRAFT</b>		
43	GLIDER MODS .....	164	164
44	T-6 .....	131,747	131,747
46	T-38 .....	84,452	84,452
	<b>OTHER AIRCRAFT</b>		
47	U-2 MODS .....	297	297
50	C-130 .....	23,546	23,546
51	C-130J MODS .....	315,308	315,308
52	C-135 .....	158,715	158,715
53	COMPASS CALL .....	506,265	506,265
54	CVR (CONNOR ULF RECEIVER) INC 2 .....	18	18
55	RC-135 .....	252,846	252,846
56	E-3 .....	841	841
57	E-4 .....	30,779	30,779
58	H-1 .....	17,872	17,872
59	MH-139A MOD .....	5,021	5,021
61	HH60W MODIFICATIONS .....	46,662	4,662
	Realignment to Combat Rescue Helicopter .....		[–35,000]
	Realignment to Initial Spares/Repair Parts .....		[–7,000]
62	HC/MC-130 MODIFICATIONS .....	257,742	257,742
63	OTHER AIRCRAFT .....	102,052	102,052
64	MQ-9 MODS .....	105,966	105,966
65	SOFTWARE DEFINED USER EQUIPMENT .....	25,847	25,847
66	SENIOR LEADER C3 SYSTEM—AIRCRAFT .....	32,654	32,654
67	CV-22 MODS .....	168,042	168,042
	<b>AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
68	INITIAL SPARES/REPAIR PARTS .....	1,441,052	1,448,052
	Realignment from HH60W Modifications .....		[7,000]
	<b>COMMON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
71	AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT SUPPORT EQUIP .....	252,808	252,808
	<b>POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT</b>		
73	B-2B .....	95,457	95,457
74	B-52 .....	114	114
75	C-17A .....	3,027	3,027
76	CV-22 POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT .....	5,088	5,088
79	F-15EX .....	16,930	16,930
80	F-16 POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT .....	57,781	57,781
81	HC/MC-130 POST PROD .....	20,415	20,415
83	MQ-9 POST PROD .....	15,365	15,365
	<b>INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS</b>		
84	INDUSTRIAL RESPONSIVENESS .....	20,590	20,590
	<b>WAR CONSUMABLES</b>		
85	WAR CONSUMABLES .....	85,387	85,387
	<b>OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES</b>		
86	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES .....	2,528,401	2,528,401

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	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	15,800	15,800
	<b>TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b> .....	<b>26,985,236</b>	<b>27,390,345</b>
	<b>MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b>		
	<b>MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT—BALLISTIC</b>		
1	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQ-BALLISTIC .....	27,006	27,006
	<b>BALLISTIC MISSILES</b>		
3	GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT .....	107,602	107,602
	<b>STRATEGIC</b>		
	<b>TACTICAL</b>		
5	LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON .....	506,047	506,047
6	LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON .....	456,810	456,810
7	REPLAC EQUIP & WAR CONSUMABLES .....	23,575	23,575
9	AGM-183A AIR-LAUNCHED RAPID RESPONSE WEAPON .....	452,035	452,035
10	FAMILY OF AFFORDABLE MASS MISSILE (FAMM) .....	55,000	900,000
	3,000 Family of Affordable Mass Missile (FAMM) .....		[845,000]
11	HYPERSONIC ATTACK CRUISE MISSILE .....	403,974	403,974
12	JOINT AIR-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE .....	967,866	967,866
13	JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE .....	608,743	608,743
14	JOINT STRIKE MISSILE .....	384,607	384,607
15	LRASMO .....	500,916	500,916
16	SIDEWINDER (AIM-9X) .....	419,238	419,238
17	AMRAAM .....	115,856	115,856
19	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB .....	44,596	44,596
20	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II .....	194,509	194,509
21	STAND-IN ATTACK WEAPON (SIAW) .....	401,607	401,607
	<b>INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES</b>		
22	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS/POL PREVENTION .....	931	931
	<b>CLASS IV</b>		
23	ICBM FUZE MOD .....	169,747	169,747
25	MM III MODIFICATIONS .....	9,865	9,865
26	AIR LAUNCH CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM) .....	30,407	30,407
	<b>MISSILE SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
27	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (INITIAL) .....	15,621	15,621
28	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (REPLEN) .....	123,224	123,224
	<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>		
30	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAMS .....	168,578	168,578
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	622,814	622,814
	<b>TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b> .....	<b>6,811,174</b>	<b>7,656,174</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE</b>		
	<b>ROCKETS</b>		
1	ROCKETS .....	102,059	102,059
	<b>CARTRIDGES</b>		
2	CARTRIDGES .....	157,508	157,508
	<b>BOMBS</b>		
3	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS .....	168,469	168,469
4	MASSIVE ORDNANCE PENETRATOR (MOP) .....	755	755
5	JOINT DIRECT ATTACK MUNITION .....	129,568	129,568
6	B61-12 TRAINER .....	24,226	24,226
	<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>		
7	CAD/PAD .....	45,448	45,448
8	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) .....	7,168	7,168
9	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	626	626
10	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION .....	2,873	2,873
11	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5,000,000 .....	5,468	5,468
	<b>FLARES</b>		
13	EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES .....	99,180	99,180
	<b>FUZES</b>		
14	FUZES .....	141,149	141,149
	<b>SMALL ARMS</b>		
15	SMALL ARMS .....	25,619	25,619
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE</b> .....	<b>910,116</b>	<b>910,116</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE</b>		
	<b>SPACE PROCUREMENT, SF</b>		
1	AF SATELLITE COMM SYSTEM .....	54,391	64,391
	Bigelow restoration and tri-band antenna construction .....		[10,000]
3	AUXILIARY PAYLOADS .....	241,076	241,076
5	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS .....	459,466	379,466
	Realignment to Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for PDM .....		[–80,000]
7	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS) .....	139,700	139,700
11	GROUND MOVING TARGET INDICATOR (GMTI) .....	1,016,612	803,428
	Realignment to advance procurement .....		[–120,000]
	Realignment to Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation .....		[–46,592]
	Realignment to Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for Space-Based Moving Target Indicator .....		[–46,592]



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12	GROUND MOVING TARGET INDICATOR (GMTI) .....	0	120,000
	Realignment for advance procurement .....		[120,000]
13	GENERAL INFORMATION TECH—SPACE .....	14,895	14,895
14	GPSIII FOLLOW ON .....	680,875	680,875
17	SPACEBORNE EQUIP (COMSEC) .....	95,061	95,061
18	MILSATCOM .....	38,067	38,067
20	SPECIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES .....	2,021,299	2,021,299
21	MOBILE USER OBJECTIVE SYSTEM .....	50,640	50,640
22	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH .....	3,370,958	3,370,958
24	PTES HUB .....	12,046	12,046
25	SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LAUNCH .....	835,197	835,197
26	SPACE DIGITAL INTEGRATED NETWORK (SDIN) .....	5,119	5,119
27	SPACE MODS .....	448,674	624,674
	Realignment from Operation and Maintenance for AEP fielded GPS ground system .....		[78,000]
	Realignment from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for AEP technical re- fresh .....		[98,000]
28	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM SPACE .....	64,885	64,885
29	WIDEBAND SATCOM OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS .....	81,483	81,483
	<b>SPARES</b>		
30	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	971	971
	<b>NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>		
31	USSF VEHICLES .....	6,032	6,032
	<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
33	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT .....	7,906	7,906
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE</b> .....	<b>9,645,353</b>	<b>9,658,169</b>
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b>		
	<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES</b>		
5	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE .....	103,304	103,304
	<b>MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT</b>		
9	MATERIALS HANDLING VEHICLES .....	2,132	0
	Realignment to Mission Support Vehicles .....		[-2,132]
	<b>BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT</b>		
11	BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT VEHICLES .....	0	25,000
	ICBM base maintenance support vehicle replacement procurement .....		[25,000]
	<b>MISSION SUPPORT VEHICLES</b>		
12	MISSION SUPPORT VEHICLES .....	439,892	442,024
	Realignment from Materials Handling Vehicles .....		[2,132]
	<b>COMM SECURITY EQUIPMENT(COMSEC)</b>		
14	COMSEC EQUIPMENT .....	374,613	374,613
	<b>INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS</b>		
16	INTERNATIONAL INTEL TECH & ARCHITECTURES .....	19,060	19,060
17	INTELLIGENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT .....	5,531	5,531
18	INTELLIGENCE COMM EQUIPMENT .....	37,717	37,717
	<b>ELECTRONICS PROGRAMS</b>		
19	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL & LANDING SYS .....	58,313	58,313
21	BATTLE CONTROL SYSTEM—FIXED .....	3,391	3,391
22	THEATER AIR CONTROL SYS IMPROVEMEN .....	11,640	11,640
23	3D EXPEDITIONARY LONG-RANGE RADAR .....	430,607	430,607
24	WEATHER OBSERVATION FORECAST .....	33,111	33,111
25	STRATEGIC COMMAND AND CONTROL .....	89,931	89,931
26	CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX .....	7,434	7,434
27	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS .....	23,927	23,927
28	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM .....	9,435	9,435
	<b>SPCL COMM-ELECTRONICS PROJECTS</b>		
29	GENERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY .....	234,417	234,417
33	AIR FORCE PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM .....	1,770,698	1,770,698
34	SAMTEC COMMUNICATIONS .....	17,641	17,641
35	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES .....	94,378	94,378
36	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMM N .....	279,516	279,516
37	WIDE AREA SURVEILLANCE (WAS) .....	17,000	17,000
38	C3 COUNTERMEASURES .....	163,127	163,127
40	THEATER BATTLE MGT C2 SYSTEM .....	460	460
41	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC) .....	23,778	23,778
	<b>AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
42	BASE INFORMATION TRANSP T INFRAS T (BITI) WIRED .....	125,702	125,702
43	AFNET .....	325,839	325,839
44	JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE) .....	16,267	16,267
45	USCENTCOM .....	15,328	15,328
46	USSTRATCOM .....	5,013	5,013
47	USSPACECOM .....	195,370	195,370
	<b>ORGANIZATION AND BASE</b>		
48	TACTICAL C-E EQUIPMENT .....	162,835	162,835
49	NEXT GENERATION SURVIVAL RADIO (NGSR) .....	80,321	80,321
51	RADIO EQUIPMENT .....	36,874	36,874
52	BASE COMM INFRASTRUCTURE .....	158,113	158,113
	<b>MODIFICATIONS</b>		
53	COMM ELECT MODS .....	220,855	210,855

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	Realignment to RDT&E for Over-the-Horizon Backscatter Radar .....		[-10,000]
	<b>PERSONAL SAFETY &amp; RESCUE EQUIP</b>		
54	PERSONAL SAFETY AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT .....	87,994	87,994
	<b>DEPOT PLANT+MTRLS HANDLING EQ</b>		
55	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT .....	14,444	14,444
56	MECHANIZED MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIP .....	24,594	24,594
	<b>BASE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>		
57	BASE PROCURED EQUIPMENT .....	81,686	81,686
58	ENGINEERING AND EOD EQUIPMENT .....	247,989	247,989
59	MOBILITY EQUIPMENT .....	288,930	288,930
60	FUELS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FSE) .....	81,066	81,066
61	BASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	68,127	68,127
	<b>SPECIAL SUPPORT PROJECTS</b>		
63	DARP RC135 .....	31,496	31,496
64	DCGS-AF .....	316,157	316,157
66	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAM .....	5,099,420	5,099,420
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	27,241,704	27,241,704
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>		
67	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS (CYBER) .....	8,657	8,657
68	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	14,129	14,129
	<b>TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b> .....	<b>39,199,963</b>	<b>39,214,963</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>		
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DHRA</b>		
37	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION .....	82,438	82,438
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DISA</b>		
7	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY .....	27,652	27,652
8	TELEPORT PROGRAM .....	93,512	93,512
9	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	24,013	24,013
10	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM NETWORK .....	392,650	392,650
12	WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATION AGENCY .....	611,216	511,216
	Unjustified growth .....		[-100,000]
13	SENIOR LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE .....	81,584	81,584
15	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER .....	53,596	53,596
16	FOURTH ESTATE NETWORK OPTIMIZATION (4ENO) .....	60,808	60,808
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DLA</b>		
22	MAJOR EQUIPMENT .....	19,707	19,707
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DMACT</b>		
44	MAJOR EQUIPMENT .....	6,854	6,854
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY</b>		
40	VEHICLES .....	99	99
41	OTHER MAJOR EQUIPMENT .....	8,963	8,963
42	DTRA CYBER ACTIVITIES .....	900	900
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY</b>		
29	BMDS AN/TPY-2 RADARS .....	17,840	17,840
30	SM-3 ILLAS .....	778,964	778,964
31	ARROW 3 UPPER TIER SYSTEMS .....	150,000	150,000
32	SHORT RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (SRBMD) .....	30,000	30,000
35	IRON DOME .....	20,000	20,000
36	AEGIS BMD HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE .....	39,256	39,256
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD</b>		
2	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD .....	213,031	213,031
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS</b>		
24	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS .....	11,689	11,689
25	COUNTER-SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS .....	800,000	800,000
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS</b>		
6	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS .....	453	453
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, USCYBERCOM</b>		
45	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	103,855	123,855
	Hunt kits for reserve component .....		[20,000]
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>		
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	3,587,405	3,587,405
	<b>AVIATION PROGRAMS</b>		
50	ROTARY WING UPGRADES AND SUSTAINMENT .....	185,930	257,930
	SOCOM UPL—SOF Mobility combat loss .....		[72,000]
51	SKYRAIDER II .....	59,894	0
	Realignment to SOCOM UPL .....		[-59,894]
53	NON-STANDARD AVIATION .....	72,650	110,250
	SOCOM UPL—Non-standard aviation .....		[37,600]
55	MH-47 CHINOOK .....	168,411	168,411
56	CV-22 MODIFICATION .....	9,479	9,479
57	MQ-9 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE .....	75,841	81,241
	SOCOM UPL—Adaptive Airborne Enterprise Group 3 sUAS .....		[5,400]
59	AC/MC-130J .....	366,857	422,607
	SOCOM UPL- SOF Mobility combat loss .....		[55,750]
	<b>SHIPBUILDING</b>		
60	UNDERWATER SYSTEMS .....	76,879	90,279

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	SOCOM UPL—Mission critical Dry Combat Submersible battery upgrade .....		[13,400]
	<b>AMMUNITION PROGRAMS</b>		
61	ORDNANCE ITEMS <\$5M .....	237,153	385,353
	SOCOM UPL—Ground organic precision strike systems .....		[25,500]
	SOCOM UPL—Munitions War Reserve .....		[118,000]
	SOCOM UPL—Small cruise missile development .....		[4,700]
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS</b>		
62	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS .....	319,241	319,241
64	OTHER ITEMS <\$5M .....	119,047	119,047
65	COMBATANT CRAFT SYSTEMS .....	33,858	42,958
	Special Operations Craft—Riverine .....		[9,100]
66	SPECIAL PROGRAMS .....	130,462	130,462
67	TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	36,983	36,983
68	WARRIOR SYSTEMS <\$5M .....	511,016	701,316
	SOCOM UPL—Electromagnetic warfare family of systems .....		[79,900]
	SOCOM UPL—Ground infiltration protection system .....		[39,200]
	SOCOM UPL—SOF-P pre-positioned stocks .....		[71,200]
69	COMBAT MISSION REQUIREMENTS .....	4,988	4,988
70	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE .....	28,074	28,074
71	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS .....	360,595	617,795
	SOCOM UPL—Accelerated fielding of Group 3 UAS .....		[36,600]
	SOCOM UPL—Armored ground mobility system .....		[48,000]
	SOCOM UPL—Ground infiltration protection system .....		[12,000]
	SOCOM UPL—Operational capacity enhancement .....		[160,600]
	<b>CBDP</b>		
72	CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS .....	223,166	223,166
73	CB PROTECTION & HAZARD MITIGATION .....	117,859	117,859
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE</b> .....	<b>10,354,868</b>	<b>11,003,924</b>
	<b>DEFENSE STRATEGIC CAPITAL CREDIT PROGRAM</b>		
	<b>DEFENSE STRATEGIC CAPITAL CREDIT PROGRAM</b>		
1	OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAPITAL LOAN PROGRAM .....	216,000	216,000
	<b>TOTAL DEFENSE STRATEGIC CAPITAL CREDIT PROGRAM</b> .....	<b>216,000</b>	<b>216,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT</b> .....	<b>256,058,141</b>	<b>255,689,170</b>

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		<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, ARMY</b>		
		<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>		
1	0601102A	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	215,322	300,322
		Increase for basic research activities .....		[75,000]
		Innovative Energetic Materials .....		[10,000]
2	0601103A	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	63,102	63,102
3	0601104A	UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH CENTERS .....	53,598	78,598
		Increase for basic research activities .....		[25,000]
4	0601121A	CYBER COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ALLIANCE .....	0	
5	0601275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE BASIC RESEARCH .....	64,031	64,031
6	0601601A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING BASIC RESEARCH.	0	
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH</b> .....	<b>396,053</b>	<b>506,053</b>
		<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>		
7	0602002A	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT-APPLIED RESEARCH.	0	
8	0602134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT ADVANCED STUDIES .....	0	
9	0602135A	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) APPLIED RESEARCH.	26,523	30,523

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		C-UAS Detect, track and defeat .....		[4,000]
10	0602141A	LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY .....	232,046	232,046
11	0602143A	SOLDIER LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY .....	68,018	86,018
		Army Pathfinder Airborne .....		[5,000]
		Domestic Silicon Production Initiative .....		[5,000]
		Pathfinder Air Assault .....		[8,000]
12	0602144A	GROUND TECHNOLOGY .....	44,146	74,146
		Isostatic High-Pressure Advanced Armor Production .....		[10,000]
		Large Area Additive Deposition .....		[10,000]
		Polar Proving Ground .....		[5,000]
		Roadway Repair Materials Development .....		[5,000]
13	0602145A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY .....	70,540	84,540
		Advancing Autonomous Ground Vehicle Research .....		[5,000]
		Ground Vehicle Research Center Lightweight Prototype .....		[9,000]
14	0602146A	NETWORK C3I TECHNOLOGY .....	53,373	53,373
15	0602147A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES TECHNOLOGY .....	24,086	24,086
16	0602148A	FUTURE VERTICLE LIFT TECHNOLOGY .....	17,727	17,727
17	0602150A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY .....	36,113	41,113
		Counter-UAS Testing and Research Center .....		[5,000]
18	0602180A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES.	0	
20	0602182A	C3I APPLIED RESEARCH .....	0	
21	0602183A	AIR PLATFORM APPLIED RESEARCH .....	43,700	53,700
		On-the-Edge Modeling for Next-Gen Passive Sensors .....		[10,000]
22	0602184A	SOLDIER APPLIED RESEARCH .....	2,429	2,429
23	0602213A	C3I APPLIED CYBER .....	63	63
24	0602275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH .....	51,184	51,184
25	0602276A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER APPLIED RESEARCH .....	9,857	9,857
26	0602345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS APPLIED RESEARCH.	22,871	22,871
27	0602386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—APPLIED RESEARCH	14,979	14,979
29	0602785A	MANPOWER/PERSONNEL/TRAINING TECHNOLOGY .....	14,275	17,275
		Musculoskeletal Health Technologies .....		[3,000]
30	0602787A	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY .....	149,221	149,221
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	32,883	32,883
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH</b> .....	<b>914,034</b>	<b>998,034</b>
		<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>		
31	0603002A	MEDICAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	17,876	27,876
		Drug Development for traumatic brain injury .....		[10,000]
32	0603007A	MANPOWER, PERSONNEL AND TRAINING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	11,113	11,113
33	0603025A	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEMONSTRATION .....	3,325	3,325
34	0603040A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES.	0	8,000
		Preserving AI performance over time .....		[8,000]
35	0603041A	ALL DOMAIN CONVERGENCE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	3,575	3,575
36	0603042A	C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	1,211	1,211
37	0603043A	AIR PLATFORM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	23,471	23,471
38	0603044A	SOLDIER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	3,951	3,951
39	0603116A	LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	31,812	41,812
		SLING BLADE Mid-Range Kinetic Counter-UAS Capability .....		[10,000]
40	0603118A	SOLDIER LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	125,121	125,121
41	0603119A	GROUND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	25,043	47,043
		Autonomous Tip-Extending Robots for the Transparent Battlefield Collaboration.		[5,000]
		Cold Regions Advanced Materials and Manufacturing .....		[10,000]
		Fuel Cell Multi-Modular Use .....		[5,000]
		Robotics Autonomous Floating Transit System (RAFTS) .....		[2,000]
42	0603134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT SIMULATION .....	0	
43	0603135A	COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	156,520	156,520
44	0603275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	156,326	156,326
45	0603276A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	15,278	15,278
46	0603345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	33,129	33,129
47	0603386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—ADVANCED RESEARCH.	22,402	22,402
48	0603457A	C3I CYBER ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	8,509	8,509
49	0603461A	HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.	215,090	225,090
		High performance computing modernization program .....		[10,000]
50	0603462A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	118,207	132,207
		Electronic Signature Management Coatings .....		[4,000]
		Next Generation Vehicle Automated Testing Infrastructure .....		[10,000]
51	0603463A	NETWORK C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	48,490	48,490
52	0603464A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	422,590	430,090

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		Missile Delivered Launched Effects – Virtual Test Range .....		[7,500]
53	0603465A	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	14,984	14,984
54	0603466A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	63,924	74,924
		C-UAS Detect, track and defeat .....		[11,000]
56	0603920A	HUMANITARIAN DEMINING .....	7,619	12,619
		Humanitarian Demining .....		[5,000]
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	80,717	80,717
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.</b>	<b>1,610,283</b>	<b>1,707,783</b>
		<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>		
58	0603305A	ARMY MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION .....	8,367	8,367
59	0603308A	ARMY SPACE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION .....	59,573	59,573
60	0603327A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING .....	0	
61	0603619A	LANDMINE WARFARE AND BARRIER—ADV DEV .....	31,374	31,374
62	0603627A	SMOKE, OBSCURANT AND TARGET DEFEATING SYS-ADV DEV.	5,596	5,596
63	0603639A	TANK AND MEDIUM CALIBER AMMUNITION .....	277,248	282,248
		Large caliber automated ammunition resupply .....		[5,000]
64	0603645A	ARMORED SYSTEM MODERNIZATION—ADV DEV .....	23,594	23,594
65	0603747A	SOLDIER SUPPORT AND SURVIVABILITY .....	4,109	4,109
66	0603766A	TACTICAL ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM—ADV DEV.	98,331	98,331
67	0603774A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	5,310	5,310
68	0603779A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY—DEM/VAL .....	19,499	19,499
69	0603790A	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT .....	5,145	5,145
71	0603804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ADV DEV .....	12,822	12,822
72	0603807A	MEDICAL SYSTEMS—ADV DEV .....	1,017	1,017
73	0603827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	56,122	56,122
74	0604017A	ROBOTICS DEVELOPMENT .....	20,290	20,290
75	0604019A	EXPANDED MISSION AREA MISSILE (EMAM) .....	235,593	235,593
77	0604035A	LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO) SATELLITE CAPABILITY .....	319	319
78	0604036A	MULTI-DOMAIN SENSING SYSTEM (MDSS) ADV DEV .....	99,471	99,471
79	0604037A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) ADV DEV.	4,123	4,123
80	0604100A	ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES .....	10,077	10,077
84	0604114A	LOWER TIER AIR MISSILE DEFENSE (LTAMD) SENSOR .....	162,074	162,074
85	0604115A	TECHNOLOGY MATURATION INITIATIVES .....	314,671	414,671
		SRM second sourcing and qualification .....		[100,000]
86	0604117A	MANEUVER—SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE (M-SHORAD) .....	460,980	460,980
87	0604120A	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING (PNT) .....	18,993	18,993
88	0604121A	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT REFINEMENT & PROTOTYPING.	219,137	219,137
89	0604129A	ADVANCED POWER APPLICATIONS .....	48,000	48,000
90	0604134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT DEMONSTRATION, PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT, AND TESTING.	0	
91	0604135A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE FIRES .....	211,848	211,848
92	0604182A	HYPERSONICS .....	82,939	82,939
96	0604531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT.	0	
98	0604541A	UNIFIED NETWORK TRANSPORT .....	0	
99	0305251A	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES AND FORCE SUPPORT	22,889	22,889
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	261,466	261,466
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.</b>	<b>2,780,977</b>	<b>2,885,977</b>
		<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION</b>		
100	0604201A	AIRCRAFT AVIONICS .....	30,658	30,658
101	0604270A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	2,807	7,807
		Electronic Warfare Development increase .....		[5,000]
102	0604601A	INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS .....	55,296	55,296
103	0604604A	MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	23,763	23,763
104	0604611A	JAVELIN .....	10,217	10,217
105	0604622A	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	43,003	53,003
		Data Integration for Ground Systems .....		[10,000]
108	0604642A	LIGHT TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLES .....	6,142	6,142
110	0604710A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS—ENG DEV .....	418,427	418,427
111	0604713A	COMBAT FEEDING, CLOTHING, AND EQUIPMENT .....	6,701	6,701
112	0604715A	NON-SYSTEM TRAINING DEVICES—ENG DEV .....	29,685	29,685
113	0604741A	AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, CONTROL AND INTELLIGENCE—ENG DEV.	14,276	14,276
114	0604742A	CONSTRUCTIVE SIMULATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	5,618	5,618
115	0604746A	AUTOMATIC TEST EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT .....	9,625	9,625
116	0604760A	DISTRIBUTIVE INTERACTIVE SIMULATIONS (DIS)—ENG DEV.	7,883	7,883
117	0604798A	BRIGADE ANALYSIS, INTEGRATION AND EVALUATION .....	26,602	26,602
118	0604802A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS—ENG DEV .....	124,881	124,881

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119	0604804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV .....	65,238	65,238
120	0604805A	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS—ENG DEV.	5,541	5,541
121	0604807A	MEDICAL MATERIEL/MEDICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV.	9,744	9,744
122	0604808A	LANDMINE WARFARE/BARRIER—ENG DEV .....	17,586	17,586
123	0604818A	ARMY TACTICAL COMMAND & CONTROL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE.	42,584	42,584
124	0604820A	RADAR DEVELOPMENT .....	58,260	58,260
126	0604827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—WARRIOR DEM/VAL .....	5,663	5,663
127	0604852A	SUITE OF SURVIVABILITY ENHANCEMENT SYSTEMS—EMD.	78,331	78,331
128	0604854A	ARTILLERY SYSTEMS—EMD .....	709,192	709,192
129	0605013A	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	121,525	121,525
130	0605018A	INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM-ARMY (PPS-A).	102,694	102,694
131	0605030A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK CENTER (JTNC) .....	21,561	21,561
132	0605031A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK (JTN) .....	50,390	50,390
133	0605035A	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCM) .....	11,573	11,573
134	0605036A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD) ...	5,605	5,605
135	0605037A	EVIDENCE COLLECTION AND DETAINEE PROCESSING .....	5,513	5,513
136	0605038A	NUCLEAR BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLE (NBCRV) SENSOR SUITE.	13,864	13,864
137	0605041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER TOOL DEVELOPMENT .....	3,519	3,519
138	0605042A	TACTICAL NETWORK RADIO SYSTEMS (LOW-TIER) .....	3,804	3,804
139	0605047A	CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM .....	4,777	4,777
140	0605049A	MISSILE WARNING SYSTEM MODERNIZATION (MWSM) .....	0	
141	0605051A	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY DEVELOPMENT .....	106,621	106,621
142	0605052A	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2—BLOCK 1	175,352	175,352
143	0605053A	GROUND ROBOTICS .....	192,185	192,185
144	0605054A	EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES .....	147,881	147,881
145	0605058A	TERMINAL HIGH ALTITUDE AREA DEFENSE (THAAD) RDTE.	1,053,983	1,053,983
146	0605144A	NEXT GENERATION LOAD DEVICE—MEDIUM .....	2,380	2,380
147	0605148A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) EMD	35,769	117,279
		Realignment from procurement .....		[81,510]
151	0605224A	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE .....	49,594	49,594
152	0605231A	PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE (PRSM) .....	288,304	288,304
153	0605232A	HYPERSONICS EMD .....	446,616	451,616
		Low Cost Hypersonic Test Bed .....		[5,000]
154	0605233A	ACCESSIONS INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT (AIE) .....	33,770	33,770
155	0605235A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE CAPABILITY .....	82,550	82,550
156	0605236A	INTEGRATED TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS .....	0	
157	0605241A	FUTURE LONG RANGE ASSAULT AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT.	2,140,569	2,267,786
		Realignment from procurement for operational test aircraft .....		[127,217]
159	0605244A	JOINT REDUCED RANGE ROCKET (JR3) .....	16,014	31,014
		Programmatic increase to support HIMARS platforms .....		[15,000]
161	0605275A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	99,691	99,691
162	0605330A	C2 TRANSPORT .....	45,370	45,370
163	0605331A	C2 APPLICATIONS .....	488,401	488,401
164	0605332A	C2 DATA .....	306,019	306,019
165	0605333A	C2 INFRASTRUCTURE .....	64,849	64,849
166	0605345A	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	816,433	816,433
167	0605347A	COUNTER UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) DEVELOPMENT.	359,182	359,182
169	0605457A	ARMY INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AIAMD) ..	126,623	126,623
170	0605531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS SYS DEV & DEMONSTRATION.	695	695
172	0605625A	MANNED GROUND VEHICLE .....	290,069	310,069
		Unmanned Ground Vehicles Development .....		[20,000]
173	0605766A	NATIONAL CAPABILITIES INTEGRATION (MIP) .....	17,211	17,211
174	0605812A	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT PHASE (EMD).	2,749	2,749
175	0605830A	AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	951	951
176	0303032A	TROJAN—RH12 .....	3,946	3,946
178	0304270A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	125,301	125,301
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	89,121	89,121
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.</b>	<b>9,760,747</b>	<b>10,024,474</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>		
179	0604256A	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT .....	60,233	60,233
180	0604258A	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	16,488	16,488
181	0604759A	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT .....	106,140	126,140
		Ground Based Radar – Kwajalein radome and digital modernization ..		[20,000]
182	0605103A	RAND ARROYO CENTER .....	10,737	10,737

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183	0605301A	ARMY KWAJALEIN ATOLL .....	7,051	147,051
		Deferred maintenance backlog reduction .....		[140,000]
184	0605326A	CONCEPTS EXPERIMENTATION PROGRAM .....	55,596	55,596
186	0605601A	ARMY TEST RANGES AND FACILITIES .....	469,723	469,723
187	0605602A	ARMY TECHNICAL TEST INSTRUMENTATION AND TARGETS.	62,303	62,303
188	0605604A	SURVIVABILITY/LETHALITY ANALYSIS .....	31,283	31,283
189	0605606A	AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION .....	1,983	1,983
190	0605706A	MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS .....	19,013	19,013
191	0605709A	EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN ITEMS .....	10,481	10,481
192	0605712A	SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL TESTING .....	60,733	60,733
193	0605716A	ARMY EVALUATION CENTER .....	65,565	65,565
194	0605718A	ARMY MODELING & SIM X-CMD COLLABORATION & INTEG	15,608	15,608
195	0605801A	PROGRAMWIDE ACTIVITIES .....	52,978	52,978
196	0605803A	TECHNICAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES .....	27,004	27,004
197	0605805A	MUNITIONS STANDARDIZATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY.	44,851	44,851
198	0605857A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY MGMT SUPPORT	3,256	3,256
199	0605898A	ARMY DIRECT REPORT HEADQUARTERS—R&D - MHA .....	54,276	54,276
200	0606002A	RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE.	118,585	208,585
		Deferred maintenance backlog reduction .....		[90,000]
201	0606003A	COUNTERINTEL AND HUMAN INTEL MODERNIZATION .....	5,802	5,802
202	0606118A	AIAMD SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & INTEGRATION .....	653,653	653,653
203	0606942A	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CYBER VULNERABILITIES.	6,468	6,468
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>1,959,810</b>	<b>2,209,810</b>
		<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
205	0603778A	MLRS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	17,780	37,780
		GLSDB integration on HIMARS .....		[20,000]
206	0605024A	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	6,613	6,613
207	0607101A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD) PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT.	488	488
208	0607131A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.	21,553	31,553
		Weapons and Munitions Product Improvement Programs .....		[10,000]
209	0607136A	BLACKHAWK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	35,147	35,147
210	0607137A	CHINOOK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	7,277	7,277
211	0607139A	IMPROVED TURBINE ENGINE PROGRAM .....	0	
213	0607145A	APACHE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT .....	30,759	60,759
		Apache Modernization .....		[30,000]
214	0607148A	AN/TPQ-53 COUNTERFIRE TARGET ACQUISITION RADAR SYSTEM.	90,981	90,981
215	0607150A	INTEL CYBER DEVELOPMENT .....	13,694	13,694
216	0607212A	TENCAP ENHANCEMENTS .....	20,982	20,982
219	0607665A	FAMILY OF BIOMETRICS .....	1,640	1,640
220	0607865A	PATRIOT PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT .....	219,046	219,046
221	0203728A	JOINT AUTOMATED DEEP OPERATION COORDINATION SYSTEM (JADOCs).	11,255	11,255
222	0203735A	COMBAT VEHICLE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS .....	492,364	492,364
223	0203743A	155MM SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER IMPROVEMENTS .....	0	
224	0203752A	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	239	239
225	0203758A	DIGITIZATION .....	1,615	1,615
226	0203801A	MISSILE/AIR DEFENSE PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.	2,054	2,054
229	0205778A	GUIDED MULTIPLE-LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM (GMLRS) .....	73,639	73,639
232	0303140A	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	15,932	15,932
234	0303142A	SATCOM GROUND ENVIRONMENT (SPACE) .....	4,870	4,870
237	0305179A	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS) .....	6,870	6,870
238	0305219A	MQ-1 GRAY EAGLE UAV .....	2,590	2,590
239	0708045A	END ITEM INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES .....	68,097	93,097
		Letterkenney Directed Energy Research .....		[25,000]
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	47,342	47,342
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>1,192,827</b>	<b>1,277,827</b>
		<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b>		
240	0608041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER—SOFTWARE PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT.	94,095	94,095
		<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.</b>	<b>94,095</b>	<b>94,095</b>
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, ARMY.</b>	<b>18,708,826</b>	<b>19,704,053</b>
		<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, NAVY BASIC RESEARCH</b>		

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1	0601103N	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	0	75,000
		Increase for basic research activities .....		[75,000]
2	0601153N	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	525,399	540,499
		Precision interferometer at Lowell Observatory .....		[10,100]
		Quantum algorithms for chemistry and computational fluid dynamics .....		[5,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>525,399</b>	<b>615,499</b>
		<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>		
3	0602114N	POWER PROJECTION APPLIED RESEARCH .....	38,838	38,838
4	0602123N	FORCE PROTECTION APPLIED RESEARCH .....	137,779	137,779
5	0602131M	MARINE CORPS LANDING FORCE TECHNOLOGY .....	57,567	57,567
6	0602235N	COMMON PICTURE APPLIED RESEARCH .....	40,433	40,433
7	0602236N	WARFIGHTER SUSTAINMENT APPLIED RESEARCH .....	60,350	65,350
		Slip Resistance Testing for corrosion resistant marine decking testing .....		[5,000]
8	0602271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS APPLIED RESEARCH .....	74,603	74,603
9	0602435N	OCEAN WARFIGHTING ENVIRONMENT APPLIED RESEARCH.	64,693	94,693
		Autonomous Sense-Making of the Undersea Battlespace .....		[12,000]
		Ocean Warfighting Environment Applied Research .....		[3,000]
		Resilient Autonomous Sensing in the Arctic (VIPER) .....		[15,000]
10	0602651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS APPLIED RESEARCH .....	4,105	4,105
11	0602747N	UNDERSEA WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH .....	52,515	52,515
12	0602750N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH .....	305,357	305,357
13	0602782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH.	24,634	24,634
15	0602861N	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT—ONR FIELD ACTIVITIES.	74,378	74,378
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>935,252</b>	<b>970,252</b>
		<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>		
16	0603123N	FORCE PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	50,869	57,869
		Secure power data analytics and AI .....		[7,000]
17	0603271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ...	8,635	8,635
18	0603273N	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS.	114,767	114,767
19	0603640M	USMC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION (ATD) ..	287,897	327,897
		Bullseye Missile Integration and Demonstration .....		[40,000]
20	0603651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	8,727	8,727
21	0603673N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	445,977	445,977
22	0603680N	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	79,132	79,132
23	0603729N	WARFIGHTER PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	0	
24	0603758N	NAVY WARFIGHTING EXPERIMENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.	66,395	73,895
		Remote and Resilient Edge Computing .....		[7,500]
25	0603782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	0	
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.</b>	<b>1,062,399</b>	<b>1,116,899</b>
		<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>		
27	0603128N	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM .....	35,706	35,706
29	0603207N	AIR/OCEAN TACTICAL APPLICATIONS .....	76,141	95,141
		Dual-Modality Large Displacement UUV .....		[19,000]
30	0603216N	AVIATION SURVIVABILITY .....	20,010	20,010
31	0603239N	NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCES .....	7,726	7,726
32	0603254N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	20,070	20,070
33	0603261N	TACTICAL AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE .....	3,239	3,239
34	0603382N	ADVANCED COMBAT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY .....	32,263	32,263
35	0603502N	SURFACE AND SHALLOW WATER MINE COUNTERMEASURES.	32,451	32,451
36	0603506N	SURFACE SHIP TORPEDO DEFENSE .....	9,920	9,920
37	0603512N	CARRIER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	8,806	8,806
38	0603525N	PILOT FISH .....	1,339,052	1,339,052
39	0603536N	RETRACT JUNIPER .....	275,300	275,300
40	0603542N	RADIOLOGICAL CONTROL .....	704	704
42	0603561N	UNDERSEA WARFARE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT .....	132,885	147,885
		21st Century Polymers for Submarines .....		[15,000]
44	0603563N	SHIP CONCEPT ADVANCED DESIGN .....	353,893	176,893
		ARSV unjustified request .....		[–177,000]
45	0603564N	SHIP PRELIMINARY DESIGN & FEASIBILITY STUDIES .....	666,640	666,640
46	0603570N	ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS .....	392,426	392,426
47	0603573N	ADVANCED SURFACE MACHINERY SYSTEMS .....	269,961	269,961
48	0603576N	CHALK EAGLE .....	149,351	149,351
49	0603581N	LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP (LCS) .....	12,576	35,152
		FREEDOM-Class LCS Supply Chain Risk Analysis and Radar Remediation Demonstration.		[22,576]



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50	0603582N	COMBAT SYSTEM INTEGRATION .....	18,819	18,819
51	0603595N	OHIO REPLACEMENT .....	331,577	331,577
52	0603596N	LCS MISSION MODULES .....	46,239	46,239
53	0603597N	AUTOMATED TEST AND RE-TEST (ATRT) .....	18,070	18,070
54	0603598N	ATRT ENTERPRISE RAPID CAPABILITY .....	87,585	87,585
55	0603599N	FRIGATE DEVELOPMENT .....	212,041	212,041
56	0603609N	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS .....	10,216	10,216
57	0603635M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORT SYSTEM .....	521,995	521,995
58	0603654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT ...	43,568	43,568
59	0603713N	OCEAN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	15,903	15,903
60	0603721N	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION .....	19,347	19,347
61	0603724N	NAVY ENERGY PROGRAM .....	59,591	90,391
		Battery develop safety—accelerate MBSE, field DIU standard bat- teries, sUAS safety certs.		[8,300]
		High value target protection program .....		[17,500]
		Power and energy supply chain .....		[5,000]
62	0603725N	FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT .....	13,738	13,738
63	0603734N	CHALK CORAL .....	995,658	995,658
64	0603739N	NAVY LOGISTIC PRODUCTIVITY .....	929	929
65	0603746N	RETRACT MAPLE .....	653,551	653,551
66	0603748N	LINK PLUMERIA .....	498,853	498,853
67	0603751N	RETRACT ELM .....	87,999	87,999
68	0603764M	LINK EVERGREEN .....	593,835	593,835
69	0603790N	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT .....	5,513	5,513
70	0603795N	LAND ATTACK TECHNOLOGY .....	985	985
71	0603851M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TESTING .....	14,152	14,152
72	0603860N	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEMS— DEM/VAL	73,813	73,813
73	0603889N	COUNTERDRUG RDT&E PROJECTS .....	6,500	6,500
74	0603925N	DIRECTED ENERGY AND ELECTRIC WEAPON SYSTEMS .....	94,825	103,825
		Ship-board high powered microwave counter-UAS development .....		[9,000]
76	0604027N	DIGITAL WARFARE OFFICE .....	182,205	182,205
77	0604028N	SMALL AND MEDIUM UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLES ...	24,598	124,598
		Increase low cost undersea effector .....		[100,000]
78	0604029N	UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLE CORE TECHNOLOGIES ...	62,460	87,460
		Liberty Cage—Refuel stations for UAVs (N97) .....		[5,000]
		Ocean Explorer (OEX) commercial battery for XXL UAV (N97) .....		[20,000]
80	0604031N	LARGE UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLES .....	0	120,000
		Increase Liberator and RAPTOR .....		[120,000]
81	0604112N	GERALD R. FORD CLASS NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER (CVN 78—80).	111,241	111,241
82	0604127N	SURFACE MINE COUNTERMEASURES .....	17,762	17,762
83	0604272N	TACTICAL AIR DIRECTIONAL INFRARED COUNTER- MEASURES (TADIRCM).	14,974	14,974
84	0604286N	NAVY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING .....	10,016	15,016
		Advanced Naval Casting for Hardware and Operational Repairs (AN- CHOR).		[5,000]
85	0604289M	NEXT GENERATION LOGISTICS .....	24	24
86	0604292N	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT (MARITIME STRIKE) .....	5,314	5,314
87	0604295M	MARINE AVIATION DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION .....	47,152	107,152
		USMC unmanned vertical take off/landing aerial vehicle .....		[60,000]
88	0604320M	RAPID TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY PROTOTYPE .....	125,999	125,999
89	0604454N	LX (R) .....	18,574	18,574
90	0604536N	ADVANCED UNDERSEA PROTOTYPING .....	164,512	214,512
		Advanced sea mines project scylla .....		[50,000]
92	0604636N	COUNTER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (C-UAS) .....	20,833	20,833
93	0604659N	PRECISION STRIKE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ...	206,873	206,873
94	0604707N	SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) ARCHITEC- TURE/ENGINEERING SUPPORT.	8,657	8,657
95	0604786N	OFFENSIVE ANTI-SURFACE WARFARE WEAPON DEVELOP- MENT.	104,527	104,527
97	0605513N	UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLE ENABLING CAPABILITIES	255,135	632,135
		Containerized payloads for MUSV .....		[325,000]
		Increase USV enabling capabilities .....		[52,000]
98	0605514M	GROUND BASED ANTI-SHIP MISSILE .....	16,307	16,307
100	0605518N	CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE (CPS) .....	1,341,416	800,000
		CPS unjustified increase .....		[–541,416]
101	0105519N	NUCLEAR-ARMED SEA-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (SLCM- N) SUPPORT.	0	250,000
		Restoration of statutorily-directed funding .....		[250,000]
102	0207147M	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT .....	213,934	213,934
103	0303260N	DEFENSE MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE .....	0	
104	0303354N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT—MIP .....	3,206	3,206
105	0304240M	ADVANCED TACTICAL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM .....	1,979	1,979
106	0304270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT—MIP .....	0	
107	0304797N	UNDERSEA ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE / MACHINE LEARNING (AI/ML).	13,563	13,563
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOP- MENT AND PROTOTYPES.</b>	<b>11,237,683</b>	<b>11,602,643</b>

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<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION</b>				
108	0603208N	TRAINING SYSTEM AIRCRAFT .....	80,617	80,617
109	0604038N	MARITIME TARGETING CELL .....	216,514	216,514
110	0604212N	OTHER HELO DEVELOPMENT .....	976	976
112	0604215N	STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT .....	4,399	4,399
113	0604216N	MULTI-MISSION HELICOPTER UPGRADE DEVELOPMENT ...	88,855	88,855
114	0604230N	WARFARE SUPPORT SYSTEM .....	73,080	73,080
115	0604231N	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS .....	73,534	73,534
116	0604234N	ADVANCED HAWKEYE .....	390,260	390,260
117	0604245M	H-1 UPGRADES .....	66,446	66,446
118	0604261N	ACOUSTIC SEARCH SENSORS .....	48,875	48,875
119	0604262N	V-22 .....	252,335	252,335
120	0604264N	AIR CREW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	21,582	21,582
121	0604269N	EA-18 .....	131,683	131,683
122	0604270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	168,985	168,985
123	0604273M	EXECUTIVE HELO DEVELOPMENT .....	69,438	69,438
124	0604274N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) .....	50,332	50,332
125	0604280N	JOINT TACTICAL RADIO SYSTEM—NAVY (JTRS-NAVY) .....	409,318	409,318
126	0604282N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) INCREMENT II .....	497,011	497,011
127	0604307N	SURFACE COMBATANT COMBAT SYSTEM ENGINEERING ...	425,060	425,060
128	0604329N	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB) .....	64,428	64,428
129	0604366N	STANDARD MISSILE IMPROVEMENTS .....	539,279	539,279
130	0604373N	AIRBORNE MCM .....	8,567	8,567
131	0604378N	NAVAL INTEGRATED FIRE CONTROL—COUNTER AIR SYS- TEMS ENGINEERING.	42,177	42,177
132	0604501N	ADVANCED ABOVE WATER SENSORS .....	67,900	67,900
133	0604503N	SUBMARINE SWFTS MODERNIZATION .....	195,361	195,361
134	0604504N	AIR CONTROL .....	41,610	41,610
135	0604512N	SHIPBOARD AVIATION SYSTEMS .....	30,970	30,970
136	0604516N	SHIP SURVIVABILITY .....	7,861	7,861
138	0604522N	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE RADAR (AMDR) SYSTEM .....	96,642	96,642
139	0604530N	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG) .....	60,518	60,518
140	0604558N	NEW DESIGN SSN .....	237,103	237,103
142	0604567N	SHIP CONTRACT DESIGN/ LIVE FIRE T&E .....	19,429	19,429
143	0604574N	NAVY TACTICAL COMPUTER RESOURCES .....	3,415	3,415
144	0604601N	MINE DEVELOPMENT .....	158,666	158,666
145	0604610N	LIGHTWEIGHT TORPEDO DEVELOPMENT .....	102,159	102,159
146	0604654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT ...	8,509	8,509
147	0604657M	USMC GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS— ENG DEV.	69,478	69,478
148	0604703N	PERSONNEL, TRAINING, SIMULATION, AND HUMAN FAC- TORS.	8,316	8,316
149	0604727N	JOINT STANDOFF WEAPON SYSTEMS .....	1,447	1,447
150	0604755N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (DETECT & CONTROL) .....	156,167	156,167
151	0604756N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: HARD KILL) .....	296,261	296,261
152	0604757N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: SOFT KILL/EW) .....	196,761	196,761
153	0604761N	INTELLIGENCE ENGINEERING .....	6,426	6,426
154	0604771N	MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT .....	6,900	6,900
155	0604777N	NAVIGATION/ID SYSTEM .....	3,388	3,388
156	0604850N	SSN(X) .....	315,914	315,914
157	0605013M	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	14,380	14,380
158	0605013N	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	149,089	149,089
159	0605024N	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	3,459	3,459
160	0605180N	TACAMO MODERNIZATION .....	1,662,723	1,662,723
161	0605212M	CH-53K RDTE .....	139,273	139,273
162	0605215N	MISSION PLANNING .....	82,618	82,618
163	0605217N	COMMON AVIONICS .....	133,855	133,855
164	0605220N	SHIP TO SHORE CONNECTOR (SSC) .....	4,519	4,519
165	0605285N	NEXT GENERATION FIGHTER .....	68,498	68,498
166	0605414N	UNMANNED CARRIER AVIATION (UCA) .....	0	
167	0605450M	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE (JAGM) .....	189,866	189,866
168	0605500N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME AIRCRAFT (MMA) .....	87,173	87,173
169	0605504N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME (MMA) INCREMENT III .....	52,951	52,951
170	0605516N	LONG RANGE FIRES .....	186,735	186,735
171	0605611M	MARINE CORPS ASSAULT VEHICLES SYSTEM DEVELOP- MENT & DEMONSTRATION.	12,461	12,461
172	0605813M	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) SYSTEM DEVEL- OPMENT & DEMONSTRATION.	2,413	2,413
173	0204202N	DESTROYERS GUIDED MISSILE (DDG-1000) .....	50,166	50,166
174	0301377N	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW).	15,563	15,563
175	0302315N	NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT .....	23,146	23,146
181	0304785N	ISR & INFO OPERATIONS .....	274,478	274,478
183	0306250M	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	8,962	8,962
<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEM- ONSTRATION.</b>			<b>8,977,280</b>	<b>8,977,280</b>

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<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>				
184	0604256N	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT .....	16,453	16,453
185	0604258N	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	22,653	22,653
186	0604759N	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT .....	112,458	112,458
187	0605152N	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—NAVY .....	4,336	4,336
188	0605154N	CENTER FOR NAVAL ANALYSES .....	28,310	28,310
191	0605853N	MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT ..	124,898	124,898
192	0605856N	STRATEGIC TECHNICAL SUPPORT .....	4,260	4,260
193	0605863N	RDT&E SHIP AND AIRCRAFT SUPPORT .....	170,699	170,699
194	0605864N	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT .....	470,492	470,492
195	0605865N	OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION CAPABILITY .....	31,902	31,902
196	0605866N	NAVY SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) SUPPORT	21,498	21,498
197	0605867N	SEW SURVEILLANCE/RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT .....	25,144	25,144
198	0605873M	MARINE CORPS PROGRAM WIDE SUPPORT .....	70,013	70,013
199	0605898N	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D .....	33,533	33,533
200	0606295M	MARINE AVIATION DEVELOPMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.	19,165	19,165
201	0606355N	WARFARE INNOVATION MANAGEMENT .....	35,931	35,931
202	0606942N	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CYBER VULNERABILITIES.	11,282	11,282
203	0305327N	INSIDER THREAT .....	2,214	2,214
204	0902498N	MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS (DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES).	2,054	2,054
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>1,207,295</b>	<b>1,207,295</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>				
208	0604840M	F-35 C2D2 .....	469,779	469,779
209	0604840N	F-35 C2D2 .....	428,545	428,545
210	0605520M	MARINE CORPS AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS .....	133,041	133,041
211	0607658N	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY (CEC) .....	120,782	120,782
212	0101221N	STRATEGIC SUB & WEAPONS SYSTEM SUPPORT .....	1,051,736	1,051,736
213	0101224N	SSBN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	65,856	65,856
214	0101226N	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	114,279	114,279
215	0101402N	NAVY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS .....	88,572	88,572
216	0204136N	F/A-18 SQUADRONS .....	271,429	271,429
218	0204229N	TOMAHAWK AND TOMAHAWK MISSION PLANNING CENTER (TMPC).	76,653	76,653
219	0204311N	INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM .....	71,901	71,901
220	0204313N	SHIP-TOWED ARRAY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS .....	954	954
221	0204413N	AMPHIBIOUS TACTICAL SUPPORT UNITS (DISPLACEMENT CRAFT).	1,526	1,526
222	0204460M	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR) .....	66,255	66,255
223	0204571N	CONSOLIDATED TRAINING SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	115,839	115,839
224	0204575N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) READINESS SUPPORT .....	198,560	198,560
225	0205601N	ANTI-RADIATION MISSILE IMPROVEMENT .....	80,491	80,491
227	0205632N	MK-48 ADCAP .....	123,011	123,011
228	0205633N	AVIATION IMPROVEMENTS .....	108,505	108,505
229	0205675N	OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS .....	252,893	252,893
230	0206313M	MARINE CORPS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS .....	268,983	273,683
		Dismounted microturbine power generation (USMC E2O) supports EABO.		[4,700]
231	0206335M	COMMON AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (CAC2S).	0	
232	0206623M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS.	79,031	79,031
233	0206624M	MARINE CORPS COMBAT SERVICES SUPPORT .....	19,915	19,915
234	0206625M	USMC INTELLIGENCE/ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS ....	149,055	149,055
235	0207161N	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES .....	122,518	122,518
236	0207163N	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM).	24,675	24,675
237	0207255N	MQ-25 STINGRAY .....	513,308	513,308
238	0208043N	PLANNING AND DECISION AID SYSTEM (PDAS) .....	3,491	3,491
242	0303138N	AFLOAT NETWORKS .....	68,369	68,369
243	0303140N	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	79,128	79,128
244	0305192N	MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (MIP) ACTIVITIES .....	5,187	5,187
245	0305205N	UAS INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY .....	0	
246	0305208M	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS .....	0	
247	0305220N	MQ-4C TRITON .....	10,515	10,515
248	0305232M	RQ-11 UAV .....	19,842	19,842
249	0305241N	MULTI-INTELLIGENCE SENSOR DEVELOPMENT .....	49,898	49,898
250	0305242M	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) PAYLOADS (MIP) .....	20,750	20,750
251	0305421N	MQ-4C TRITON MODERNIZATION .....	344,890	344,890
252	0307577N	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD) .....	787	787
253	0308601N	MODELING AND SIMULATION SUPPORT .....	16,401	16,401
254	0702207N	DEPOT MAINTENANCE (NON-IF) .....	8,097	8,097
255	0708730N	MARITIME TECHNOLOGY (MARITECH) .....	1,710	1,710
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	2,755,838	2,755,838
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>8,402,995</b>	<b>8,407,695</b>

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<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b>				
256	0608013N	RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	13,017	13,017
257	0608231N	MARITIME TACTICAL COMMAND AND CONTROL (MTC2)—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	25,299	25,299
<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.</b>			<b>38,316</b>	<b>38,316</b>
<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, NAVY.</b>			<b>32,386,619</b>	<b>32,935,879</b>
<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, AF</b>				
<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>				
1	0601102F	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	296,535	321,535
		Increase for basic research activities .....		[25,000]
2	0601103F	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	91,394	121,394
		Increase for basic research activities .....		[30,000]
<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH .....</b>			<b>387,929</b>	<b>442,929</b>
<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>				
3	0602020F	FUTURE AF CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH .....	44,029	44,029
4	0602022F	UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED RESEARCH CENTER (UARC)—TACTICAL AUTONOMY.	0	
5	0602102F	MATERIALS .....	139,872	149,872
		High Energy Synchrotron X-Ray Research .....		[10,000]
7	0602202F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS APPLIED RESEARCH .....	103,170	105,170
		Ceramic Oxygen Generation System for Aircrew Life Support .....		[2,000]
8	0602203F	AEROSPACE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES .....	397,809	417,809
		Extreme Environment Power-to-AI Systems for Air and Space Operations.		[10,000]
		Scaling Autonomous Cruise Missile Defense .....		[10,000]
9	0602204F	AEROSPACE SENSORS .....	164,962	164,962
11	0602298F	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT— MAJOR HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES.	10,285	10,285
12	0602336F	NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS TECH EXPLORATION .....	27,031	27,031
13	0602602F	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS .....	130,146	130,146
14	0602605F	DIRECTED ENERGY TECHNOLOGY .....	91,798	91,798
15	0602788F	DOMINANT INFORMATION SCIENCES AND METHODS .....	149,174	184,174
		Future Flag Operational Experimentation Testbed .....		[10,000]
		Quantum Technology Innovation Center .....		[15,000]
		UAS Airspace Integration and Air Domain Awareness for Airspace Safety, Management, and Counter-UAS Operations.		[10,000]
<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>			<b>1,258,276</b>	<b>1,325,276</b>
<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>				
16	0603032F	FUTURE AF INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY DEMOS .....	282,004	282,004
17	0603112F	ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR WEAPON SYSTEMS .....	32,808	42,808
		Metals Affordability Initiative .....		[10,000]
18	0603199F	SUSTAINMENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T) .....	13,277	13,277
19	0603203F	ADVANCED AEROSPACE SENSORS .....	72,149	75,149
		Aerospace Thermoplastic Composites .....		[3,000]
20	0603211F	AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY DEV/DEMO .....	260,212	270,212
		Collaborative Combat Aircraft Propulsion Technology Integration .....		[10,000]
22	0603273F	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS.	165,949	165,949
23	0603456F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	20,338	20,338
24	0603601F	CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY .....	131,397	131,397
25	0603605F	ADVANCED WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY .....	13,744	13,744
26	0603680F	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	99,908	99,908
27	0603788F	BATTLESPACE KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	31,938	31,938
28	0604776F	DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D .....	29,109	29,109
<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.</b>			<b>1,152,833</b>	<b>1,175,833</b>
<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>				
30	0603036F	MODULAR ADVANCED MISSILE .....	15,099	15,099
31	0603260F	INTELLIGENCE ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	4,012	4,012
32	0603677F	IN-TRANSIT VISIBILITY (ITV) MODERNIZATION .....	0	
33	0603742F	COMBAT IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY .....	25,888	25,888
34	0603790F	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT .....	2,320	2,320
35	0603851F	INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE—DEM/VAL .....	72,112	72,112
36	0604001F	NC3 ADVANCED CONCEPTS .....	14,394	14,394
37	0604003F	ADVANCED BATTLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ABMS) .....	1,040,945	1,040,945

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38	0604004F	ADVANCED ENGINE DEVELOPMENT .....	0	
39	0604005F	NC3 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPING .....	61,355	61,355
40	0604007F	E-7 .....	0	1,500,000
		Restore full funding for E-7 .....		[1,500,000]
41	0604009F	AFWERX .....	3,589	3,589
42	0604010F	NEXT GENERATION ADAPTIVE PROPULSION .....	513,681	513,681
43	0604015F	LONG RANGE STRIKE—BOMBER .....	2,862,677	2,862,677
46	0604033F	HYPERSONICS PROTOTYPING .....	345,769	345,769
47	0604041F	FAMILY OF AFFORDABLE MASS MISSILES (FAMM) .....	525,223	525,223
48	0604060F	NORAD & USNORTHCOM (N&C) EXPERIMENTATION .....	39,257	39,257
49	0604183F	HYPERSONICS PROTOTYPING—HYPERSONIC ATTACK CRUISE MISSILE (HACM) .....	806,142	806,142
50	0604257F	ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND SENSORS .....	38,756	38,756
52	0604317F	TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER .....	2,196	2,196
53	0604327F	HARD AND DEEPLY BURIED TARGET DEFEAT SYSTEM (HDBTDS) PROGRAM .....	186,385	186,385
54	0604336F	NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS PROTOTYPING .....	91,550	91,550
55	0604343F	ADVANCED TANKER SYSTEMS .....	13,036	13,036
56	0604414F	CYBER RESILIENCY OF WEAPON SYSTEMS-ACS .....	44,377	44,377
57	0604609F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS & CONCEPT MATURATION .....	57,575	57,575
58	0604668F	JOINT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (JTMS) ..	57,802	57,802
59	0604776F	DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D .....	5,136	5,136
60	0604858F	TECH TRANSITION PROGRAM .....	166,061	166,061
61	0604860F	OPERATIONAL ENERGY AND INSTALLATION RESILIENCE .....	61,000	122,000
		Operational energy and installation resilience increase .....		[61,000]
62	0605057F	NEXT GENERATION AIR-REFUELING SYSTEM .....	0	
64	0606004F	NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT .....	1,105	1,105
65	0606005F	DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OFFICE .....	183,398	183,398
67	0207147F	COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT .....	1,373,740	1,373,740
68	0207179F	AUTONOMOUS COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS .....	57,217	57,217
69	0207420F	COMBAT IDENTIFICATION .....	1,692	1,692
71	0207455F	THREE DIMENSIONAL LONG-RANGE RADAR (3DELRR) .....	22,335	22,335
72	0207522F	AIRBASE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (ABADS) .....	85,305	85,305
73	0207606F	JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT (JSE) .....	302,801	302,801
74	0208030F	WAR RESERVE MATERIEL—AMMUNITION .....	14,663	14,663
75	0302060F	LOOKING GLASS NEXT .....	65,277	65,277
76	0303010F	AF ISR DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE .....	24,455	24,455
77	0305236F	COMMON DATA LINK EXECUTIVE AGENT (CDL EA) .....	26,401	26,401
78	0305601F	MISSION PARTNER ENVIRONMENTS .....	0	
79	0305913F	PERSISTENT SURVEILLANCE .....	29,325	29,325
80	0701200F	ENTERPRISE SELECT CLASS II .....	949	949
81	0708051F	RAPID SUSTAINMENT MODERNIZATION (RSM) .....	27,475	27,475
82	0808736F	SPECIAL VICTIM ACCOUNTABILITY AND INVESTIGATION ..	1,652	1,652
83	0808737F	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION .....	4,271	4,271
84	0901410F	CONTRACTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM .....	25,815	25,815
85	1206415F	U.S. SPACE COMMAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT .....	34,719	34,719
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.</b>	<b>9,338,932</b>	<b>10,899,932</b>
		<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION</b>		
86	0604200F	FUTURE ADVANCED WEAPON ANALYSIS & PROGRAMS .....	35,142	35,142
87	0604201F	PNT RESILIENCY, MODS, AND IMPROVEMENTS .....	710,780	710,780
88	0604222F	NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUPPORT .....	86,921	86,921
89	0604270F	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	260,233	260,233
90	0604281F	TACTICAL DATA NETWORKS ENTERPRISE .....	110,151	110,151
91	0604287F	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT .....	8,743	8,743
92	0604288F	SURVIVABLE AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (SAOC) .....	2,218,921	2,218,921
93	0604602F	ARMAMENT/ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT .....	96,762	96,762
94	0604604F	SUBMUNITIONS .....	3,599	3,599
95	0604617F	AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT .....	19,348	19,348
96	0604706F	LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS .....	21,328	21,328
97	0604735F	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES .....	132,783	142,783
		Overland electronic warfare test and training range feasibility study ..		[10,000]
98	0604932F	LONG RANGE STANDOFF WEAPON .....	565,679	565,679
99	0604933F	ICBM FUZE MODERNIZATION .....	0	
100	0605056F	OPEN ARCHITECTURE MANAGEMENT .....	43,482	43,482
101	0605223F	ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING .....	72,174	72,174
102	0605238F	GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT EMD .....	4,521,370	4,521,370
103	0605296F	MICROELECTRONICS SECURE ENCLAVE .....	224,664	74,664
		Unjustified growth .....		[-150,000]
104	0101125F	NUCLEAR WEAPONS MODERNIZATION .....	23,066	23,066
105	0102417F	OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER RADAR .....	173,975	193,175
		Realignment from Operation and Maintenance and Procurement .....		[19,200]
106	0207039F	COGNITIVE ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE .....	50,496	50,496
107	0207110F	F-47 .....	5,037,904	5,037,904
108	0207279F	ISOLATED PERSONNEL SURVIVABILITY AND RECOVERY ..	16,001	16,001
109	0207328F	STAND IN ATTACK WEAPON .....	115,882	115,882

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110	0207407F	ELECTROMAGNETIC BATTLE MANAGEMENT (EMBM) .....	45,322	45,322
111	0207701F	FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING .....	6,501	6,501
112	0303008F	SATURN .....	4,771	4,771
115	0305155F	THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPON STORAGE & SECURITY SYSTEM.	0	
116	0305282F	JOINT FIRES NETWORK (JFN) .....	313,982	313,982
117	0401221F	KC-46A TANKER SQUADRONS .....	543,788	543,788
118	0401319F	VC-25B .....	555,195	555,195
119	0401334F	LARGE AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY SYSTEMS (LASS) .....	17,996	17,996
120	0701212F	AUTOMATED TEST SYSTEMS .....	15,900	15,900
121	0804772F	TRAINING DEVELOPMENTS .....	4,947	4,947
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.</b>	<b>16,057,806</b>	<b>15,937,006</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>		
123	0604256F	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT .....	44,526	44,526
124	0604759F	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT .....	235,405	235,405
125	0605101F	RAND PROJECT AIR FORCE .....	13,312	13,312
127	0605712F	INITIAL OPERATIONAL TEST & EVALUATION .....	13,562	13,562
128	0605807F	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT .....	1,802,502	1,802,502
131	0605829F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CYBER, NETWORK, & BUS SYS .....	439,592	439,592
132	0605831F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CAPABILITY INTEGRATION .....	1,206,669	1,206,669
134	0605833F	ACQ WORKFORCE- NUCLEAR SYSTEMS .....	342,650	342,650
135	0605898F	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D .....	6,209	6,209
136	0605976F	FACILITIES RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION—TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT.	367,369	367,369
137	0605978F	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT—TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT.	298,924	298,924
138	0606017F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS AND MATURATION .....	21,678	21,678
139	0606398F	MANAGEMENT HQ—T&E .....	7,507	7,507
140	0208201F	OFFENSIVE SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (SUAS).	30,187	30,187
141	0303255F	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION, AND COMPUTERS (C4)—STRATCOM.	18,068	45,068
		Enhanced National Strategic Research Institute research scope .....		[5,000]
		Evaluation of electromagnetic warfare and dynamic spectrum sharing technologies.		[2,000]
		NC3 network sensor demonstration .....		[10,000]
		Rapid Engineering Architecture Collaboration Hub—NC3 architecture.		[10,000]
142	0308602F	ENTREPRISE INFORMATION SERVICES (EIS) .....	80,342	80,342
143	0702806F	ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....	12,132	12,132
144	0804776F	ADVANCED DISTRIBUTED LEARNING .....	238	238
145	0901215F	PRODUCTIVITY INVESTMENTS .....	4,017	4,017
147	1001004F	INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES .....	4,514	4,514
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>4,949,403</b>	<b>4,976,403</b>
		<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
148	0604222F	NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUPPORT .....	10,029	10,029
149	0604233F	SPECIALIZED UNDERGRADUATE FLIGHT TRAINING .....	22,071	22,071
150	0604283F	BATTLE MGMT COM & CTRL SENSOR DEVELOPMENT .....	44,187	44,187
152	0604840F	F-35 C2D2 .....	1,128,748	1,128,748
153	0605018F	AF INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM (AF-IPPS)	31,777	0
		Realignment to Service-Wide Support .....		[-31,777]
154	0605024F	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE AGENCY .....	130,610	130,610
155	0605117F	FOREIGN MATERIEL ACQUISITION AND EXPLOITATION .....	4,676	4,676
156	0605229F	IHH-60W .....	87,881	87,881
157	0605278F	HC/MC-130 RECAP RDT&E .....	34,932	59,932
		Nonrecurring engineering for the LC-130J program .....		[25,000]
158	0606018F	NC3 INTEGRATION .....	36,521	36,521
159	0101113F	B-52 SQUADRONS .....	1,478,648	1,478,648
160	0101122F	AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM) .....	570	570
161	0101126F	B-1B SQUADRONS .....	273,552	273,552
162	0101127F	B-2 SQUADRONS .....	418,178	418,178
163	0101213F	MINUTEMAN SQUADRONS .....	79,313	79,313
164	0101316F	WORLDWIDE JOINT STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS .....	44,424	44,424
165	0101318F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—GLOBAL STRIKE .....	56,203	56,203
166	0101328F	ICBM REENTRY VEHICLES .....	733,182	733,182
168	0102110F	MH-139A .....	7,046	7,046
169	0102326F	REGION/SECTOR OPERATION CONTROL CENTER MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.	709	709
170	0102417F	OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER RADAR .....	0	
171	0202834F	AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT—GENERAL .....	1,028	1,028
172	0203345F	OPERATIONS SECURITY (OPSEC) .....	45,000	45,000
173	0205219F	MQ-9 UAV .....	16,723	16,723
174	0205671F	JOINT COUNTER RCIED ELECTRONIC WARFARE .....	2,816	2,816
175	0207040F	MULTI-PLATFORM ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT .....	0	
176	0207133F	F-16 SQUADRONS .....	527,739	527,739

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177	0207134F	F-15E SQUADRONS .....	322,889	370,889
		F-15 IRST capability .....		[48,000]
178	0207136F	MANNED DESTRUCTIVE SUPPRESSION .....	8,128	8,128
179	0207138F	F-22A SQUADRONS .....	950,375	854,375
		Decrement F-22 sensor enhancements .....		[-96,000]
180	0207142F	F-35 SQUADRONS .....	47,388	47,388
181	0207146F	F-15EX .....	133,274	133,274
182	0207161F	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES .....	98,861	98,861
183	0207163F	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM) .....	53,277	53,277
184	0207172F	JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM) .....	500,422	500,422
186	0207238F	E-11A .....	0	
187	0207242F	SPECIAL PROGRAM APPLICATIONS .....	35,149	35,149
188	0207247F	AF TENCAP .....	50,913	50,913
189	0207249F	PRECISION ATTACK SYSTEMS PROCUREMENT .....	14,602	14,602
190	0207253F	COMPASS CALL .....	66,514	66,514
191	0207268F	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	205,938	205,938
192	0207325F	JOINT AIR-TO-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE (JASSM) .....	133,092	133,092
193	0207327F	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB) .....	25,497	25,497
194	0207410F	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC) .....	158,871	158,871
195	0207412F	CONTROL AND REPORTING CENTER (CRC) .....	18,137	18,137
196	0207418F	AFSPECWAR—TACP .....	5,206	5,206
198	0207431F	COMBAT AIR INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM ACTIVITIES .....	33,700	33,700
199	0207438F	THEATER BATTLE MANAGEMENT (TBM) C4I .....	7,014	7,014
200	0207439F	ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE INT REPROG (EWIR) .....	73,523	73,523
202	0207452F	DCAPES .....	5,254	5,254
203	0207457F	AIR FORCE SPECIAL WARFARE (SPECWAR) .....	24,423	24,423
204	0207461F	FLIGHT OPERATIONS SYSTEMS .....	15,978	15,978
205	0207521F	AIR FORCE CALIBRATION PROGRAMS .....	2,220	2,220
207	0207590F	SEEK EAGLE .....	36,710	36,710
208	0207611F	READINESS DECISION SUPPORT ENTERPRISE .....	6,823	6,823
209	0207697F	DISTRIBUTED TRAINING AND EXERCISES .....	83,659	83,659
210	0207701F	FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING .....	6,644	6,644
211	0208006F	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS .....	122,175	122,175
212	0208007F	TACTICAL DECEPTION .....	48,857	48,857
213	0208087F	DISTRIBUTED CYBER WARFARE OPERATIONS .....	71,868	71,868
214	0208088F	AF DEFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	76,758	76,758
218	0208288F	INTEL DATA APPLICATIONS .....	7,511	7,511
219	0301025F	GEOBASE .....	403	403
220	0301113F	CYBER SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT .....	0	
226	0301377F	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW) .....	1,343	1,343
228	0301401F	AF MULTI-DOMAIN NON-TRADITIONAL ISR BATTLESPACE AWARENESS .....	2,754	2,754
229	0302015F	E-4B NATIONAL AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (NAOC) .....	50,873	50,873
230	0302315F	NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT .....	4,024	4,024
232	0303089F	CYBERSPACE AND DODIN OPERATIONS .....	0	
233	0303131F	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (MEECN) .....	254,837	254,837
234	0303133F	HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO SYSTEMS .....	33,215	33,215
235	0303140F	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	117,658	117,658
236	0303248F	ALL DOMAIN COMMON PLATFORM .....	71,312	71,312
237	0303260F	JOINT MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE .....	0	
238	0304100F	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM (SMPES) .....	89,663	89,663
239	0304109F	THRESHER .....	109	109
242	0304260F	AIRBORNE SIGINT ENTERPRISE .....	98,319	98,319
243	0304310F	COMMERCIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS .....	1,713	1,713
246	0304784F	LONG ENDURANCE—AIRBORNE ISR .....	16,570	16,570
248	0305020F	CCMD INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY .....	0	
249	0305022F	ISR MODERNIZATION & AUTOMATION DVMT (IMAD) .....	16,188	16,188
250	0305099F	GLOBAL AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (GATM) .....	4,210	4,210
251	0305103F	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE .....	318	318
252	0305111F	WEATHER SERVICE .....	29,331	29,331
253	0305114F	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, APPROACH, AND LANDING SYSTEM (ATCALS) .....	61,895	61,895
254	0305116F	AERIAL TARGETS .....	1,704	1,704
257	0305128F	SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES .....	9,642	9,642
258	0305146F	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES .....	2,469	2,469
259	0305155F	THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPON STORAGE & SECURITY SYSTEM .....	24,364	24,364
260	0305158F	TACTICAL TERMINAL .....	0	
261	0305179F	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS) .....	18,266	18,266
262	0305206F	AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS .....	34,273	34,273
263	0305207F	MANNED RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS .....	17,114	17,114
264	0305208F	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS .....	85,365	85,365
266	0305221F	NETWORK-CENTRIC COLLABORATIVE TARGETING .....	9,146	9,146
267	0305238F	NATO AGS .....	0	

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268	0305240F	ISR TRANSPORT AND PROCESSING .....	312,037	312,037
269	0305249F	AF JWICS ENTERPRISE .....	19,324	19,324
270	0305600F	INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURES.	62,000	62,000
271	0305836F	C2IMERA .....	11,393	11,393
272	0305903F	COCOM MOBILE COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTERS (MCCCS).	2,013	2,013
273	0305984F	PERSONNEL RECOVERY COMMAND & CTRL (PRC2) .....	1,783	1,783
274	0307577F	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD) .....	3,151	3,151
275	0401119F	C-5 AIRLIFT SQUADRONS (IF) .....	76,233	76,233
276	0401130F	C-17 AIRCRAFT (IF) .....	178,130	185,130
		C-17 data bus recording upgrade .....		[7,000]
277	0401132F	C-130J PROGRAM .....	16,628	23,628
		C-130 advanced maintenance analytics data kits .....		[7,000]
278	0401134F	LARGE AIRCRAFT IR COUNTERMEASURES (LAIRCM) .....	12,323	12,323
279	0401218F	KC-135S .....	121,742	128,742
		KC-135 vertical wipers .....		[7,000]
280	0401318F	CV-22 .....	45,699	45,699
281	0401334F	LARGE AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY SYSTEMS (LASS) .....	50,111	50,111
282	0408011F	SPECIAL TACTICS / COMBAT CONTROL .....	0	
283	0708610F	LOGISTICS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (LOGIT) .....	21,518	21,518
284	0801380F	AF LVC OPERATIONAL TRAINING (LVC-OT) .....	23,472	23,472
285	0804743F	OTHER FLIGHT TRAINING .....	1,950	1,950
286	0901202F	JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY AGENCY .....	2,035	2,035
287	0901218F	CIVILIAN COMPENSATION PROGRAM .....	4,248	4,248
288	0901220F	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION .....	2,678	2,678
289	0901226F	AIR FORCE STUDIES AND ANALYSIS AGENCY .....	81,252	81,252
291	0901538F	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	3,316	3,316
292	0901554F	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACNTNG AND MGT SYS (DEAMS) ...	38,301	38,301
293	1201921F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—SPACE ACTIVITIES .....	700	700
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	29,113,107	29,113,107
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>39,930,435</b>	<b>39,896,658</b>
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, AF.</b>	<b>73,075,614</b>	<b>74,654,037</b>
		<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, SF</b>		
		<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>		
1	0601102SF	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	20,833	20,833
2	0601103SF	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	14,426	14,426
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH</b>	<b>35,259</b>	<b>35,259</b>
		<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>		
4	1206601SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY .....	234,190	244,190
		Establishment of Modeling, Simulation, and Analysis Hub .....		[10,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH</b>	<b>234,190</b>	<b>244,190</b>
		<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>		
5	1206310SF	SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.	313,738	313,738
6	1206616SF	SPACE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/DEMO ...	126,427	126,427
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.</b>	<b>440,165</b>	<b>440,165</b>
		<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>		
7	0604002SF	SPACE FORCE WEATHER SERVICES RESEARCH .....	3,581	3,581
8	1203010SF	SPACE FORCE IT, DATA ANALYTICS, DIGITAL SOLUTIONS	45,971	45,971
9	1203164SF	NAVSTAR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (USER EQUIPMENT) (SPACE).	0	
10	1203622SF	SPACE WARFIGHTING ANALYSIS .....	128,546	128,546
11	1203710SF	EO/IR WEATHER SYSTEMS .....	144,434	144,434
12	1203955SF	SPACE ACCESS, MOBILITY & LOGISTICS (SAML) .....	9,724	9,724
13	1206410SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPING	1,246,316	1,246,316
14	1206427SF	SPACE SYSTEMS PROTOTYPE TRANSITIONS (SSPT) .....	87,730	87,730
15	1206438SF	SPACE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY .....	62,031	62,031
16	1206458SF	TECH TRANSITION (SPACE) .....	241,056	241,056
17	1206617SF	OPERATIONAL TEST & TRAINING INFRASTRUCTURE .....	265,215	265,215
18	1206730SF	SPACE SECURITY AND DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	102,140	102,140
19	1206760SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL ENTERPRISE SERVICE (PTES) .....	155,885	155,885
20	1206761SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL SERVICE (PTS) .....	449,434	449,434
21	1206855SF	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS) .....	0	
22	1206857SF	SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE .....	9,950	9,950
23	1206862SF	TACTICALLY RESPONSIVE SPACE .....	86,306	96,306
		Orbital Pre-Positioned Tactically Responsive Space capability enhancement.		[10,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.</b>	<b>3,038,319</b>	<b>3,048,319</b>



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<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION</b>				
24	1203269SF	GPS III FOLLOW-ON (GPS IIIF) .....	123,793	123,793
25	1206421SF	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS .....	43,702	123,702
		Realignment from procurement for PDM .....		[80,000]
26	1206422SF	WEATHER SYSTEM FOLLOW-ON .....	34,756	34,756
27	1206425SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS SYSTEMS .....	1,317,841	1,317,841
28	1206431SF	ADVANCED EHF MILSATCOM (SPACE) .....	10,157	10,157
29	1206433SF	WIDEBAND GLOBAL SATCOM (SPACE) .....	0	
30	1206440SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GROUND .....	761,425	761,425
31	1206442SF	NEXT GENERATION OPIR .....	209,851	209,851
32	1206443SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GEO .....	485,703	485,703
33	1206444SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—POLAR .....	0	500,000
		Restore funding to Next Generation Polar .....		[500,000]
34	1206445SF	COMMERCIAL SATCOM (COMSATCOM) INTEGRATION .....	68,554	68,554
35	1206446SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO).	3,564,176	3,564,176
36	1206447SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—MEDIUM EARTH ORBIT (MEO).	1,413,662	1,413,662
37	1206771SF	COMMERCIAL SERVICES .....	23,752	23,752
38	1206853SF	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE)—EMD.	2,748	2,748
39	1206855SF	EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS) .....	1,838,718	1,838,718
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.</b>	<b>9,898,838</b>	<b>10,478,838</b>
<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>				
42	1206392SF	ACQ WORKFORCE—SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS .....	260,731	260,731
43	1206398SF	SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER—MHA .....	13,717	13,717
44	1206399SF	SSC ENTERPRISE ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION .....	230,848	230,848
45	1206759SF	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT—SPACE .....	65,731	65,731
46	1206860SF	ROCKET SYSTEMS LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE) .....	19,965	19,965
47	1206864SF	SPACE TEST PROGRAM (STP) .....	29,598	29,598
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>620,590</b>	<b>620,590</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>				
49	1201212SF	SERVICE-WIDE SUPPORT (NOT OTHERWISE ACCOUNTED FOR).	28,425	69,802
		Realignment from AF Integrated Personnel and Pay System .....		[31,777]
		Realignment from Operation and Maintenance for HR IT automation .....		[9,600]
50	1203001SF	FAMILY OF ADVANCED BLOS TERMINALS (FAB-T) .....	0	
51	1203040SF	DCO-SPACE .....	481,251	481,251
52	1203109SF	NARROWBAND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS .....	855,860	855,860
53	1203110SF	SATELLITE CONTROL NETWORK (SPACE) .....	92,537	92,537
54	1203154SF	LONG RANGE KILL CHAINS .....	1,392,025	1,392,025
55	1203155SF	SPACE-BASED MOVING TARGET INDICATOR .....	253,355	336,489
		Realignment for execution .....		[−10,050]
		Realignment from procurement .....		[46,592]
		Realignment from procurement for Space-Based Moving Target Indicator.		[46,592]
56	1203156SF	DATA TRANSPORT AND NETWORKING .....	164,974	164,974
57	1203165SF	NAVSTAR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (SPACE AND CONTROL SEGMENTS).	115,000	115,000
58	1203173SF	SPACE AND MISSILE TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER .....	22,487	22,487
59	1203174SF	SPACE INNOVATION, INTEGRATION AND RAPID TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	10,538	10,538
60	1203182SF	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM (SPACE) .....	56,781	56,781
61	1203330SF	SPACE SUPERIORITY ISR .....	64,290	64,290
62	1203636SF	SPACE DATA NETWORK .....	0	
63	1203873SF	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE RADARS .....	0	
64	1203906SF	NCMC—ITW/AA SYSTEM .....	25,092	25,092
65	1203909SF	BALLISTIC MISSILE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (BMEWS) .....	128,630	128,630
66	1203913SF	NUDET DETECTION SYSTEM (SPACE) .....	114,004	114,004
67	1203940SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS OPERATIONS .....	294,902	294,902
68	1206423SF	GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM III—OPERATIONAL CONTROL SEGMENT.	332,313	234,313
		Realignment to procurement for AEP technical refresh .....		[−98,000]
72	1206772SF	RAPID RESILIENT COMMAND AND CONTROL (R2C2) .....	109,190	109,190
73	1207440SF	AUTOMATE SAT C2 .....	1,524,300	24,300
		Unjustified growth .....		[−1,500,000]
74	1208053SF	JOINT TACTICAL GROUND SYSTEM .....	92,731	92,731
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	17,330,381	17,090,431
		Program realignment from SB-MTI .....		[10,050]
		Unjustified growth .....		[−250,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>23,489,066</b>	<b>21,775,627</b>
<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b>				

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75	1208248SF	SPACE DOMAIN AWARENESS/PLANNING/TASKING SW .....	617,062	617,062
		<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.</b>	<b>617,062</b>	<b>617,062</b>
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, SF.</b>	<b>38,373,489</b>	<b>37,260,050</b>
		<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, DW BASIC RESEARCH</b>		
1	0601000BR	DTRA BASIC RESEARCH .....	15,070	15,070
3	0601108D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	17,667	17,667
4	0601110D8Z	BASIC RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	87,091	182,091
		Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research .....		[40,000]
		Increase for Minerva program .....		[15,000]
		Increase for Vanavar Bush fellowships .....		[40,000]
6	0601120D8Z	NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM .....	165,488	165,488
7	0601122E	EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES .....	387,633	387,633
8	0601228D8Z	HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES/MI- NORITY INSTITUTIONS.	99,706	119,706
		Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions .....		[20,000]
9	0601384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	27,425	27,425
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH</b> .....	<b>800,080</b>	<b>915,080</b>
		<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>		
11	0602000D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY .....	32,145	32,145
12	0602023E	ACCESS AND AWARENESS .....	110,096	110,096
13	0602024E	WARFIGHTING PERFORMANCE .....	364,141	364,141
14	0602025E	MAKING, MAINTAINING, SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS ....	1,624,523	1,624,523
15	0602026E	EFFECTS .....	0	
17	0602128D8Z	PROMOTION AND PROTECTION STRATEGIES .....	4,260	4,260
18	0602230D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION .....	43,405	43,405
19	0602234D8Z	LINCOLN LABORATORY RESEARCH PROGRAM .....	10,045	10,045
20	0602251D8Z	APPLIED RESEARCH FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF S&T PRIORITIES.	59,560	59,560
22	0602384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	207,186	207,186
23	0602668D8Z	CYBER SECURITY RESEARCH .....	18,575	53,575
		Pacific Intelligence and Innovation Initiative .....		[5,000]
		University Consortium for Cybersecurity .....		[30,000]
24	0602669D8Z	MICROELECTRONICS COMMONS—APPLIED RESEARCH .....	0	50,000
		Program increase .....		[50,000]
29	0602718BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION APPLIED RE- SEARCH.	157,287	157,287
30	0602751D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI) APPLIED RE- SEARCH.	7,069	7,069
31	0602890D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH .....	50,408	50,408
32	0602891D8Z	FSRM MODELLING .....	6,635	6,635
33	1160401BB	SOF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	50,856	60,856
		Cognitive Warfare and Narrative Intelligence .....		[10,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH</b> .....	<b>2,746,191</b>	<b>2,841,191</b>
		<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>		
34	0603000D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	64,251	64,251
36	0603055D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT .....	165,060	165,060
38	0603122D8Z	COMBATING TERRORISM TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	73,618	273,618
		U.S.-Israel Cooperation to Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems .....		[100,000]
		U.S.-Israel Subterranean Operations Cooperation .....		[100,000]
39	0603133D8Z	FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING .....	24,950	24,950
40	0603142D8Z	MISSION ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION (ME&I) .....	144,454	144,454
41	0603160BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	509,160	509,160
42	0603176C	ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT	0	
43	0603180C	ADVANCED RESEARCH .....	482,573	507,573
		Advanced Research for Blood Platelet Treatments .....		[10,000]
		Autonomous Surface Vessel Support .....		[15,000]
44	0603183D8Z	JOINT HYPersonic TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT &TRANSITION.	424,422	439,422
		Hypersonic Ground Test Infrastructure .....		[15,000]
45	0603225D8Z	JOINT DOD-DOE MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOP- MENT.	45,375	45,375
48	0603288D8Z	ANALYTIC ASSESSMENTS .....	36,917	36,917
49	0603289D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE ANALYSIS AND CONCEPTS .....	51,960	51,960
50	0603330D8Z	QUANTUM APPLICATION .....	60,333	60,333
51	0603331D8Z	FUTURE GENERATION WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES .....	5,000	5,000
52	0603342D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT (DIU) .....	522,559	527,559
		Defense Innovation Unit OnRamp Hub Expansion .....		[5,000]
53	0603375D8Z	TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION .....	982,694	632,694
		Unjustified growth .....		[-350,000]
54	0603379D8Z	ADVANCED TECHNICAL INTEGRATION .....	79,268	79,268

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55	0603384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT.	310,308	310,308
56	0603467E	DARPA ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	1,568,124	1,475,124
		Cut to Perfect Victory and HATS .....		[–93,000]
57	0603468E	ADVANCED COMPLEX SYSTEMS .....	540,362	540,362
58	0603469E	ADVANCED ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES .....	331,007	331,007
59	0603618D8Z	JOINT ELECTRONIC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	49,083	49,083
60	0603662D8Z	NETWORKED COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES .....	696,297	696,297
62	0603680D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE MANUFACTURING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.	581,847	601,847
		Hypersonic Advanced Materials .....		[8,000]
		Manufacturing Advancement for Novel Technology Innovation and Sustainment (F–47).		[12,000]
63	0603680S	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	49,787	49,787
64	0603712S	GENERIC LOGISTICS R&D TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS.	18,791	18,791
65	0603716D8Z	STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM .....	60,774	60,774
66	0603720S	MICROELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT.	139,923	139,923
67	0603727D8Z	JOINT WARFIGHTING PROGRAM .....	0	
72	0603781D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE .....	10,227	10,227
73	0603834D8Z	BIOSURVEILLANCE PROGRAM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	9,800	9,800
74	0603838D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION ACCELERATION (DIA) .....	310,977	310,977
75	0603924D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	201,125	206,125
		Ultra-Short Pulsed Laser Weapons .....		[5,000]
76	0603941D8Z	TEST & EVALUATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY .....	3,834,080	2,378,374
		MACH-XL program increase .....		[200,000]
		Unjustified growth .....		[–1,655,706]
77	0603945D8Z	INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION INITIATIVES .....	158,345	158,345
79	0604055D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT .....	0	55,000
		Energy mission planning—program increase .....		[50,000]
		Innovative high energy density sodium battery .....		[5,000]
80	1160402BB	SOF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	126,085	126,085
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.</b>	<b>12,669,536</b>	<b>11,095,830</b>
		<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES</b>		
81	0603161D8Z	NUCLEAR MATTERS, ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPES.	44,685	59,685
		Advanced prototyping acceleration .....		[15,000]
82	0603600D8Z	WALKOFF .....	227,158	227,158
83	0603851D8Z	ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.	125,066	128,066
		STED program increase—accelerate SOF warfighter technologies .....		[3,000]
84	0603881C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT.	0	
85	0603882C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SEGMENT.	1,360,611	1,285,611
		Unjustified growth .....		[–75,000]
86	0603884BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—DEMOVAL.	391,307	391,307
87	0603884C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSORS .....	865,420	865,420
88	0603890C	BMD ENABLING PROGRAMS .....	1,457,437	1,442,437
		DEEP SENTRY tool development .....		[5,000]
		Program decrease .....		[–20,000]
89	0603891C	SPECIAL PROGRAMS—MDA .....	1,742,778	1,642,778
		Unjustified growth .....		[–100,000]
90	0603892C	AEGIS BMD .....	927,870	927,870
91	0603896C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL, BATTLE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS (C2BMC).	939,987	939,987
92	0603898C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE JOINT WARFIGHTER SUPPORT.	50,430	50,430
93	0603904C	MISSILE DEFENSE INTEGRATION & OPERATIONS CENTER (MDIOC).	57,892	57,892
94	0603906C	REGARDING TRENCH .....	29,807	29,807
95	0603907C	SEA BASED X-BAND RADAR (SBX) .....	274,204	274,204
96	0603913C	ISRAELI COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS .....	300,000	300,000
97	0603914C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST .....	1,063,474	1,063,474
98	0603915C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TARGETS .....	518,506	545,506
		Advanced Target Front End (ATFE) Configuration 3 (C3) Risk Reduction.		[7,000]
		Development of full-scale, low-cost hypersonic vehicle target .....		[10,000]
		Expanded operational testing .....		[10,000]
99	0603923D8Z	COALITION WARFARE .....	10,082	10,082
100	0604011D8Z	NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G).	0	

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101	0604016D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CORROSION PROGRAM .....	2,675	2,675
102	0604023D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS COMPONENT PROTOTYPING .....	7,893	7,893
103	0604102C	GUAM DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT .....	212,413	312,413
		Program increase .....		[100,000]
104	0604115C	TECHNOLOGY MATURATION INITIATIVES .....	59,700	59,700
106	0604125D8Z	ADVANCED MANUFACTURING COMPONENTS AND PROTOTYPES.	52,122	62,122
		Advanced Manufacturing Pilot Research Facility for Large Scale, Large Volume, Agile, Additive and Hybrid Manufacturing.		[10,000]
107	0604162D8Z	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ELIMINATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	945	945
108	0604181C	HYPERSONIC DEFENSE .....	213,783	213,783
109	0604250D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES .....	2,626,130	2,776,130
		HGWS/MDACS integration and test .....		[150,000]
110	0604294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS .....	156,743	506,743
		Restore funding for microelectronics activities .....		[350,000]
111	0604331D8Z	RAPID PROTOTYPING PROGRAM .....	238,800	378,800
		Covert Acoustic Communications .....		[5,000]
		HALE/HAPS .....		[5,000]
		Rapidly Scalable Affordable Mass Group 2/3 UAS .....		[100,000]
		Unmanned Fleet Expansion .....		[30,000]
113	0604341D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT (DIU) PROTOTYPING .....	0	330,000
		Alternative low-cost exoatmospheric interceptor .....		[75,000]
		Alternative low-cost ground-launched extended-range munition .....		[25,000]
		Alternative low-cost medium air-to-air missile .....		[35,000]
		Alternative low-cost medium-range integrated air and missile defense interceptor.		[40,000]
		Alternative low-cost short-range integrated air and missile defense interceptor.		[35,000]
		Alternative low-cost shoulder launched missile .....		[20,000]
		Ranjet munition from a responsive strike aircraft .....		[100,000]
114	0604400D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) UNMANNED SYSTEM COMMON DEVELOPMENT.	2,024	2,024
115	0604539D8Z	DEFENSE AUTONOMOUS WARFARE GROUP .....	1,000,000	1,000,000
116	0604551BR	CATAPULT INFORMATION SYSTEM .....	7,500	7,500
117	0604555D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY PROTOTYPING—NON S&T .....	53,505	93,505
		Operational energy prototyping .....		[40,000]
119	0604679D8Z	OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAPITAL (OSC) .....	18,955	250,000
		Establish OSC equity account .....		[250,000]
		Reduction for program no longer executed by OSC .....		[–18,955]
120	0604682D8Z	SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIC ANALYSIS .....	2,802	2,802
122	0604791D8Z	MULTI-DOMAIN JOINT OPERATIONS (MDJO) .....	32,001	32,001
123	0604797D8Z	JOINT ENERGETIC TRANSITION OFFICE .....	6,278	6,278
124	0604826J	JOINT C5 CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY ASSESSMENTS.	28,314	28,314
125	0604834D8Z	BIOSURVEILLANCE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPING.	7,000	7,000
126	0604873C	LONG RANGE DISCRIMINATION RADAR (LRDR) .....	125,074	125,074
127	0604874C	IMPROVED HOMELAND DEFENSE INTERCEPTORS .....	1,344,824	1,344,824
128	0604876C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT TEST.	0	
129	0604878C	AEGIS BMD TEST .....	61,969	61,969
130	0604879C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSOR TEST .....	52,919	52,919
131	0604880C	LAND-BASED SM-3 (LBSM3) .....	25,102	25,102
132	0604887C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE SEGMENT TEST.	53,761	53,761
133	0604924D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPE.	44,485	44,485
134	0202057C	SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT .....	2,146	2,146
135	0208059JCY	CYBERCOM ACTIVITIES .....	31,735	31,735
137	0208086JCY	CYBER TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (CTE) .....	120,814	120,814
139	0305103C	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE .....	2,160	2,160
140	0305245D8Z	INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AND INNOVATION INVESTMENTS.	15,047	20,047
		Geospatial Workforce Development Program .....		[5,000]
142	1206895C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM SPACE PROGRAMS	95,819	95,819
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.</b>	<b>17,094,152</b>	<b>18,305,197</b>
		<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION</b>		
144	0604123D8Z	CHIEF DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (CDAO)—DEM/VAL ACTIVITIES.	11,197	11,197
145	0604133D8Z	ALPHA-1 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES .....	969,825	719,825
		Unjustified growth for Alpha-1 activities .....		[–250,000]
146	0604161D8Z	NUCLEAR MATTERS, SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION.	14,919	14,919
147	0604384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—EMD ...	261,947	261,947
148	0604771D8Z	JOINT TACTICAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (JTIDS).	10,200	10,200

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149	0605000BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	16,713	16,713
150	0605013BL	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	13,620	13,620
151	0605021SE	HOMELAND PERSONNEL SECURITY INITIATIVE .....	9,334	9,334
152	0605022D8Z	DEFENSE EXPORTABILITY PROGRAM .....	5,943	55,943
		Increase for Defense Exportability Features program .....		[50,000]
153	0605027D8Z	OUSD(C) IT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES .....	273,253	223,253
		Unjustified growth for OUSD(C) IT development .....		[-50,000]
154	0605080S	DEFENSE AGENCY INITIATIVES (DAI)—FINANCIAL SYSTEM.	51,265	51,265
155	0605141BR	MISSION ASSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (MARMS).	0	
156	0605210D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT CAPABILITIES.	7,918	7,918
157	0605294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS .....	51,202	151,202
		Restore funding for microelectronics activities .....		[100,000]
158	0605310D8Z	MILITARY AVIATION AND INSTALLATION ASSURANCE SITING CLEARINGHOUSE.	4,072	4,072
159	0605649D8Z	ACQUISITION INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY (AI2).	92,689	92,689
160	0605755D8Z	RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	3,090	3,090
161	0605772D8Z	NUCLEAR COMMAND, CONTROL, & COMMUNICATIONS .....	2,985	2,985
162	0205401JCA	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (JIATF-401).	580,348	580,348
163	0305282D8Z	JOINT FIRES NETWORK (JFN) .....	0	
164	0305282K	JOINT FIRES NETWORK (JFN) .....	35,000	35,000
165	0305304D8Z	REAL PROPERTY ANALYTICS .....	2,573	2,573
166	0305310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	12,751	12,751
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.</b>	<b>2,430,844</b>	<b>2,280,844</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>		
168	0603829J	JOINT CAPABILITY EXPERIMENTATION .....	12,332	12,332
169	0604122D8Z	JADC2 DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIMENTATION ACTIVITIES.	2,109,895	1,459,895
		Unjustified growth for JADC2 .....		[-650,000]
171	0604774D8Z	DEFENSE READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (DRRS) .....	8,921	8,921
172	0604875D8Z	JOINT SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT .....	11,094	11,094
173	0604940D8Z	CENTRAL TEST AND EVALUATION INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT (CTEIP).	1,153,754	1,153,754
174	0604942D8Z	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS .....	0	
175	0605001E	MISSION SUPPORT .....	108,101	108,101
176	0605100D8Z	JOINT MISSION ENVIRONMENT TEST CAPABILITY (JMETC)	234,700	234,700
177	0605126J	JOINT INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ORGANIZATION (JIAMDO).	69,820	69,820
178	0605128D8Z	CLASSIFIED PROGRAM USD(P) .....	0	
179	0605131D8Z	LIVE FIRE TESTING .....	9,020	9,020
180	0605142D8Z	SYSTEMS ENGINEERING .....	21,992	21,992
181	0605151D8Z	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—OSD .....	5,255	5,255
182	0605161D8Z	NUCLEAR MATTERS MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....	21,862	21,862
183	0605170D8Z	SUPPORT TO NETWORKS AND INFORMATION INTEGRATION.	26,878	29,878
		Third-Party hardware evaluation and independent analysis .....		[3,000]
184	0605200D8Z	GENERAL SUPPORT TO OUSD(INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY).	10,695	10,695
185	0605384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	89,467	89,467
192	0605711D8Z	CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS .....	10,913	10,913
193	0605790D8Z	SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR)/ SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (STTR) ADMINISTRATION.	8,435	8,435
194	0605797D8Z	MAINTAINING TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE .....	35,512	35,512
195	0605798D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS .....	165,450	165,450
196	0605801KA	DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC) .....	57,576	57,576
197	0605803SE	R&D IN SUPPORT OF DOD ENLISTMENT, TESTING AND EVALUATION.	34,359	34,359
198	0605804D8Z	DEVELOPMENT TEST AND EVALUATION .....	35,106	35,106
199	0605898E	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D .....	5,383	5,383
200	0605998KA	MANAGEMENT HQ—DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC).	3,489	3,489
201	0606005D8Z	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES .....	19,260	19,260
202	0606100D8Z	BUDGET AND PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS .....	10,678	10,678
203	0606114D8Z	ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP (AWG) SUPPORT .....	11,668	11,668
205	0606220D8Z	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR ENTERPRISE TRANSFORMATION AND MODERNIZATION.	75,000	75,000
206	0606225D8Z	ODNA TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE ANALYSIS .....	3,264	3,264
207	0606300D8Z	DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD .....	6,307	6,307
208	0606301D8Z	AVIATION SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES .....	986	986

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209	0606771D8Z	CYBER RESILIENCY AND CYBERSECURITY POLICY .....	30,746	30,746
210	0606774D8Z	DEFENSE CIVILIAN TRAINING CORPS .....	0	20,000
		Defense civilian training corps increase .....		[20,000]
211	0606775D8Z	JOINT PRODUCTION ACCELERATOR CELL (JPAC) .....	6,215	6,215
212	0606829D8Z	SUSTAINMENT TRANSITION CAPABILITIES .....	29,408	29,408
213	0606853BR	MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT ..	0	
214	0203345D8Z	DEFENSE OPERATIONS SECURITY INITIATIVE (DOSI) .....	0	
215	0204571J	JOINT STAFF ANALYTICAL SUPPORT .....	5,088	5,088
216	0207834D8Z	BIOSURVEILLANCE PROGRAM .....	7,000	7,000
217	0208045K	C4I INTEROPERABILITY .....	72,581	72,581
218	0303169D8Z	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAPID ACQUISITION .....	6,416	6,416
219	0305172K	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS .....	5,566	5,566
221	0305208K	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS .....	2,951	2,951
222	0305248J	JOINT STAFF OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DATA OFFICER (OCDO) ACTIVITIES.	67,007	67,007
223	0804768J	COCOM EXERCISE ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING TRANS- FORMATION (CE2T2)—NON-MHA.	90,424	90,424
224	0808709SE	DEFENSE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT INSTI- TUTE (DEOMI).	0	
225	0808737SE	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION .....	5,768	5,768
226	0901598C	MANAGEMENT HQ—MDA .....	31,863	31,863
227	0903235K	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER (JSP) .....	0	
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	36,977	36,977
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>4,775,182</b>	<b>4,148,182</b>
		<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>		
229	0604011D8Z	NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G).	5,893	5,893
231	0604538D8Z	ECONOMIC DEFENSE UNIT (EDU) .....	403,903	53,903
		Transfer to OSC .....		[–250,000]
		Unjustified growth for Economic Defense Unit .....		[–100,000]
232	0607162D8Z	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ELIMINATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT.	2,931	2,931
233	0607210D8Z	INDUSTRIAL BASE ANALYSIS AND SUSTAINMENT SUP- PORT.	1,177,356	1,274,356
		Automated textile manufacturing program .....		[50,000]
		Fan-Out Water-Level Packaging .....		[10,000]
		MUDCAT: Secure Manufacturing and Integration Capability .....		[22,000]
		Multi Domain Operations (MDO) and Electromagnetic Spectrum Op- erations (EMSO) Range.		[10,000]
		Stem+M Shipbuilding Workforce Education Program .....		[5,000]
234	0607310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION MODERNIZATION .....	11,304	11,304
235	0607327T	GLOBAL THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION MANAGE- MENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (G-TSCMIS).	6,010	6,010
236	0607384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE (OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT).	82,695	82,695
237	0607385BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION OPER- ATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	4,108	4,108
238	0607757D8Z	RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZA- TION OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.	2,794	2,794
239	0208085JCY	ROBUST INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS .....	155,613	155,613
240	0208097JCY	CYBER COMMAND AND CONTROL (CYBER C2) .....	85,958	85,958
241	0208099JCY	DATA AND UNIFIED PLATFORM (D&UP) .....	84,687	84,687
245	0302019K	DEFENSE INFO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING AND IN- TEGRATION.	13,312	13,312
246	0302609V	COUNTERING THREATS AUTOMATED PLATFORM .....	11,710	11,710
247	0303126K	LONG-HAUL COMMUNICATIONS—DCS .....	10,508	10,508
248	0303131K	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (MEECN).	10,307	10,307
250	0303140D8Z	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	35,214	35,214
252	0303140K	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	33,502	33,502
253	0303153K	DEFENSE SPECTRUM ORGANIZATION .....	49,466	49,466
254	0303171K	JOINT PLANNING AND EXECUTION SERVICES .....	10,615	10,615
257	0303430V	FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES INFORMATION TECH- NOLOGY.	50,900	50,900
265	0305104D8Z	DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE (DIB) CYBER SECURITY INI- TIATIVE.	17,077	17,077
269	0305146V	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES .....	6,751	6,751
270	0305172D8Z	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS .....	18,912	18,912
272	0305186D8Z	POLICY R&D PROGRAMS .....	11,740	11,740
275	0305199D8Z	NET CENTRICITY .....	55,673	55,673
277	0305208BB	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS .....	0	
282	0305387D8Z	HOMELAND DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM .....	1,730	1,730
283	0305601K	MISSION PARTNER ENVIRONMENTS .....	15,464	15,464
293	0306250JCY	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	1,303,094	1,418,094
		Artificial Intelligence for cyberspace operations .....		[30,000]
		CYBERCOM 2.0 .....		[35,000]
		Extending technical service support .....		[50,000]

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294	0307609V	NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (NISS) .....	19,840	19,840
297	0708012K	LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES .....	2,051	2,051
298	0708012S	PACIFIC DISASTER CENTERS .....	0	9,500
		Pacific Disaster Centers .....		[9,500]
299	0708047S	DEFENSE PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM .....	2,829	2,829
302	1160403BB	AVIATION SYSTEMS .....	216,781	223,291
		SOCOM UPL—Adaptive Airborne Enterprise Group 3 sUAS .....		[6,510]
303	1160405BB	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	109,227	119,227
		Ultra-light Group 1 sUAS .....		[10,000]
304	1160408BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS .....	279,478	312,678
		SOCOM UPL—Ground infiltration protection system .....		[25,700]
		SOCOM UPL—Operational capacity enhancements .....		[7,500]
305	1160431BB	WARRIOR SYSTEMS .....	435,074	478,174
		SOCOM UPL—Electromagnetic warfare family of systems .....		[3,500]
		SOCOM UPL—Ground infiltration protection system .....		[4,000]
		SOCOM UPL—Ground organic precision strike systems .....		[5,000]
		SOCOM UPL—Munitions War Reserve .....		[8,500]
		SOCOM UPL—Small cruise missile development .....		[22,100]
306	1160432BB	SPECIAL PROGRAMS .....	25,761	25,761
307	1160434BB	UNMANNED ISR .....	0	
308	1160480BB	SOF TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	0	
309	1160483BB	MARITIME SYSTEMS .....	351,721	364,021
		Open-architecture unmanned surface vessel experimentation .....		[10,000]
		SOCOM UPL—Mission critical Dry Combat Submersible battery up- grade.		[2,300]
310	1160490BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE .....	25,747	25,747
311	1203610K	TELEPORT PROGRAM .....	22,244	22,244
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	8,923,353	8,923,353
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>14,093,333</b>	<b>14,069,943</b>
		<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PRO- GRAMS</b>		
312	0608140D8Z	ENTERPRISE PLATFORMS AND CAPABILITIES—SOFT- WARE PILOT PROGRAM.	481,775	481,775
313	0608500D8Z	WEAPONEEERING CODE SUSTAINMENT .....	23,071	23,071
314	0608648D8Z	ACQUISITION VISIBILITY—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM .....	64,364	64,364
315	0608775D8Z	ACCELERATE THE PROCUREMENT AND FIELDING OF IN- NOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES (APFIT).	0	
316	0608776D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT FIELDING .....	433,867	433,867
317	0303150K	GLOBAL COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM .....	124,329	124,329
		<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.</b>	<b>1,127,406</b>	<b>1,127,406</b>
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, DW.</b>	<b>55,736,724</b>	<b>54,783,673</b>
		<b>GOLDEN DOME FOR AMERICA FUND RESEARCH, DEV, TEST &amp; EVAL</b>		
9	0604139D8Z	GOLDEN DOME FOR AMERICA—MDA .....	367,000	367,000
15	0901159D8Z	GOLDEN DOME FOR AMERICA .....	30,971	30,971
		<b>SUBTOTAL RESEARCH, DEV, TEST &amp; EVAL</b>	<b>397,971</b>	<b>397,971</b>
		<b>TOTAL GOLDEN DOME FOR AMERICA FUND</b>	<b>397,971</b>	<b>397,971</b>
		<b>OPERATIONAL TEST &amp; EVAL, DEFENSE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>		
1	0605118OTE	OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION .....	101,365	171,365
		Additional support for data analysis activities and testing for AI sys- tems.		[50,000]
		Cyber assessments .....		[20,000]
2	0605131OTE	LIVE FIRE TEST AND EVALUATION .....	11,000	11,000
3	0605814OTE	OPERATIONAL TEST ACTIVITIES AND ANALYSES .....	0	
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>	<b>112,365</b>	<b>182,365</b>
		<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL TEST &amp; EVAL, DEFENSE</b>	<b>112,365</b>	<b>182,365</b>
		<b>TOTAL RDT&amp;E</b>	<b>218,791,608</b>	<b>219,918,028</b>

# TITLE XLIII—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

## SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

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Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY</b>			
<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>			
010	MANEUVER UNITS .....	5,309,790	5,352,995
	Winter equipment .....		[43,205]
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES .....	375,682	375,682
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE .....	1,193,028	1,366,766
	Realignment from procurement for THAAD battery support .....		[173,738]
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS .....	2,395,049	2,395,049
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	1,273,674	1,273,674
060	AVIATION ASSETS .....	1,930,557	1,930,557
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	7,186,195	7,186,195
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS .....	888,277	888,277
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	2,022,115	2,142,115
	Depot Equipment Maintenance .....		[120,000]
100	MEDICAL READINESS .....	786,815	786,815
110	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	10,390,174	10,402,830
	Increase Child and Youth Program Funding .....		[12,656]
120	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION .....	5,435,364	0
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-5,435,364]
130	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	287,812	287,812
140	ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES .....	383,610	383,610
150	RESET .....	117,880	117,880
160	US AFRICA COMMAND .....	693,812	693,812
170	US EUROPEAN COMMAND .....	510,862	525,862
	EUCOM -Joint Intelligence Coordination Center .....		[15,000]
180	US SOUTHERN COMMAND .....	464,769	464,769
190	US FORCES KOREA .....	77,775	77,775
200	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ..	366,311	366,311
210	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY .....	579,954	579,954
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>42,669,505</b>	<b>37,598,740</b>
<b>MOBILIZATION</b>			
220	STRATEGIC MOBILITY .....	53,602	53,602
230	ARMY PREPOSITIONED STOCKS .....	1,125,709	1,125,709
240	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS .....	3,172	3,172
	<b>SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION</b> .....	<b>1,182,483</b>	<b>1,182,483</b>
<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>			
250	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	193,530	193,530
260	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	70,431	70,431
270	ONE STATION UNIT TRAINING .....	96,115	96,115
280	SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS .....	503,896	503,896
290	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	1,204,230	1,204,230
300	FLIGHT TRAINING .....	1,381,437	1,381,437
310	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	201,481	201,481
320	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	609,925	609,925
330	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	712,092	712,092
350	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	216,256	220,480
	Increase Tuition/Credentialing Assistance .....		[4,224]
360	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	218,683	218,683
370	JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS .....	218,598	218,598
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b> .....	<b>5,626,674</b>	<b>5,630,898</b>
<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>			
390	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	1,483,938	1,483,938
400	CENTRAL SUPPLY ACTIVITIES .....	703,829	703,829
410	LOGISTIC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES .....	634,879	634,879
420	AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT .....	525,732	525,732
430	ADMINISTRATION .....	402,276	402,276
440	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	2,252,914	2,252,914



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450	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT .....	324,069	324,069
460	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT .....	961,851	961,851
470	OTHER SERVICE SUPPORT .....	2,179,562	2,245,541
	Increase to Civilian Personnel Compensation .....		[65,979]
480	ARMY CLAIMS ACTIVITIES .....	139,480	139,480
490	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT .....	308,271	308,271
500	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS .....	434,778	434,778
510	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AC- COUNT .....	37,654	37,654
520	INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS .....	760,520	760,520
530	MISC. SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONS .....	28,681	28,681
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	3,457,587	3,457,587
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>14,636,021</b>	<b>14,702,000</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
600	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-812,335
	Unobligated balances .....		[-812,335]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-812,335</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY .....</b>	<b>64,114,683</b>	<b>58,301,786</b>
	<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, ARMY RES OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES .....	15,213	15,213
020	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE .....	674,766	674,766
030	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS .....	121,223	121,223
040	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	664,612	664,612
050	AVIATION ASSETS .....	37,490	37,490
060	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	380,473	380,473
070	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS .....	41,301	41,301
080	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	37,429	37,429
090	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	577,337	577,337
100	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION .....	411,093	0
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-411,093]
110	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	27,810	27,810
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ..	2,725	2,725
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY .....	19,422	19,422
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>3,010,894</b>	<b>2,599,801</b>
	<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>		
140	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	15,237	15,237
150	ADMINISTRATION .....	11,708	11,708
160	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	4,165	4,165
170	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT .....	7,300	7,300
180	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT .....	63,330	63,330
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>101,740</b>	<b>101,740</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
220	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-10,222
	Unobligated balances .....		[-10,222]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-10,222</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, ARMY RES</b>	<b>3,112,634</b>	<b>2,691,319</b>
	<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, ARNG OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	MANEUVER UNITS .....	807,777	807,777
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES .....	233,114	233,114
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE .....	1,143,423	1,143,423
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS .....	84,598	84,598
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	344,161	344,161
060	AVIATION ASSETS .....	1,096,948	1,096,948
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	864,172	864,172
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS .....	93,367	93,367
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	171,055	171,055
100	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	1,326,854	1,326,854
110	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION .....	1,065,363	0
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-1,065,363]

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120	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	1,116,559	1,116,559
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ..	6,831	6,831
140	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY .....	24,785	24,785
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>8,379,007</b>	<b>7,313,644</b>
	<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>		
150	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	6,604	6,604
160	ADMINISTRATION .....	50,221	50,221
170	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	24,846	24,846
180	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT .....	239,142	239,142
190	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT .....	4,004	4,004
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>324,817</b>	<b>324,817</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
220	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-246,699
	Unobligated balances .....		[-246,699]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>-246,699</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, ARNG</b> .....	<b>8,703,824</b>	<b>7,391,762</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS .....	8,324,572	8,324,572
020	FLEET AIR TRAINING .....	3,128,764	3,128,764
030	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT .....	1,469,165	1,469,165
040	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	2,219,583	2,219,583
050	AVIATION LOGISTICS .....	2,664,360	2,664,360
060	MISSION AND OTHER SHIP OPERATIONS .....	7,424,752	7,654,752
	Maritime unmanned operating forces .....		[225,000]
	Sailor Quality of Life Survey .....		[5,000]
070	SHIP OPERATIONS SUPPORT & TRAINING .....	1,713,065	1,713,065
080	SHIP DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	14,292,873	14,292,873
090	SHIP DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	2,597,722	2,597,722
100	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC WAR- FARE .....	1,821,744	1,821,744
110	MEDICAL READINESS .....	661,800	661,800
120	SPACE SYSTEMS AND SURVEILLANCE .....	572,000	572,000
130	WARFARE TACTICS .....	1,038,456	1,038,456
140	OPERATIONAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY .....	496,272	496,272
150	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES .....	2,476,987	2,477,687
	Special Boat Training Command operations and maintenance en- hancement .....		[700]
160	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	62,570	62,570
170	COMBATANT COMMANDERS CORE OPERATIONS .....	105,379	110,379
	INDOPACOM community engagement for Red Hill and training land lease negotiations .....		[5,000]
180	COMBATANT COMMANDERS DIRECT MISSION SUPPORT .....	1,994,139	2,044,139
	Contracted Seaplane capacity—INDOPACOM .....		[50,000]
190	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	662,040	662,040
200	STRATEGIC AND REGIONAL STRIKE DETERRENCE .....	2,220,083	2,220,083
210	WEAPONS MAINTENANCE .....	1,833,006	1,855,406
	Mobile utilities support equipment employment .....		[22,400]
220	OTHER WEAPON SYSTEMS SUPPORT .....	834,752	834,752
230	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION .....	2,196,932	2,196,932
240	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION ....	4,891,828	0
	Expeditionary unmanned infrastructure .....		[65,000]
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-4,956,828]
250	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	6,069,456	6,089,347
	Increase Child and Youth Program Funding .....		[9,891]
	Red Hill long-term monitoring, research, and remediation .....		[10,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>71,772,300</b>	<b>67,208,463</b>
	<b>MOBILIZATION</b>		
260	SHIP PREPOSITIONING AND SURGE .....	378,073	378,073
270	READY RESERVE FORCE .....	881,029	881,029
280	SHIP ACTIVATIONS/INACTIVATIONS .....	831,641	831,641
300	COAST GUARD SUPPORT .....	27,729	27,729
	<b>SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION</b> .....	<b>2,118,472</b>	<b>2,118,472</b>

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<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>			
310	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	198,743	198,743
320	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	17,813	17,813
330	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS .....	193,797	193,797
340	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	1,163,755	1,163,755
350	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	280,521	280,521
360	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	504,282	504,282
370	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	261,140	261,140
380	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	75,600	94,400
	Increase Tuition/Credentialing Assistance .....		[18,800]
390	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	60,191	60,191
400	JUNIOR ROTC .....	60,219	60,219
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b> .....	<b>2,816,061</b>	<b>2,834,861</b>
<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>			
410	ADMINISTRATION .....	1,396,823	1,473,210
	Increase to Civilian Personnel Compensation .....		[76,387]
430	CIVILIAN MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT .....	244,308	244,308
450	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT .....	642,260	642,260
470	FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATION .....	5,517	5,517
480	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AC- COUNT .....	60,440	60,440
490	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	279,134	279,134
510	PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT .....	605,530	605,530
520	ACQUISITION, LOGISTICS, AND OVERSIGHT .....	822,580	822,580
530	INVESTIGATIVE AND SECURITY SERVICES .....	1,076,664	1,076,664
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	728,457	728,457
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>5,861,713</b>	<b>5,938,100</b>
<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>			
770	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-540,421
	Unobligated balances .....		[-540,421]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>-540,421</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY</b> .....	<b>82,568,546</b>	<b>77,559,475</b>
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS OPERATING FORCES</b>			
010	OPERATIONAL FORCES .....	3,113,102	3,113,102
020	FIELD LOGISTICS .....	2,807,429	2,807,429
030	DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	344,750	344,750
040	MARITIME PREPOSITIONING .....	280,543	280,543
050	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	351,199	351,199
060	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION .....	3,629,008	0
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-3,629,008]
070	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	3,175,027	3,178,250
	Increase Child and Youth Program Funding .....		[3,223]
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>13,701,058</b>	<b>10,075,273</b>
<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>			
080	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	45,521	45,521
090	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	1,346	1,346
100	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	242,438	242,438
110	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	64,994	64,994
120	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	838,526	838,526
130	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	363,287	363,287
140	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	47,840	48,797
	Increase Tuition/Credentialing Assistance .....		[957]
150	JUNIOR ROTC .....	33,292	33,292
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b> .....	<b>1,637,244</b>	<b>1,638,201</b>
<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>			
180	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	154,026	154,026
190	ADMINISTRATION .....	416,349	428,319
	Increase to Civilian Personnel Compensation .....		[11,970]
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	80,140	80,140
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>650,515</b>	<b>662,485</b>
<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>			
310	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-89,275

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	Unobligated balances .....		[-89,275]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>-89,275</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS</b> .....	<b>15,988,817</b>	<b>12,286,684</b>
	<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, NAVY RES OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS .....	787,622	787,622
020	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT .....	9,733	9,733
030	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	215,547	215,547
040	AVIATION LOGISTICS .....	27,703	27,703
050	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS .....	19,652	19,652
060	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES .....	196,376	196,376
070	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	288	288
080	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION .....	30,811	30,811
090	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION ....	59,386	0
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-59,386]
100	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	111,177	111,177
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>1,458,295</b>	<b>1,398,909</b>
	<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>		
110	ADMINISTRATION .....	2,747	2,747
120	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT	14,944	14,944
130	ACQUISITION AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT .....	1,230	1,230
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>18,921</b>	<b>18,921</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
170	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-19,763
	Unobligated balances .....		[-19,763]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>-19,763</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, NAVY RES</b>	<b>1,477,216</b>	<b>1,398,067</b>
	<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, MC RESERVE OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	OPERATING FORCES .....	142,416	142,416
020	DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	23,213	23,213
030	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION ....	100,709	0
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-100,709]
040	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	128,902	128,902
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>395,240</b>	<b>294,531</b>
	<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>		
050	ADMINISTRATION .....	9,440	9,440
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>9,440</b>	<b>9,440</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
060	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-12,267
	Unobligated balances .....		[-12,267]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>-12,267</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, MC RE- SERVE</b> .....	<b>404,680</b>	<b>291,704</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES .....	1,798,263	1,948,263
	A-10 service life extension .....		[150,000]
020	COMBAT ENHANCEMENT FORCES .....	3,117,205	3,117,205
030	AIR OPERATIONS TRAINING (OJT, MAINTAIN SKILLS) ....	2,770,832	2,770,832
040	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE .....	6,092,998	6,092,998
050	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION .....	6,100,395	0
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-6,100,395]
060	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT .....	320,297	320,297
070	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUP- PORT .....	11,647,415	11,647,415
080	FLYING HOUR PROGRAM .....	7,265,480	7,265,480
090	BASE SUPPORT .....	11,318,037	11,345,970

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Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
	AFSAS, MFOQA, Space Safety Support, RPA, BASH .....		[18,000]
	Increase Child and Youth Program Funding .....		[9,933]
100	GLOBAL C3I AND EARLY WARNING .....	1,214,408	1,205,208
	Realignment to RDT&E for Over-the-Horizon Backscatter Radar .....		[-9,200]
110	OTHER COMBAT OPS SPT PROGRAMS .....	2,146,977	2,146,977
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	1,155,815	1,155,815
130	TACTICAL INTEL AND OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES .....	1,992,280	1,992,280
140	MEDICAL READINESS .....	561,626	561,626
150	US NORTHCOM/NORAD .....	746,165	766,165
	Military Infrastructure and Supply Chain Hardening Program .....		[20,000]
160	US STRATCOM .....	656,448	656,448
170	US CENTCOM .....	405,438	405,438
180	US SOCOM .....	42,261	42,261
190	US TRANSCOM .....	694	694
200	CENTCOM CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT .....	0	1,000
	Cyber cooperation with the Kingdom of Jordan .....		[1,000]
210	USSPACECOM .....	555,147	555,147
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	81,694	81,694
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>59,989,875</b>	<b>54,078,213</b>
	<b>MOBILIZATION</b>		
220	AIRLIFT OPERATIONS .....	3,782,668	3,782,668
230	MOBILIZATION PREPAREDNESS .....	321,889	321,889
	<b>SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION</b> .....	<b>4,104,557</b>	<b>4,104,557</b>
	<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>		
240	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	267,971	267,971
250	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	70,462	70,462
260	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) .....	143,686	143,686
270	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	589,549	589,549
280	FLIGHT TRAINING .....	1,122,297	1,122,297
290	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	280,908	280,908
300	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	192,608	192,608
310	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	254,720	254,720
320	EXAMINING .....	7,261	7,261
330	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	232,768	237,013
	Increase Tuition/Credentialing Assistance .....		[4,245]
340	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	354,678	354,678
350	JUNIOR ROTC .....	114,790	114,790
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b> .....	<b>3,631,698</b>	<b>3,635,943</b>
	<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>		
360	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS .....	1,124,763	1,124,763
370	TECHNICAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES .....	159,721	159,721
380	ADMINISTRATION .....	1,292,758	1,342,035
	Increase to Civilian Personnel Compensation .....		[58,877]
	Realignment to Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation for HR IT automation .....		[-9,600]
390	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	43,892	43,892
410	OTHER SERVICEWIDE ACTIVITIES .....	1,666,547	1,689,047
	MEEP to AFGSC, engine sustainment, training support .....		[22,500]
420	CIVIL AIR PATROL .....	32,984	32,984
430	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AC- COUNT .....	58,936	58,936
440	SECURITY PROGRAMS .....	202,400	202,400
450	INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT .....	77,853	77,853
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	1,653,652	1,653,652
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>6,313,506</b>	<b>6,385,283</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
460	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-1,020,189
	Unobligated balances .....		[-1,020,189]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....	<b>0</b>	<b>-1,020,189</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE</b> .....	<b>74,039,636</b>	<b>67,184,807</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	GLOBAL C3I & EARLY WARNING .....	1,056,824	1,056,824

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Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
020	SPACE LAUNCH OPERATIONS .....	415,322	465,322
	Launch Capacity .....		[50,000]
030	SPACE OPERATIONS .....	1,266,939	1,188,939
	Realignment to procurement for AEP fielded GPS ground system .....		[-78,000]
040	EDUCATION & TRAINING .....	783,168	783,168
050	SPECIAL PROGRAMS .....	733,761	733,761
060	DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	83,803	83,803
070	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION .....	1,384,326	0
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-1,384,326]
080	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS AND SYSTEM SUPPORT .....	2,096,381	2,096,381
090	SPACE OPERATIONS -BOS .....	551,196	551,196
100	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	289,958	289,958
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	118,478	118,478
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>8,780,156</b>	<b>7,367,830</b>
	<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>		
110	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS .....	36,164	36,164
120	ADMINISTRATION .....	449,597	454,477
	Increase to Civilian Personnel Compensation .....		[4,880]
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>485,761</b>	<b>490,641</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
140	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-218,077
	Unobligated balances .....		[-218,077]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-218,077</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE .....</b>	<b>9,265,917</b>	<b>7,640,394</b>
	<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, AF RESERVE OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES .....	2,138,964	2,138,964
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS .....	217,542	217,542
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE .....	787,861	787,861
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION .....	187,022	0
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-187,022]
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUP- PORT .....	654,233	654,233
060	BASE SUPPORT .....	632,638	632,638
070	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	1,655	1,655
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>4,619,915</b>	<b>4,432,893</b>
	<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>		
080	ADMINISTRATION .....	100,998	100,998
090	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	11,620	11,620
100	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERS MGMT (ARPC) .....	15,893	15,893
110	AUDIOVISUAL .....	561	561
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>129,072</b>	<b>129,072</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
130	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-224,891
	Unobligated balances .....		[-224,891]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-224,891</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, AF RE- SERVE .....</b>	<b>4,748,987</b>	<b>4,337,074</b>
	<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, ANG OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS .....	2,744,277	2,744,277
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS .....	663,367	663,367
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE .....	1,210,460	1,210,460
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MOD- ERNIZATION .....	531,241	0
	Transfer to Division B .....		[-531,241]
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUP- PORT .....	1,632,461	1,632,461
060	BASE SUPPORT .....	1,128,729	1,128,729

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Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
070	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT .....	26,354	26,354
080	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	81,720	81,720
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>8,018,609</b>	<b>7,487,368</b>
	<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>		
090	ADMINISTRATION .....	64,249	64,249
100	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	47,831	47,831
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>112,080</b>	<b>112,080</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
110	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	-5,861
	Unobligated balances .....		[-5,861]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5,861</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE, ANG .....</b>	<b>8,130,689</b>	<b>7,593,587</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE OPERATING FORCES</b>		
010	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF .....	534,218	534,218
020	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—JTEEP .....	1,393,798	1,393,798
030	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—CYBER .....	9,103	9,103
040	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—PSYOP .....	325,609	325,609
050	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND COMBAT DEVELOP- MENT ACTIVITIES .....	2,589,383	3,022,983
	SOCOM UPL—Accelerated fielding of Group 3 UAS .....		[3,600]
	SOCOM UPL—Operational capacity enhancements .....		[325,000]
	SOCOM UPL—Strategic airlift .....		[105,000]
060	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MAINTENANCE .....	1,388,865	1,435,065
	SOCOM UPL—Electromagnetic warfare family of systems .....		[1,300]
	SOCOM UPL—Ground infiltration protection system .....		[15,300]
	SOCOM UPL—Ground organic precision strike family of systems .....		[3,600]
	SOCOM UPL—Munitions War Reserve .....		[2,900]
	SOCOM UPL—Non-standard aviation .....		[15,600]
	SOCOM UPL—SOF-P pre-positioned stocks .....		[7,500]
070	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MANAGEMENT/OPER- ATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	180,691	180,691
080	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND THEATER FORCES .....	3,695,859	3,695,859
090	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND CYBERSPACE ACTIVI- TIES .....	78,512	78,512
100	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND INTELLIGENCE .....	1,130,849	1,138,849
	SOCOM UPL—Identity and Signature Management Moderniza- tion .....		[8,000]
110	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND OPERATIONAL SUP- PORT .....	1,796,851	1,807,951
	SOCOM UPL—Identity and Signature Management Moderniza- tion .....		[11,100]
120	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	1,880,381	2,010,381
	Combat ready Department of Defense Information Network (DoDIN) .....		[60,000]
	Extending technical service support .....		[70,000]
130	USCYBERCOM HEADQUARTERS .....	303,726	311,726
	Facilities—Pentagon presence .....		[8,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>15,307,845</b>	<b>15,944,745</b>
	<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>		
140	DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY .....	193,017	193,017
150	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF .....	173,748	173,748
160	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND/PROFESSIONAL DE- VELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	30,040	30,040
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING .....</b>	<b>396,805</b>	<b>396,805</b>
	<b>ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES</b>		
170	CIVIL MILITARY PROGRAMS .....	118,488	118,488
180	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY—CYBER .....	3,825	3,825
190	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY .....	611,600	611,600
200	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY .....	1,462,988	1,462,988
210	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY—CYBER ..	42,367	42,367
220	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY .....	1,035,974	1,035,974

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Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
240	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY—CYBER .....	16,885	16,885
250	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY—CYBER .....	49,611	49,611
260	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY .....	1,505,352	1,576,319
	Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO) .....		[10,000]
	Increase Child and Youth Program Funding .....		[3,075]
	Increase to Civilian Personnel Compensation .....		[32,892]
	Military Entrance Processing Command (USMEPCOM) .....		[20,000]
	New Authorization: Guardianship Transfer Fees .....		[5,000]
290	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY .....	3,873,222	3,873,222
300	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY—CYBER .....	602,017	602,017
310	DEFENSE LEGAL SERVICES AGENCY .....	147,620	147,620
320	DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY .....	585,610	585,610
330	DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY .....	207,551	207,551
340	DEFENSE POW/MIA OFFICE .....	160,358	215,358
	Defense POW/MIA Office .....		[40,000]
	Defense POW/MIA Office records scanning and digitization efforts for declassification .....		[15,000]
350	DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY .....	3,780,757	5,286,757
	First Island Chain Security Cooperation Initiative (formerly TSCI) .....		[500,000]
	Innovative International Security Cooperation Programs .....		[250,000]
	Irregular Warfare Center of Excellence .....		[6,000]
	Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative .....		[750,000]
360	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ...	47,101	47,101
370	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY .....	637,514	637,514
390	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY—CYBER .....	73,477	73,477
400	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY .....	3,493,232	3,573,232
	Impact Aid .....		[50,000]
	Impact Aid for children with severe disabilities .....		[30,000]
410	MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY .....	487,235	487,235
420	OFFICE OF THE LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY CO- OPERATION .....	142,597	142,597
430	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—JIATF .....	431,652	431,652
470	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—CYBER .....	81,163	140,108
	Cyber Service Academies .....		[50,000]
	Grow ASD Cyber Policy and civilian oversight of cyber .....		[8,945]
480	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE .....	3,832,831	3,963,979
	Afghanistan War Commission .....		[11,400]
	Anomalous Health Incidents Attribution Research .....		[10,000]
	AUKUS Pillar 2 Signature Project .....		[15,000]
	Bien Hoa Dioxin Cleanup .....		[15,000]
	China Strategic Initiative .....		[3,000]
	CMMC small business grants .....		[50,000]
	Commission on the National Defense Strategy .....		[5,000]
	Establish a deterrence based track 1.5 with the Philippines .....		[2,500]
	Legacy Resource Management Program .....		[13,348]
	National Commission on the Future of the Navy .....		[5,000]
	Reduction for the Business Operatives for National Defense (BOND) program .....		[–25,100]
	Regional Sustainment Framework for the Indo-Pacific .....		[5,000]
	REPI .....		[20,000]
	Support for USTTI training .....		[1,000]
510	WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES .....	536,546	536,546
9999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	24,579,358	24,579,358
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMIN &amp; SRVWD ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>48,546,931</b>	<b>50,448,991</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
540	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	0	–900,000
	Unobligated balances .....		[–900,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>–900,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DE- FENSE-WIDE .....</b>	<b>64,251,581</b>	<b>65,890,541</b>
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
	<b>UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES</b>		
010	US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES, DE- FENSE .....	21,698	21,698



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	<b>SUBTOTAL UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES .....</b>	<b>21,698</b>	<b>21,698</b>
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>21,698</b>	<b>21,698</b>
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID</b>		
010	OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER AND CIVIC AID ...	78,187	108,187
	OHDACA—Humanitarian Assistance .....		[20,000]
	OHDACA—Humanitarian Mine Action .....		[10,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DIS- ASTER, AND CIVIC AID .....</b>	<b>78,187</b>	<b>108,187</b>
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>78,187</b>	<b>108,187</b>
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT</b>		
010	COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION .....	221,332	221,332
	<b>SUBTOTAL COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT .....</b>	<b>221,332</b>	<b>221,332</b>
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>221,332</b>	<b>221,332</b>
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
010	ACQ WORKFORCE DEV FD .....	37,478	37,478
	<b>SUBTOTAL ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOP- MENT .....</b>	<b>37,478</b>	<b>37,478</b>
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>37,478</b>	<b>37,478</b>
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY</b>		
050	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY .....	282,444	282,444
	<b>SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY .....</b>	<b>282,444</b>	<b>282,444</b>
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>282,444</b>	<b>282,444</b>
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY</b>		
060	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY .....	305,246	305,246
	<b>SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY .....</b>	<b>305,246</b>	<b>305,246</b>
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>305,246</b>	<b>305,246</b>
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE</b>		
070	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE .....	320,060	320,060
	<b>SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE .....</b>	<b>320,060</b>	<b>320,060</b>
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>320,060</b>	<b>320,060</b>
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE</b>		
080	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE .....	8,957	8,957
	<b>SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DE- FENSE .....</b>	<b>8,957</b>	<b>8,957</b>
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>8,957</b>	<b>8,957</b>
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES</b>		
090	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FORMERLY USED SITES .....	238,927	238,927

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	<b>SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES .....</b>	<b>238,927</b>	<b>238,927</b>
	<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>238,927</b>	<b>238,927</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE .....</b>	<b>338,321,539</b>	<b>314,111,529</b>

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## 2 PERSONNEL

### 3 SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL.

SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL (In Thousands of Dollars)			
	Item	FY 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
<b>MILITARY PERSONNEL</b>			
<b>MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
	MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS .....	190,771,931	188,652,405
	Increase Air Force Incentive Pays (Enlisted) .....		1,114
	Increase Air Force Incentive Pays (Officers) .....		8,793
	Increase Air Force Special Pays (Enlisted) .....		11,748
	Increase Air Force Special Pays (Officers) .....		10,912
	Increase Army Incentive Pays (Enlisted) .....		1,646
	Increase Army Incentive Pays (Officers) .....		1,703
	Increase Army Special Pays (Enlisted) .....		20,388
	Increase Army Special Pays (Officers) .....		9,789
	Increase Marine Corps Incentive Pays (Enlisted) .....		178
	Increase Marine Corps Incentive Pays (Officers) .....		1,111
	Increase Marine Corps Special Pays (Enlisted) .....		6,627
	Increase Marine Corps Special Pays (Officers) .....		504
	Increase Navy Incentive Pays (Enlisted) .....		2,388
	Increase Navy Incentive Pays (Officers) .....		4,118
	Increase Navy Special Pays (Enlisted) .....		33,100
	Increase Navy Special Pays (Officers) .....		11,595
	Increase Space Force Incentive Pays (Enlisted) .....		1
	Increase Space Force Incentive Pays (Officers) .....		2
	Increase Space Force Special Pays (Enlisted) .....		1,089
	Increase Space Force Special Pays (Officers) .....		125
	Redistribute basic pay increase .....		[-2,300,000]
	Redistribution of 449 AGR positions to National Guard Personnel, Air Force Administration and Support .....		65,829
	Redistribution of 449 DSG positions from National Guard Personnel, Air Force Pay Group A .....		[-12,286]
	<b>SUBTOTAL MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS .....</b>	<b>190,771,931</b>	<b>188,652,405</b>
<b>MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
	MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS .....	14,349,269	14,349,269
	<b>SUBTOTAL MEDICARE-ELIGIBLE RETIREE HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTIONS .....</b>	<b>14,349,269</b>	<b>14,349,269</b>
	<b>TOTAL MILITARY PERSONNEL .....</b>	<b>205,121,200</b>	<b>203,001,674</b>

# TITLE XLV—OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

## SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS.

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
	<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND</b>		
	<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY</b>		
010	INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS .....	20,563	20,563
	<b>SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY .....</b>	<b>20,563</b>	<b>20,563</b>
	<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY</b>		
010	NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTERS .....	266,212	266,212
	<b>SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY .....</b>	<b>266,212</b>	<b>266,212</b>
	<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE</b>		
020	CRITICAL SPARES .....	4,245,563	4,245,563
030	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS .....	194,851	194,851
	<b>SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE .....</b>	<b>4,440,414</b>	<b>4,440,414</b>
	<b>NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND</b>		
010	DEFENSE STOCKPILE .....	5,700	5,700
	<b>SUBTOTAL NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANS- ACTION FUND .....</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,700</b>
	<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>		
010	DEFENSE FINANCE OPERATIONS—DIRECT .....	273,760	273,760
040	UNDISTRIBUTED .....	1,000,000	1,000,000
	<b>SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>	<b>1,273,760</b>	<b>1,273,760</b>
	<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA</b>		
010	WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA .....	1,501,344	1,511,344
	Commissary Operations .....		[10,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA .....</b>	<b>1,501,344</b>	<b>1,511,344</b>
	<b>TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND .....</b>	<b>7,507,993</b>	<b>7,517,993</b>
	<b>CHEM AGENTS &amp; MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION</b>		
2	CHEM DEMILITARIZATION—RDT&E .....	55,972	55,972
	<b>SUBTOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION .....</b>	<b>55,972</b>	<b>55,972</b>
	<b>TOTAL CHEM AGENTS &amp; MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION ....</b>	<b>55,972</b>	<b>55,972</b>
	<b>DRUG INTERDICTION &amp; CTR-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEF DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER DRUG ACTIVI- TIES</b>		
010	COUNTER-NARCOTICS SUPPORT .....	658,191	658,191
	<b>SUBTOTAL DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER DRUG ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>658,191</b>	<b>658,191</b>
	<b>DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM</b>		
020	DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM .....	135,745	135,745
	<b>SUBTOTAL DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM .....</b>	<b>135,745</b>	<b>135,745</b>
	<b>NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PROGRAM</b>		
030	NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PROGRAM .....	117,418	217,418
	Increase to National Guard Counter-Drug Program .....		[100,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PRO- GRAM .....</b>	<b>117,418</b>	<b>217,418</b>
	<b>NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS</b>		
040	NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS .....	6,648	40,000
	Increase to National Guard Counter-Drug Schools .....		[33,352]
	<b>SUBTOTAL NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS .....</b>	<b>6,648</b>	<b>40,000</b>

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	<b>TOTAL DRUG INTERDICTION &amp; CTR-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEF</b>	<b>918,002</b>	<b>1,051,354</b>
	<b>OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL</b>		
	<b>OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL</b>		
010	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	501,371	528,371
	Restore funding for DOD Office of the Inspector General		[27,000]
020	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	2,073	2,073
030	RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION	1,506	1,506
040	PROCUREMENT	1,393	1,393
	<b>SUBTOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL</b>	<b>506,343</b>	<b>533,343</b>
	<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL</b>	<b>506,343</b>	<b>533,343</b>
	<b>DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM</b>		
	<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>		
010	IN-HOUSE CARE	10,863,317	11,863,317
	Military Treatment Facility Operations and Support		[1,000,000]
030	CONSOLIDATED HEALTH SUPPORT	2,375,175	2,655,175
	Combat Support Agency		[280,000]
040	INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	2,600,177	2,600,177
050	MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES	304,382	304,382
060	EDUCATION AND TRAINING	349,460	389,460
	Graduate Medical Education, Undergraduate Medical Education and Force Health Protection		[40,000]
070	BASE OPERATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS	2,463,042	2,813,042
	Facilities Restoration and Modernization		[350,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>18,955,553</b>	<b>20,625,553</b>
	<b>RDT&amp;E</b>		
080	R&D RESEARCH	41,924	41,924
090	R&D EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT	185,153	195,153
	Biological Stress, Recovery, and Resilience for Military Readiness		[10,000]
100	R&D ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	361,241	361,241
110	R&D DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION	186,018	186,018
120	R&D ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT	124,662	124,662
130	R&D MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT	100,912	100,912
140	R&D CAPABILITIES ENHANCEMENT	19,452	19,452
	<b>SUBTOTAL RDT&amp;E</b>	<b>1,019,362</b>	<b>1,029,362</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT</b>		
150	PROC INITIAL OUTFITTING	25,555	25,555
160	PROC REPLACEMENT & MODERNIZATION	231,382	231,382
170	PROC JOINT OPERATIONAL MEDICINE INFORMATION SYSTEM	31,203	31,203
180	PROC MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM—DESKTOP TO DATACENTER	78,588	78,588
	<b>SUBTOTAL PROCUREMENT</b>	<b>366,728</b>	<b>366,728</b>
	<b>PRIVATE SECTOR CARE PROGRAM</b>		
010	PRIVATE SECTOR CARE	22,175,472	22,275,472
	Access to care and network adequacy		[100,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR CARE PROGRAM</b>	<b>22,175,472</b>	<b>22,275,472</b>
	<b>TOTAL DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM</b>	<b>42,517,115</b>	<b>44,297,115</b>
	<b>COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP</b>		
	<b>COUNTER-ISIL TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)</b>		
010	IRAQ	118,899	118,899
020	SYRIA	130,000	130,000
030	LEBANON	36,000	36,000
040	JORDAN	18,200	18,200
	<b>SUBTOTAL COUNTER-ISIL TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)</b>	<b>303,099</b>	<b>303,099</b>
	<b>TOTAL COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP</b>	<b>303,099</b>	<b>303,099</b>

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)			
Line	Item	FY 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
TOTAL OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS .....		51,808,524	53,758,876

# 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 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
<b>ARMY</b>				
Army	Alabama Anniston Army Depot	COST TO COMPLETE: ACCESS CON- TROL POINT	0	53,000
Army	Alaska Fort Wainwright	BARRACKS (INC 2)	24,000	24,000
Army	Fort Wainwright	DINNING FACILITY	0	147,000
Army	Arizona Fort Huachuca	LIBBY ARMY AIRFIELD FLIGHT CON- TROL TOWER (DESIGN)	0	4,000
Army	Yuma Proving Ground	POLE LINE ROAD—REPLACE (DESIGN)	0	2,000
Army	Florida Naval Air Station Key West	COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITY (INC 2)	160,000	10,000
Army	Georgia Fort Gordon	CYBER FACULTY OPERATIONS AND AUDITORIUM FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	14,700
Army	Fort Stewart	ENLISTED UNACCOMPANIED PER- SONNEL BARRACKS (DESIGN)	0	12,000
Army	Germany Grafenwoehr	UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINES	12,800	12,800
Army	Guam Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GUAM DEF SYS, EIAMD, PHASE 2 (INC 2)	190,000	140,000
Army	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GUAM DEF SYS, EIAMD, PHASE 3	155,000	60,000
Army	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: LAND ACQUISITION	29,000	29,000
Army	Hawaii Fort Shafter	COST TO COMPLETE: CLEARWELL AND BOOSTER PUMP	71,000	71,000
Army	Helemano	COST TO COMPLETE: WELLS AND STORAGE TANKS	72,000	72,000
Army	Schofield Barracks	COST TO COMPLETE: ELEVATED TANK AND DISTRIBUTION LINES	26,000	26,000
Army	Schofield Barracks	COST TO COMPLETE: WATER STORAGE TANK	21,000	21,000
Army	Schofield Barracks	FIRE STATION	30,000	30,000
Army	Wheeler Army Air Field	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC 1)	90,000	50,000
Army	Wheeler Army Airfield	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER	0	79,000
Army	Wheeler Army Airfield	AIRCRAFT CLEAR WATER RINSE FA- CILITY (DESIGN)	0	3,300
Army	Honduras Soto Cano Air Base	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	0	17,000
Army	Illinois Rock Island Arsenal	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DE- SIGN)	0	5,000
Army	Indiana Crane Army Ammuni- tion Activity	AMMUNITION STORAGE	0	27,000
Army	Italy Caserma Renato Del Din	ACCESS CONTROL POINT	17,000	17,000
Army	Japan Kadena Air Base	COST TO COMPLETE: VEHICLE MAIN- TENANCE SHOP	69,000	69,000
Army	Louisiana Fort Polk	JRTC ROTATIONAL UNIT BILLETING AREA, INC #3	0	157,000
Army	Maine Lola-Dana Training Site	AUTOMATED QUALIFICATIONS TRAIN- ING RANGE (DESIGN)	0	4,700

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Army	Maryland Aberdeen Proving Ground-South	REPAIR EDGEWOOD WATER DISTRIBUTION (DESIGN)	0	4,100
Army	Michigan Camp Grayling	COMPANY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, COLLECTIVE TRAINING (DESIGN)	0	4,400
Army	Missouri Fort Leonard Wood	CENTRAL ISSUING FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	12,000
Army	New York Fort Drum	AIRFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE STATION (DESIGN)	0	4,600
Army	Fort Drum	AUTOMATED RECORD FIRE PLUS RANGE	25,000	25,000
Army	Fort Drum	SIMULATOR BUILDING (DESIGN)	0	2,400
Army	Watervliet	CHROME PLATING FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	11,100
Army	Watervliet	WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (DESIGN)	0	2,850
Army	North Carolina Fort Bragg	COST TO COMPLETE: AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	31,000	31,000
Army	Fort Bragg	JOINT DEPLOYMENT WARFIGHTING COMPLEX (DESIGN)	0	54,000
Army	Oklahoma Fort Sill	AUTOMATION AIDED INSTRUCTION BLDG	0	93,000
Army	Texas Fort Bliss	SHIPPING AND RECEIVING BUILDING	35,000	35,000
Army	Fort Hood	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP (MP #72)	0	81,000
Army	Joint Base San Antonio	ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING BARRACKS-METC (INC)	303,000	103,000
Army	Utah Dugway Proving Ground	TWO-COMPANY SATELLITE FIRE STATION / THREE-COMPANY HQ FIRE STATION (DESIGN)	0	3,300
Army	Washington Joint Base Lewis-McChord	AIRFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE STATION	89,000	89,000
Army	Wisconsin Fort McCoy	FITNESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	1,700
Army	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DESIGN	173,421	173,421
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	5,435,364
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOST NATION SUPPORT	53,521	53,521
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PDI: MINOR CONSTRUCTION	76,270	101,270
Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	178,626	278,626
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Army .....</b>			<b>1,931,638</b>	<b>7,757,152</b>
<b>NAVY &amp; MARINE CORPS</b>				
Navy & Marine Corps	Australia Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin	PDI: AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC)	46,958	46,958
Navy & Marine Corps	Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin	PDI: MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FACIS (INC)	33,955	33,955
Navy & Marine Corps	California Camp Pendleton	FIRE/EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATION (53 AREA) REPLACE	43,000	43,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Camp Pendleton	LANDFILL LINER, PHASE 3 AND 4	53,150	53,150
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Lemoore	STRIKE FIGHTER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE PACIFIC (INC)	155,939	25,939
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Coronado	FORD CLASS CVN INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE (INC)	33,000	33,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base San Diego	RECONFIGURABLE CYBER LABORATORY	0	68,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu	COMMUNITY & AIRFIELD AREA FLOOD PROTECTION	164,000	35,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Support Activity Monterey	NAVAL INNOVATION CENTER (INC)	50,000	50,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Connecticut Naval Submarine Base New London	SUBMARINE PIER 8 REPLACEMENT (INC)	142,124	20,124

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Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Submarine Base New London	SUBMARINE SUPPORT STORAGE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FACILITY	0	50,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Submarine Base New London	WEAPONS MAGAZINE & ORDNANCE OPERATIONS FACILITY (INC)	79,600	79,600
Navy & Marine Corps	District of Columbia Naval Research Laboratory	BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCE & SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY LAB	157,000	77,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Federated States of Micronesia Palau	PDI: PALAU PORT AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS (INC)	384,560	384,560
Navy & Marine Corps	Yap	PDI: YAP PORT AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS (INC)	142,235	142,235
Navy & Marine Corps	Florida Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	CAPE CANAVERAL RAILHEAD & TRANSFER FACILITIES	60,990	60,990
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island	COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE (INC)	46,075	46,075
Navy & Marine Corps	Georgia Naval Air Station Albany	CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATION FACILITY	86,350	86,350
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	TRANSIT PROTECTION PROGRAM FACILITY (INC)	100,000	100,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	TRIDENT REFIT FACILITY EXPANSION—COLUMBIA SUB (INC)	30,000	30,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Guam Andersen Air Force Base	PDI: JOINT CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (INC)	132,416	132,416
Navy & Marine Corps	Apra Heights	PDI: INNER APRA HARBOR RESILIENCY (INC)	13,400	13,400
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: JOINT COMMUNICATION UPGRADE (INC)	60,000	60,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: POLARIS POINT ELECTRICAL CAPACITY UPGRADE	122,000	12,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: POLARIS POINT SUBMARINE PIER (INC)	171,800	81,800
Navy & Marine Corps	Hawaii Ford Island	PACIFIC WARFIGHTING CENTER EXPANSION	183,760	50,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	DRY DOCK 3 REPLACEMENT (INC)	507,453	507,453
Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	WATER TREATMENT PLANT (INC)	248,170	248,170
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	3D MLR ARMORY EXPANSION	76,550	76,550
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	ATC CO M COMPOUND	134,090	22,290
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION AND MODERNIZATION	0	25,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	MAIN GATE ENTRY CONTROL POINT	49,260	49,260
Navy & Marine Corps	Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands	PDI: AIRFIELD PAVEMENT UPGRADES (INC)	142,470	142,470
Navy & Marine Corps	Illinois Naval Station Great Lakes	FIREFIGHTING, TRAINING AND DAMAGE CONTROL WET TRAINER FACILITY	0	25,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Indiana Naval Weapons Station Crane	HIGH ENERGY TEST & ABUSE FACILITY	0	25,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Japan Kadena Air Base	AIRCRAFT INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE FACILITY	31,780	31,780
Navy & Marine Corps	Maine Netams Lant Det Cutter	UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING (DESIGN)	0	2,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN)	0	2,500
Navy & Marine Corps	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	MULTI-MISSION DRYDOCK #1 EXTENSION (INC)	50,755	50,755
Navy & Marine Corps	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	POWER RELIABILITY & WATER RESILIENCE UPGRADE (INC)	138,875	138,875
Navy & Marine Corps	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING (DESIGN)	0	25,000
	Maryland			

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Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Patuxent River	TC-7 REPLACEMENT (DESIGN)	0	1,100
Navy & Marine Corps	United States Naval Academy	STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES	0	86,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Mississippi Naval Construction Battalion Center Gulfport	BATTALION MAINTENANCE FACILITIES (DESIGN)	0	2,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Nevada Naval Air Station Fallon	RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS	387,570	387,570
Navy & Marine Corps	New Hampshire Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	SAILOR CAMPUS (DESIGN)	0	1,000
Navy & Marine Corps	North Carolina Camp Lejeune	10TH MARINES OPERATIONAL COMPLEX (INC)	77,520	77,520
Navy & Marine Corps	Camp Lejeune	AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT UPGRADE PHASE II (INC)	15,451	15,451
Navy & Marine Corps	Camp Lejeune	COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING FACILITY	141,880	30,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	2D LAAD MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FACILITIES (DESIGN)	0	11,500
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	COST TO COMPLETE: CH-53K GEARBOX REPAIR AND TEST FACILITY	17,941	17,941
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	COST TO COMPLETE: AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	47,560	47,560
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	F-35 AIRCRAFT SUSTAINMENT CTR (INC)	89,181	89,181
Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	MAINTENANCE FACILITY & MARINE AIR GROUP HQS (INC)	62,575	62,575
Navy & Marine Corps	Pennsylvania Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg	MACHINERY CONTROL DEVELOPMENT CENTER (INC)	79,140	79,140
Navy & Marine Corps	Rhode Island Naval Station Newport	CONSOLIDATED RDT&E INTEGRATION LABORATORY	40,000	40,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Newport	NEXT GENERATION SUBMARINE PLATFORM FACILITY	73,000	73,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Newport	SUBMARINE PAYLOAD INTEGRATION LABORATORY	40,000	40,000
Navy & Marine Corps	South Carolina Charleston Air Force Base	NUCLEAR POWER TRAINING FAC SIMULATION EXPANSION (INC)	161,700	81,700
Navy & Marine Corps	Spain Naval Station Rota	UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING FOR PERMANENT PARTY	64,080	64,080
Navy & Marine Corps	Virginia Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	65,640	65,640
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Oceana	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	104,340	10,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	93,040	10,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	84,940	84,940
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES (INC)	124,965	124,965
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Station Norfolk	MQ-25 AIRCRAFT LAYDOWN FACILITIES (INC)	54,622	54,622
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	COST TO COMPLETE: CONTAINERIZED LONG WEAPONS STORAGE MAGAZINE	16,170	16,170
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	COST TO COMPLETE: CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE TEST FACILITY	13,710	13,710
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	WEAPONS MAGAZINES (INC)	100,782	20,782
Navy & Marine Corps	Norfolk Naval Shipyard	DRY DOCK 3 MODERNIZATION (INC)	189,353	189,353
Navy & Marine Corps	Washington Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	EA-18G AIRCRAFT REGIONAL SERVICE FACILITY	202,000	22,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	NAVAL OCEAN PROCESSING FACILITY EXPANSION	0	15,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	P-8A AIRCRAFT RESERVE HANGAR	0	108,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	COLUMBIA SUBMARINE REPAIR FACILITY EXPANSION (INC)	64,000	64,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	COLUMBIA SUBMARINE TRAINING FACILITY EXPANSION	90,900	23,900



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Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor	REGIONAL OPTICS REPAIR CENTER	0	35,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton	MISSILE ASSEMBLY BUILDING RE-PLACEMENT	195,227	32,227
Navy & Marine Corps	Puget Sound Naval Shipyard	MULTI-MISSION DRY DOCK (INC)	245,000	245,000
Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	DESIGN	1,163,477	1,163,477
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (NAVY) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	4,956,828
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (MARINE CORPS) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	3,629,008
Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	289,224	414,224
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Navy &amp; Marine Corps .....</b>			<b>8,266,703</b>	<b>15,693,819</b>
<b>AIR FORCE</b>				
Alabama				
Air Force	Redstone Arsenal	SPACE FORCE OPERATIONAL FACILITY	250,000	100,000
Air Force	Redstone Arsenal	USSPACECOM HQ	450,000	130,000
Alaska				
Air Force	Eielson Air Force Base	JPARC RANGE OPERATIONS CENTER	91,000	41,000
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: ADAL FIELD TRAINING DETACHMENT (FTD)	56,000	56,000
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS COMPLEX	132,300	132,300
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: DORMITORY	451,500	451,500
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: FLIGHT SIMULATOR	93,800	93,800
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: FUEL CELL MAINTENANCE	31,250	31,250
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: INFRASTRUCTURE & UTILITIES	422,100	422,100
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: LOW OBSERVABLE AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE	63,250	63,250
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: OPERATIONS AND GENERATION HANGAR	127,500	127,500
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: PGM RELOCATION	359,100	359,100
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: PUBLIC TRAFFIC ROUTE REALIGNMENT	50,000	50,000
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: SQUADRON 1-1 AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS	125,250	125,250
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	FTR: SQUADRON 1-1 FLOWTHROUGH HANGARS	154,000	154,000
Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	JOINT INTEGRATED TEST AND TRAINING CENTER (INC)	42,000	42,000
Arizona				
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	ADAL CORROSION CONTROL FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	8,250
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	COMPASS CALL TASK FORCE HQ (DESIGN)	0	11,400
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	CONSOLIDATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN)	0	8,000
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	DORMITORY (DESIGN)	0	10,200
Air Force	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	HANGAR/AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT	15,000	15,000
Arkansas				
Air Force	Ebbing Air National Guard Base	F-35 GROUP OPS FACILITY	0	18,000
Air Force	Little Rock Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	27,000	27,000
California				
Air Force	Beale Air Force Base	MULTI-DOMAIN OPERATIONS COMPLEX	126,000	126,000
Colorado				
Air Force	Schriever Space Force Base	SPACE FORCE OPERATIONAL FACILITY	250,000	100,000
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands				

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Air Force	Tinian	COST TO COMPLETE FUEL TANKS WITH RECEIPT PIPELINE & HYDRANT SYSTEM	0	26,300
Air Force	Djibouti Chabelley Airfield	CHABELLEY POWER PLANT AND PRIMARY DIST	27,000	27,000
Air Force	Federated States of Micronesia Yap	PDI: RUNWAY EXTENSION, INC	27,000	27,000
Air Force	Florida Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	BASE SUPPORT WAREHOUSE	64,000	64,000
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	COMMAND FACILITY	85,000	85,000
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	COMMUNICATIONS PLANT WAREHOUSE	48,400	48,400
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	LAUNCH SUPPORT FACILITY	84,000	84,000
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	LRS VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY	80,400	80,400
Air Force	Cape Canaveral Space Force Station	SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONS FACILITY	48,000	48,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	JADC2 AND ABM TEST FACILITY	87,800	87,800
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	KING HANGAR BUILDING 130 (DESIGN)	0	7,000
Air Force	Eglin Air Force Base	PHYSICAL FITNESS COMPLEX (DESIGN)	0	4,200
Air Force	Tyndall Air Force Base	AFCEC RDT&E FACILITIES AND GATE	160,000	70,000
Air Force	Tyndall Air Force Base	FIRE/CRASH RESCUE STATION	0	48,000
Air Force	Georgia Moody Air Force Base	MILITARY WORKING DOG KENNEL	0	15,870
Air Force	Robins Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	52,000
Air Force	Hawaii Maui Optical and Supercomputing Site	SECURE INTEGRATION SUPPORT LAB W/ LAND ACQ	3,600	3,600
Air Force	Illinois Scott Air Force Base	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	0	79,000
Air Force	Indiana Grissom Air Reserve Base	AIRCREW READINESS FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	2,600
Air Force	Japan Kadena Air Base	THEATER STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS HUB	99,000	54,000
Air Force	Misawa Air Base	F-35 FIGHTER JET FLIGHT SIMULATOR	0	89,000
Air Force	Mississippi Columbus Air Force Base	T-7A ALLIED SUPPORT	11,800	11,800
Air Force	Missouri Whiteman Air Force Base	B-21 ADAL FIELD TRAINING DETACHMENT, B152	89,000	89,000
Air Force	Whiteman Air Force Base	B-21 WEAPONS LOADER TRAINER	80,000	80,000
Air Force	Montana Malmstrom Air Force Base	SENTINEL LAND ACQUISITION (INC)	43,500	43,500
Air Force	Malmstrom Air Force Base	SENTINEL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE COMPLEX, INC	95,000	55,000
Air Force	Nebraska Offutt Air Force Base	REPLACE VEHICLE SEARCH AREA, STRATCOM GATE, B511 (DESIGN)	0	1,500
Air Force	Offutt Air Force Base	SAOC SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	15,000
Air Force	Offutt Air Force Base	STRATCOM BASE AND OPERATIONS MOBILITY CENTER (DESIGN)	0	11,200
Air Force	Nevada Creech Air Force Base	MISSION SUPPORT FACILITY	0	55,000
Air Force	Creech Air Force Base	WARRIOR FITNESS TRAINING FACILITY	0	104,000
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 2-BAY FUEL CELL (F-35)	52,000	52,000
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 AGE WASHRACK	500	500
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 AIRCRAFT WASHRACK & SUPPORT FACILITY	4,000	4,000
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 APRON COMPLEX	192,500	192,500
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 COMBINED OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE HANGAR (COMH)	177,800	177,800
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE FACILITY	32,000	32,000
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 FUEL CELL	28,000	28,000

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Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 FUEL STATION	10,000	10,000
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 LOW OBSERVABLE CORROSION REPAIR FACILITY	38,700	38,700
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 MAINTENANCE TRAINING FACILITY	29,000	29,000
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 R-11 EAST SIDE SHADE STRUCTURE	1,800	1,800
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 REPAIR MUNITIONS ADMIN FACILITY	4,600	4,600
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 RE-PROGRAMMING LAB	61,000	61,000
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 SIMULATOR FACILITY	62,000	62,000
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 WEAPONS LOAD TRAINING FACILITY	34,000	34,000
Air Force	Nellis Air Force Base	F-47 WEAPONS STORAGE FACILITY	2,800	2,800
	New Jersey			
Air Force	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	CYBER OPERATIONS FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	4,000
	New Mexico			
Air Force	Cannon Air Force Base	DORMITORY	10,000	10,000
Air Force	Holloman Air Force Base	HIGH SPEED TEST TRACK	0	72,750
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	EOD Facility (INC)	0	7,750
Air Force	Kirtland Air Force Base	SPACE FORCE OPERATIONAL FACILITY	250,000	100,000
	North Carolina			
Air Force	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	AIRCREW READINESS FACILITY	0	13,000
	North Dakota			
Air Force	Grand Forks	PAVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY	0	71,000
Air Force	Grand Forks Air Force Base	SPACE FORCE OPERATIONAL FACILITY	250,000	100,000
Air Force	Minot Air Force Base	SENTINEL CONSOLIDATED VEHICLE MAINTENANCE COMPLEX	124,000	49,000
Air Force	Minot Air Force Base	SENTINEL SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONS COMPLEX	108,000	108,000
	Ohio			
Air Force	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	AI SUPERCOMPUTING RESOURCE CENTER (DESIGN)	0	46,000
	Oklahoma			
Air Force	Tinker Air Force Base	BOMBER AGILE COMMON HANGAR (INC)	112,000	7,000
	Oregon			
Air Force	Mountain Home Air Force Base	HOMELAND DEFENSE OVER-THE-HORIZON RADAR (INC)	33,650	33,650
	Spain			
Air Force	Morón Air Base	PARKING APRON	75,500	75,500
	Tennessee			
Air Force	Arnold Air Force Base	INSTALLATION ACP GATE 2 UPGRADE	0	17,600
Air Force	Arnold Air Force Base	COOLING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DEFENSE GROUND TEST FACILITIES (DESIGN)	0	5,500
	Texas			
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 FLIGHT SIMULATOR FACILITY	63,000	63,000
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 LOW OBSERVABLE CORROSION CONTROL FAC	74,000	74,000
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 UTILITIES SITE IMPROVEMENTS ELECTRIC	23,000	23,000
Air Force	Dyess Air Force Base	B-21 FIELD TRAINING DETACHMENT FACILITY	0	84,000
Air Force	Fort Sam Houston	METC—BARRACKS/SHIPS/DORMS #1 (INC)	308,000	308,000
Air Force	Goodfellow Air Force Base	PIPELINE STUDENT DORMITORY	12,000	12,000
Air Force	Joint Base San Antonio	MILITARY WORKING DOGS LARGE CAPACITY KENNEL	180,000	80,000
Air Force	Lackland Air Force Base	91 CYBER OPERATIONS CENTER	96,000	36,000
	Utah			
Air Force	Hill Air Force Base	F-35 MAINTENANCE FACILITY, PHASE 1 (INC)	100,000	100,000
Air Force	Hill Air Force Base	T-7A DEPOT MAINTENANCE COMPLEX, INC	72,000	72,000
	Virginia			
Air Force	Joint Base Langley-Eustis	FUEL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DOCK	49,000	49,000
	Wake Island			

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Air Force	Wake Island	PDI: AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON, PHASE 1 (INC)			129,000	129,000
Air Force	Washington Fairchild Air Force Base	KC-135 ADAL PARTS WAREHOUSE (DESIGN)			0	2,500
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN			2,490,612	2,490,612
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (AIR FORCE) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)			0	6,100,395
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (SPACE FORCE) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)			0	1,384,326
Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION			315,810	460,810
Air Force	Wyoming F.E. Warren Air Force Base	GBSD OPERATIONS GROUP FACILITY			171,000	30,000
Air Force	F.E. Warren Air Force Base	GBSD UTILITY CORRIDOR (INC)			461,158	461,158
Subtotal Military Construction, Air Force .....					10,688,980	17,583,321
DEFENSE-WIDE						
Defense-Wide	Alabama Maxwell Air Force Base	MAXWELL ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION			44,000	44,000
Defense-Wide	Redstone Arsenal	POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID			0	90,000
Defense-Wide	Bahrain Naval Support Activity Bahrain	POWER GENERATION			0	5,900
Defense-Wide	Belgium Sterrebeek Annex	BRUSSELS UNIT SCHOOL ANNEX			33,000	33,000
Defense-Wide	California Camp Edwards	POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID			0	79,000
Defense-Wide	Naval Base Coronado	MULTI-MISSION DRY SUBMERSIBLE CAMPUS (DESIGN)			0	35,000
Defense-Wide	Colorado Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (Drmo)—Colorado Springs	GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE			85,000	85,000
Defense-Wide	Florida Eglin Air Force Base	POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID			0	43,000
Defense-Wide	Homestead Air Reserve Base	SOF CLIMATE CONTROLLED TACTICAL STORAGE WAREHOUSE			33,000	33,000
Defense-Wide	Naval Air Station Jacksonville	AMBULATORY CARE CENTER SUBSTANCE ABUSE REHABILITATION PROGRAM (SARP) REPLACEMENT			40,000	40,000
Defense-Wide	Germany Ramstein Air Base	VEHICLE FUELING FACILITY			20,500	20,500
Defense-Wide	Rhine Ordnance Barracks	MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT (INC 13)			95,002	95,002
Defense-Wide	U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach	POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID			0	72,000
Defense-Wide	U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz	BAUMHOLDER MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL			140,000	140,000
Defense-Wide	Guam Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GDS, COMMAND CENTER (INC)			99,700	99,700
Defense-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GDS, EIAMD, PHASE 1 (INC)			75,113	75,113
Defense-Wide	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: GDS, EIAMD, PHASE 3			179,446	179,446
Defense-Wide	Japan Camp Butler	PDI: TRUCK OFFLOAD FACILITIES			37,900	37,900
Defense-Wide	Yokota Air Base	PDI: BULK STORAGE TANKS PHASE 2			88,200	88,200
Defense-Wide	Kentucky Fort Knox	SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL			117,000	32,000
Defense-Wide	Korea Kunsan Air Base	AMBULATORY CARE CENTER REPLACEMENT			65,000	65,000
Defense-Wide	Maryland Bethesda Naval Hospital	MEDCEN ADDITION/ALTERATION (INC 10)			87,275	87,275
Defense-Wide	Bethesda Naval Hospital	SUPPORT FACILITIES REPLACEMENT (INC)			55,000	55,000
Defense-Wide	Fort Meade	CYBER NATIONAL MISSION FORCE MISSION OPERATIONS FACILITY (INC)			98,411	98,411

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Defense-Wide	Fort Meade	NSAW EAST CAMPUS BUILDING #5 (INC 2)	180,000	180,000		
Defense-Wide	Fort Meade	NSAW EAST CAMPUS SITE INFRA- STRUCTURE	52,000	52,000		
Defense-Wide	Nebraska Offutt Air Force Base	DPAA LABORATORY	0	69,000		
Defense-Wide	Nevada Creech Air Force Base	AMBULATORY CARE CENTER ADDI- TION/ALTERATION	25,381	25,381		
Defense-Wide	North Carolina Camp Lejeune	SOF MARINE RAIDER BATTALION OP- ERATIONS FACILITY	80,000	80,000		
Defense-Wide	Camp Lejeune	SOF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FACILITY	72,000	72,000		
Defense-Wide	Fort Bragg	SOF OPERATIONAL TRAINING FACIL- ITY	50,000	50,000		
Defense-Wide	Pennsylvania Defense Distribution Center, Susquehanna	MICROGRID	0	58,000		
Defense-Wide	Puerto Rico Fort Buchanan	EMERGENCY WATER TREATMENT SYS- TEM	0	33,500		
Defense-Wide	Texas Brooks Army Medical Center	POWER GENERATION AND ENERGY UPGRADES	0	55,500		
Defense-Wide	United Kingdom Menwith Hill Station	FIRE STATION REPLACEMENT	35,000	35,000		
Defense-Wide	Royal Air Force Lakenheath	HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT, PHASE 2 (INC)	78,000	78,000		
Defense-Wide	Utah Camp Williams	NSAU CONSOLIDATION—MISSION FA- CILITY (INC)	50,000	50,000		
Defense-Wide	Virginia Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek- Fort Story	SOF LAUNCH & RECOVERY FACILITY	36,000	36,000		
Defense-Wide	Wake Island Defense Fuel Support Point	PDI: FUELING FACILITIES	100,000	100,000		
Defense-Wide	Washington Joint Base Lewis- McChord	SOF TACTICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE FACILITY	35,000	35,000		
Defense-Wide	Naval Base Kitsap	POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID	0	65,000		
Defense-Wide	Yakima Training Cen- ter	POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID	0	73,000		
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	CHILLERS AND SUBSISTENCE RESIL- IENCY PILOT	0	150,000		
Defense-Wide	Locations	DEFENSE LABORATORY FACILITY IN- VESTMENT PROGRAM	0	250,000		
Defense-Wide	Locations	DESIGN—JOINT ANALYSIS CENTER OF EXCELLENCE	5,000	5,000		
Defense-Wide	Locations	DESIGN (DEFENSE-WIDE)	16,783	16,783		
Defense-Wide	Locations	DESIGN (DHA)	45,813	45,813		
Defense-Wide	Locations	DESIGN (DLA)	100,511	100,511		
Defense-Wide	Locations	DESIGN (DODEA)	26,625	26,625		
Defense-Wide	Locations	DESIGN (MDA)	42,846	42,846		
Defense-Wide	Locations	DESIGN (NSA)	33,700	33,700		
Defense-Wide	Locations	DESIGN (SOCOM)	81,628	81,628		
Defense-Wide	Locations	ENERGY RESILIENCE AND CONSERV. INVEST. PROG.	694,307	0		
Defense-Wide	Locations	ERCIP DESIGN	39,346	39,346		
Defense-Wide	Locations	EXERCISE RELATED MINOR CON- STRUCTION	13,328	63,328		
Defense-Wide	Locations	PAX SYSTEM SUPPORT	13,000	13,000		
Defense-Wide	Locations	UFC SYSTEM SUPPORT	12,000	12,000		
Defense-Wide	Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (DEFENSE-WIDE)	3,000	53,000		

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Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (DLA)	14,237	34,237
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (DODEA)	10,000	30,000
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (MDA)	2,659	27,659
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (NSA)	9,000	29,000
Defense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (SOCOM)	24,500	49,500
Defense-Wide	Wyoming F.E. Warren Air Force Base	POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID WITH GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING	0	51,717
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Defense-Wide .....</b>			<b>3,375,211</b>	<b>3,936,521</b>
<b>ARMY NATIONAL GUARD</b>				
Alabama				
Army National Guard	Fort McClellan Training Center and Clarke Range	REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (DESIGN)	0	2,250
District of Columbia				
Army National Guard	Armed Forces Retirement Home	ACCESS CONTROL POINT	0	2,000
Army National Guard	Armed Forces Retirement Home	COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING	0	10,000
Army National Guard	Armed Forces Retirement Home	COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING	0	10,000
Army National Guard	Armed Forces Retirement Home	COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING	0	10,000
Army National Guard	Armed Forces Retirement Home	COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING	0	10,000
Army National Guard	Armed Forces Retirement Home	MESS HALL (HISTORIC REBUILD)	0	6,000
Army National Guard	Armed Forces Retirement Home	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER-GRANT BLDG	0	21,700
Army National Guard	Armed Forces Retirement Home	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER-LAGARDE	0	16,000
Army National Guard	Armed Forces Retirement Home	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	0	1,300
Army National Guard	Hill East Rfk Area 02	CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM READY BUILDING	0	3,000
Florida				
Army National Guard	Camp Blanding	AUTOMATED MULTI PURPOSE TRAINING RANGE	28,000	28,000
Idaho				
Army National Guard	Orchard Training Area	MISSION TRAINING COMPLEX (SMALL)	27,000	27,000
Illinois				
Army National Guard	Forest Park	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	4,300
Army National Guard	Peoria	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	8,000
Kentucky				
Army National Guard	Jackson Field	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP CONSTRUCTION	0	18,500
Louisiana				
Army National Guard	Abbeville Readiness Center	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	23,000	23,000
Maine				
Army National Guard	Camp Keyes Training Site	COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP (DESIGN)	0	7,700
Army National Guard	Saco	SOUTHERN MAINE READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	7,900
Massachusetts				
Army National Guard	Camp Edwards	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	43,000	43,000
Minnesota				
Army National Guard	Anoka	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	4,000
Army National Guard	Camp Ripley	ACCESS CONTROL POINT	0	17,000
Mississippi				
Army National Guard	Camp Shelby	BOBBY CHAIN ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY AND READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	12,000
Army National Guard	Camp Shelby	SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION FACILITY (SCIF) (DESIGN)	0	5,000
Nevada				

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Army National Guard	Henderson Army National Guard Readiness Center	READINESS CENTER EXPANSION (DESIGN)	0	2,371
Army National Guard	New Hampshire Pease Air National Guard Base	NEWINGTON READINESS CENTER (DESIGN)	0	4,000
Army National Guard	New York Colonic Readiness Center	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	90,000	90,000
Army National Guard	Oklahoma Tulsa Army Aviation Support Facility	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE BAY	18,500	18,500
Army National Guard	Oregon Raymond F. Rees Training Center	FACILITY ADDITION (DESIGN)	0	1,000
Army National Guard	South Dakota Sturgis	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP (DESIGN)	0	3,700
Army National Guard	Tennessee Volunteer Training Site—Smyrna	AASF ROTARY WING HANGARS (DESIGN)	0	15,000
Army National Guard	Utah Camp Williams	UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING (DESIGN)	0	4,100
Army National Guard	Virginia Sandston	ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	21,000
Army National Guard	Washington Yakima Training Center	DINING FACILITY	18,000	18,000
Army National Guard	West Virginia Martinsburg Readiness Center	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ADD/ALT	20,000	20,000
Army National Guard	Wisconsin Black River Falls	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	20,000
Army National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	71,909	71,909
Army National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	1,065,363
Army National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	19,500	39,500
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Army National Guard .....</b>			<b>358,909</b>	<b>1,692,093</b>
<b>ARMY RESERVE</b>				
Army Reserve	Colorado Fort Carson	EQUIPMENT CONCENTRATION SITE	92,000	92,000
Army Reserve	Illinois Fort Sheridan	AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY	38,000	38,000
Army Reserve	Virginia Richmond Reserve Center	ARMY RESERVE CENTER	48,000	48,000
Army Reserve	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	10,413	10,413
Army Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	411,093
Army Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	21,500	41,500
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Army Reserve .....</b>			<b>209,913</b>	<b>641,006</b>
<b>NAVY RESERVE &amp; MARINE CORPS RESERVE</b>				
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Florida Naval Air Station Jacksonville	RAMP EXPANSION & RTC	47,000	47,000
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Texas Fort Worth	HANGAR 1050 MODERNIZATION (INC)	56,870	56,870
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	6,578	6,578
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Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (MARINE CORPS RESERVE) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	100,709
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (NAVY RESERVE) (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	59,386
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MCNR UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	2,522	22,522
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	USMCR DESIGN	19,302	19,302
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Navy Reserve &amp; Marine Corps Reserve .....</b>			<b>132,272</b>	<b>312,367</b>
<b>AIR NATIONAL GUARD</b>				
Alabama				
Air National Guard	Sumpter Smith Air National Guard Base	ADAL AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON	0	33,000
Air National Guard	Sumpter Smith Air National Guard Base	SECURITY AND SERVICES BUILDING (DESIGN)	0	1,500
Colorado				
Air National Guard	Buckley Space Force Base	MUNITIONS COMPLEX (DESIGN)	0	17,500
Delaware				
Air National Guard	New Castle Air National Guard	CONSOLIDATED MXS/LRS COMPLEX (DESIGN)	0	7,700
Indiana				
Air National Guard	Fort Wayne International Airport	F16: MISSION TRAINING FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	1,800
Maine				
Air National Guard	Bangor	AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS REPAIR (DESIGN)	0	3,800
Michigan				
Air National Guard	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	F-15EX MAINTENANCE COMPLEX	0	81,000
Air National Guard	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	MITIGATE RUNWAY ENCROACHMENT	110,000	10,000
Air National Guard	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	TAXIWAY ALPHA EXTENSION	28,000	0
Air National Guard	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	TAXIWAY BRAVO EXTENSION	24,000	0
Minnesota				
Air National Guard	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport	FUEL CELL HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	5,200
Mississippi				
Air National Guard	Key Field Air National Guard Base	FUEL HYDRANT SYSTEM (DESIGN)	0	9,000
Air National Guard	Key Field Air National Guard Base	MAINTENANCE HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	7,000
Air National Guard	Key Field Air National Guard Base	SIMULATOR FACILITY BUILDING ADDITION (DESIGN)	0	1,000
Missouri				
Air National Guard	Rosecrans Memorial Airport	AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON	0	63,000
New York				
Air National Guard	Eastern Air Defense Sector	AIR CONTROL AND WARNING OPERATIONS BUILDING (DESIGN)	0	10,000
Air National Guard	Gabreski Air National Guard Base	LOGISTICS READINESS COMPLEX (DESIGN)	0	2,900
Oregon				
Air National Guard	Kingsley Air Force Base	F-35 FTU ACADEMIC TRAINING CENTER	80,000	80,000
Air National Guard	Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base	ACADEMIC TRAINING CENTER (DESIGN)	0	8,000
South Dakota				
Air National Guard	Joe Foss Field	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	0	40,000
Tennessee				
Air National Guard	McGhee Tyson Airport	ROAD, BRIDGE, AND ECP	0	28,000
Air National Guard	Volunteer Training Site—Smyrna	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	4,000
Air National Guard	Volunteer Training Site—Smyrna	BERRY FIELD GATE REPLACEMENT (DESIGN)	0	1,250
Texas				
Air National Guard	Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth	C-130J ADAL MAINTENANCE HANGAR B1676	27,000	27,000
Utah				



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Air National Guard	Salt Lake City International Airport	FUEL CELL AND CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR (DESIGN)	0	5,500
Air National Guard	Virginia Joint Base Langley-Eustis	CONSOLIDATED HEADQUARTERS FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	3,200
Air National Guard	West Virginia Mclaughlin Air National Guard Base	C-130J APRON EXPANSION (DESIGN)	0	5,000
Air National Guard	Mclaughlin Air National Guard Base	COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	3,000
Air National Guard	Mclaughlin Air National Guard Base	SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY (DESIGN)	0	3,300
Air National Guard	Wisconsin Volk Field Air National Guard Base	ADAL ACS COMPLEX	0	18,000
Air National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	247,221	247,221
Air National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	531,241
Air National Guard	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	9,000	29,000
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Air National Guard .....</b>			<b>525,221</b>	<b>1,288,112</b>
<b>AIR FORCE RESERVE</b>				
Air Force Reserve	Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station	COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY	19,500	19,500
Air Force Reserve	Nebraska Lincoln Air National Guard Base	PARKING APRON (DESIGN)	0	4,000
Air Force Reserve	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	1,347	1,347
Air Force Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (TRANSFERRED FROM O&M)	0	187,022
Air Force Reserve	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	1,325	21,325
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Air Force Reserve .....</b>			<b>22,172</b>	<b>233,194</b>
<b>NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM</b>				
NATO	Worldwide Unspecified NATO Security Investment Program	NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	604,270	654,270
<b>Subtotal NATO Security Investment Program .....</b>			<b>604,270</b>	<b>654,270</b>
<b>INDOPACIFIC COMBATANT COMMAND</b>				
MILCON, INDOPACOM	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM	27,740	211,909
<b>Subtotal INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM .....</b>			<b>27,740</b>	<b>211,909</b>
<b>TOTAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION .....</b>			<b>26,143,029</b>	<b>50,003,764</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING</b>				
<b>FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY</b>				
Fam Hsg Con, Army	Germany South Camp Vilseck	FH REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION (44 UNITS)	95,060	95,060
Fam Hsg Con, Army	Japan Camp Zama	FH IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION (68 UNITS)	106,356	106,356
Fam Hsg Con, Army	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FAMILY HOUSING DESIGN	39,079	39,079
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Army .....</b>			<b>240,495</b>	<b>240,495</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING O&amp;M, ARMY</b>				
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Worldwide Unspecified Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	18,177	18,177

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Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASED HOUSING	132,820	132,820
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY FACILITIES	172,866	172,866
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	42,802	42,802
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MILITARY HOUSING PRIVATIZATION INITIATIVE	42,026	42,026
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MISCELLANEOUS	92	92
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	SERVICES	10,130	10,130
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	49,494	49,494
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Army .....</b>			<b>468,407</b>	<b>468,407</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY &amp; MARINE CORPS</b>				
District of Columbia				
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Marine Barracks Washington (8th Street & I)	COST TO COMPLETE: W/H REVITALIZATION, QUARTERS #1 (1 UNITS)	1,532	1,532
Guam				
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	COST TO COMPLETE: REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE V (74 UNITS)	25,876	25,876
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	COST TO COMPLETE: REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE VI (52 UNITS)	44,920	44,920
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	COST TO COMPLETE: REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING PHASE 8 (62 UNITS)	33,771	33,771
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Joint Region Marianas	REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING PHASE 9 (149 UNITS) (INC)	144,495	144,495
Japan				
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Yokosuka Naval Base	WHOLE HOUSE & UTILITY REVITALIZE, IKEGO TH PHASE 6 (32 UNITS)	44,128	44,128
Worldwide Unspecified				
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	14,971	14,971
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	NAVY SOUTHEAST MHPI (2ND RESTRUCTURE) (100 UNITS)	52,177	52,177
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Navy &amp; Marine Corps .....</b>			<b>361,870</b>	<b>361,870</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING O&amp;M, NAVY &amp; MARINE CORPS</b>				
Worldwide Unspecified				
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	17,252	17,252
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	60,997	60,997
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING	66,242	66,242
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE	119,152	119,152
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MANAGEMENT	54,612	54,612
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MISCELLANEOUS	445	445
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	SERVICES	14,394	14,394
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	52,515	52,515
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Operation &amp; Maintenance, Navy &amp; Marine Corps.</b>			<b>385,609</b>	<b>385,609</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE</b>				
Alaska				
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	MHPI RESTRUCTURE—JBER, PHASE 2 (1,194 UNITS)	156,964	156,964
Japan				
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Yokota Air Base	YOKOTA PAIP 10 PHASE 1 (32 UNITS)	36,100	36,100
United Kingdom				
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Royal Air Force Croughton	CROUGHTON (REPLACEMENT) (12 UNITS)	24,104	24,104
Worldwide Unspecified				

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Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	DESIGN	25,854	25,854
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Air Force .....</b>			<b>243,022</b>	<b>243,022</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING O&amp;M, AIR FORCE</b>				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	28,691	28,691
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	40,627	40,627
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING	5,523	5,523
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE	160,528	160,528
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MANAGEMENT	64,841	64,841
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MISCELLANEOUS	2,492	2,492
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	SERVICES	12,957	12,957
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	51,097	51,097
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Air Force .....</b>			<b>366,756</b>	<b>366,756</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING O&amp;M, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Fam Hsg O&M, De- fense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS (DIA)	566	566
Fam Hsg O&M, De- fense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS (NSA)	93	93
Fam Hsg O&M, De- fense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING (DIA)	34,693	34,693
Fam Hsg O&M, De- fense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING (DSCA)	8,792	8,792
Fam Hsg O&M, De- fense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING (NSA)	14,320	14,320
Fam Hsg O&M, De- fense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE (NSA)	37	37
Fam Hsg O&M, De- fense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES (DIA)	4,548	4,548
Fam Hsg O&M, De- fense-Wide	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES (NSA)	15	15
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Defense-Wide .....</b>			<b>63,064</b>	<b>63,064</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Family Housing Im- provement Fund	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—FHIF	8,412	8,412
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Improvement Fund .....</b>			<b>8,412</b>	<b>8,412</b>
<b>UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
Unaccompanied Housing Improve- ment Fund	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—UHIF	501	501
<b>Subtotal Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund .....</b>			<b>501</b>	<b>501</b>
<b>TOTAL FAMILY HOUSING .....</b>			<b>2,138,136</b>	<b>2,138,136</b>
<b>DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE</b>				
<b>BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, ARMY</b>				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
BRAC, Army	Base Realignment & Closure, Army	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	151,293	151,293
<b>Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Army .....</b>			<b>151,293</b>	<b>151,293</b>
<b>BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, NAVY</b>				
	Worldwide Unspecified			
BRAC, Navy	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	108,325	108,325
<b>Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Navy .....</b>			<b>108,325</b>	<b>108,325</b>

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<b>BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, AIR FORCE</b>				
BRAC, Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	111,381	111,381
<b>Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Air Force .....</b>			<b>111,381</b>	<b>111,381</b>
<b>BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>				
BRAC, Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified Locations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	1,318	1,318
<b>Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Defense-Wide .....</b>			<b>1,318</b>	<b>1,318</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE .....</b>			<b>372,317</b>	<b>372,317</b>
<b>TOTAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, FAMILY HOUSING, AND BRAC .....</b>			<b>28,653,482</b>	<b>52,514,217</b>

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<b>Discretionary Summary by Appropriation</b>		
<b>Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies</b>		
<b>Appropriation Summary:</b>		
<b>Energy Programs</b>		
Nuclear Energy .....	160,000	160,000
<b>Atomic Energy Defense Activities</b>		
<b>National Nuclear Security Administration:</b>		
Weapons Activities .....	26,941,950	27,015,950
Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation .....	2,389,595	2,389,595
Naval Reactors .....	2,393,692	2,328,692
Federal Salaries and Expenses .....	577,097	577,097
<b>Total, National Nuclear Security Administration .....</b>	<b>32,302,334</b>	<b>32,311,334</b>
Defense Environmental Cleanup .....	6,983,318	6,988,318
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D .....	253,000	0
Other Defense Activities .....	1,184,721	1,184,721
<b>Total, Atomic Energy Defense Activities .....</b>	<b>41,222,582</b>	<b>40,983,582</b>
<b>Total, Discretionary Funding .....</b>	<b>41,382,582</b>	<b>41,143,582</b>
<b>Nuclear Energy</b>		
Safeguards and security .....	160,000	160,000
<b>Total, Nuclear Energy .....</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>160,000</b>
<b>National Nuclear Security Administration</b>		
<b>Weapons Activities</b>		
<b>Stockpile management</b>		

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<b>Stockpile modernization</b>		
B61-12 LEP .....	0	0
B61-13 .....	46,428	46,428
W88 ALT 370 .....	0	150,000
Restoration of statutorily-directed funding .....		(150,000)
W80-4 LEP .....	1,048,340	1,048,340
W80-5 Modification Program .....	0	0
W87-1 Modification Program .....	913,231	913,231
W93 Program .....	1,106,106	1,106,106
Future Programs .....	99,794	99,794
<b>Subtotal, Stockpile modernization</b> .....	<b>3,213,899</b>	<b>3,363,899</b>
Stockpile Operation .....	1,885,290	1,885,290
Weapons dismantlement and disposition .....	90,760	90,760
Production operations .....	1,146,586	1,146,586
Nuclear enterprise assurance .....	121,015	121,015
Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds .....	0	0
<b>Total, Stockpile management</b> .....	<b>6,457,550</b>	<b>6,607,550</b>
<b>Production Modernization</b>		
<b>Primary Capability Modernization</b>		
<b>Plutonium Modernization</b>		
<b>Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization</b>		
Los Alamos Pit Production .....	1,460,791	1,430,791
Unjustified growth .....		(-30,000)
21-D-512 Plutonium Pit Production Project, LANL .....	812,100	812,100
15-D-302 TA-55 Reinvestments Project, Phase 3, LANL .....	0	0
07-D-220-04 Transuranic Liquid Waste Facility, LANL .....	10,000	10,000
04-D-125 Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replace- ment Project, LANL .....	110,000	110,000
<b>Subtotal, Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization</b> .....	<b>2,392,891</b>	<b>2,362,891</b>
<b>Savannah River Plutonium Modernization</b>		
Savannah River Pit Production .....	302,000	302,000
21-D-511 Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility, SRS .....	1,946,523	1,946,523
<b>Subtotal, Savannah River Plutonium Modernization</b> .....	<b>2,248,523</b>	<b>2,248,523</b>
Enterprise Pit Production Support .....	270,897	270,897
<b>Total, Plutonium Modernization</b> .....	<b>4,912,311</b>	<b>4,882,311</b>
<b>High Explosives &amp; Energetics</b>		
High Explosives & Energetics .....	251,765	251,765
21-D-510 HE Synthesis, Formulation, and Production, PX .....	0	0
Project Continuation .....	0	42,000
Restoration of statutorily-directed funding .....		(42,000)
15-D-301 HE Science & Engineering Facility, PX .....	0	0
<b>Subtotal, High Explosives &amp; Energetics</b> .....	<b>251,765</b>	<b>293,765</b>
<b>Total, Primary Capability Modernization</b> .....	<b>5,164,076</b>	<b>5,176,076</b>
<b>Secondary Capability Modernization</b>		
Secondary Capability Modernization .....	1,728,546	1,728,546
18-D-690 Lithium Processing Facility, Y-12 .....	0	0
Project Continuation .....	0	0
06-D-141 Uranium Processing Facility, Y-12 .....	290,000	290,000
<b>Total, Secondary Capability Modernization</b> .....	<b>2,018,546</b>	<b>2,018,546</b>
<b>Tritium and Defense Fuels Program</b>		
Tritium and Defense Fuels Program .....	880,781	880,781
18-D-650 Tritium Finishing Facility, SRS .....	0	50,000
Restoration of statutorily-directed funding .....		(50,000)
<b>Total, Tritium and Domestic Uranium Enrichment</b> .....	<b>880,781</b>	<b>930,781</b>
<b>Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization</b>		
Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization .....	258,008	258,008
26-D-511 MESA Photolithography Capability (MPC), SNL ...	51,000	51,000
26-D-510 Product Realization Infrastructure for Stockpile Modernization (PRISM), LLNL .....	0	0
22-D-513 Power Sources Capability, SNL .....	140,000	140,000
<b>Total, Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization</b> .....	<b>449,008</b>	<b>449,008</b>
<b>Capability Based Investments</b> .....	<b>203,163</b>	<b>203,163</b>
Warhead Assembly Modernization .....	47,965	47,965
18-D-680 Material Staging Capability, PX .....	22,500	27,500
Expedited construction .....		(5,000)
<b>Total, Warhead Assembly Modernization</b> .....	<b>70,465</b>	<b>75,465</b>
<b>Total, Production Modernization</b> .....	<b>8,786,039</b>	<b>8,853,039</b>

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<b>Stockpile research, technology, and engineering</b>		
<b>Assessment Science</b>		
Assessment Science .....	1,243,267	1,214,267
Unjustified growth .....	0	(-29,000)
26-D-512 LANSCE Modernization Project (LAMP), LANL .....	15,200	15,200
24-D-513 Z-pinch Experimental Underground System (ZEUS)		
Test Bed Facilities Improvement (ZTBF1), NNSS .....	91,700	91,700
17-D-640 U1a Complex Enhancements Project, NNSS .....	154,142	154,142
<b>Total, Assessment Science .....</b>	<b>1,504,309</b>	<b>1,475,309</b>
<b>Engineering</b>		
Engineering .....	230,043	230,043
Establishment of Rapid Capabilities Develop-		
ment Office .....	0	0
26-D-513 Combined Radiation Environments for Survivability		
Testing, SNL .....	105,000	105,000
<b>Total, Engineering .....</b>	<b>335,043</b>	<b>335,043</b>
Rapid & Advance Capabilities .....	499,209	499,209
Inertial Confinement Fusion .....	829,736	844,736
Enhanced sustainment for Omega Laser Facility .....	0	0
26-D-514 NIF Enhanced Fusion Yield Capability, LLNL .....	84,000	84,000
<b>Total, Inertial Confinement Fusion .....</b>	<b>913,736</b>	<b>928,736</b>
Advanced simulation and computing .....	909,765	909,765
Weapons technology and manufacturing maturation .....	405,413	405,413
Academic programs .....	0	80,000
Program restoration .....		(80,000)
<b>Total, Stockpile research, technology, and engineering .....</b>	<b>4,068,266</b>	<b>4,134,266</b>
<b>Infrastructure and operations</b>		
<b>Operating</b>		
Operations of facilities .....	1,752,310	1,752,310
Safety and Environmental Operations .....	217,902	167,902
Unjustified growth .....		(-50,000)
Maintenance and Repair of Facilities .....	1,384,323	1,294,323
Unjustified growth .....		(-90,000)
Recapitalization .....	1,203,127	1,203,127
<b>Total, Operating .....</b>	<b>4,557,662</b>	<b>4,417,662</b>
<b>Mission enabling construction</b>		
24-D-510 Analytic Gas Laboratory, PX .....	0	0
23-D-517 Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade, LANL .....	65,000	65,000
27-D-512 Plutonium Engineering Support Building, LANL .....	88,700	88,700
25-D-510 Plutonium Mission Safety & Quality Building, LANL .....	0	0
25-D-511 PULSE New Access, NNSS .....	50,000	50,000
<b>Total, Mission enabling construction .....</b>	<b>203,700</b>	<b>203,700</b>
<b>Total, Infrastructure and operations .....</b>	<b>4,761,362</b>	<b>4,621,362</b>
<b>Secure transportation asset</b>		
Operations and equipment-STA .....	443,075	443,075
Program direction-STA .....	143,996	143,996
<b>Total, Secure transportation asset .....</b>	<b>587,071</b>	<b>587,071</b>
<b>Defense nuclear security</b>		
Operations and maintenance—DNS .....	1,305,793	1,305,793
<b>Construction:</b>		
17-D-710 West End Protected Area Reduction Project, Y-12 .....	0	0
<b>Subtotal, Construction .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total, Defense nuclear security .....</b>	<b>1,305,793</b>	<b>1,305,793</b>
Information Technology and Cybersecurity .....	935,000	866,000
Unjustified growth .....		(-69,000)
Legacy Contractor Pensions and Settlement Payments .....	40,869	40,869
<b>Subtotal, Weapons Activities .....</b>	<b>27,441,159</b>	<b>27,515,159</b>
<b>Total, Weapons Activities .....</b>	<b>27,441,159</b>	<b>27,515,159</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>		
Use of prior year balances .....	0	0
<b>Total, Adjustments .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total, Weapons Activities .....</b>	<b>26,941,950</b>	<b>27,015,950</b>

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Program	FY 2027 Request	Senate Authorized
<b>Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation</b>		
<b>Material Management and Minimization</b>		
Conversion .....	0	0
Reactor conversion and uranium supply .....	117,820	117,820
Nuclear material removal and elimination .....	68,945	68,945
Material disposition .....	0	0
Plutonium Management .....	79,039	79,039
<b>Total, Material Management and Minimization .....</b>	<b>265,804</b>	<b>265,804</b>
<b>Global Material Security</b>		
International nuclear security .....	61,013	61,013
Radiological security .....	193,104	193,104
Nuclear smuggling detection and deterrence .....	136,457	136,457
<b>Total, Global Material Security .....</b>	<b>390,574</b>	<b>390,574</b>
Nonproliferation and Arms Control .....	214,494	214,494
<b>Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation R&amp;D</b>		
Proliferation detection .....	296,170	296,170
Nonproliferation stewardship program .....	174,383	174,383
Nuclear detonation detection .....	318,447	318,447
Restoral of orbital sensors .....	0	0
Forensics R&D .....	30,000	30,000
Nonproliferation fuels development .....	0	0
<b>Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation R&amp;D .....</b>	<b>819,000</b>	<b>819,000</b>
<b>Nonproliferation Construction:</b>		
U.S. Construction .....	0	0
18-D-150 Surplus Plutonium Disposition Project, SRS .....	0	0
<b>Total, Nonproliferation Construction .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Programs .....</b>	<b>1,689,872</b>	<b>1,689,872</b>
<b>Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program</b>		
Emergency Management .....	35,045	35,045
Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation .....	650,550	650,550
<b>Total, Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program .....</b>	<b>685,595</b>	<b>685,595</b>
NNSA Bioassurance Program .....	0	0
Legacy contractor pensions .....	14,128	14,128
<b>Subtotal, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation .....</b>	<b>2,389,595</b>	<b>2,389,595</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>		
Use of prior year balances .....	0	0
Cancellation of Prior Year Balances .....	0	0
<b>Total, Adjustments .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation .....</b>	<b>2,389,595</b>	<b>2,389,595</b>
<b>Naval Reactors</b>		
Naval reactors development .....	876,824	876,824
Columbia-Class reactor systems development .....	29,700	29,700
SSG Prototype refueling .....	0	0
Naval reactors operations and infrastructure .....	645,050	645,050
Program direction .....	71,841	71,841
<b>Construction:</b>		
14-D-901 Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project, NRF .....	691,953	626,953
Unjustified growth .....		(-65,000)
21-D-530 KL Steam and Condensate Upgrades .....	0	0
22-D-531 KL Chemistry & Radiological Health Building .....	0	0
22-D-532 KL Security Upgrades .....	0	0
23-D-533 BL Component Test Complex .....	0	0
24-D-530 NRF Medical Science Complex .....	0	0
25-D-530 Naval Examination Acquisition Project .....	80,000	80,000
26-D-530 East Side Office Building .....	0	0
<b>Total, Naval Reactors Construction .....</b>	<b>771,953</b>	<b>706,953</b>
<b>Subtotal, Naval Reactor .....</b>	<b>2,395,368</b>	<b>2,330,368</b>
Use of prior year balances .....	-1,676	-1,676
<b>Total, Naval Reactors .....</b>	<b>2,393,692</b>	<b>2,328,692</b>
<b>Federal Salaries and Expenses</b>		
Program direction .....	577,097	577,097

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Use of prior year balances .....	0	0
<b>Total, Federal Salaries and Expenses .....</b>	<b>577,097</b>	<b>577,097</b>
<b>TOTAL, National Nuclear Security Administration .....</b>	<b>32,302,334</b>	<b>32,311,334</b>
<b>Defense Environmental Cleanup</b>		
Closure sites administration .....	500	500
<b>Richland</b>		
River corridor and other cleanup operations .....	69,000	69,000
Central plateau remediation .....	795,124	795,124
Richland community and regulatory support .....	12,000	12,000
18-D-404 Modification of Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility .....	0	0
22-D-401 L-888 Eastern Plateau Fire Station .....	0	0
22-D-402 L-897 200 Area Water Treatment Facility .....	0	0
23-D-404 181D Export Water System Reconfiguration and Upgrade .....	0	0
23-D-405 181B Export Water System Reconfiguration and Upgrade .....	0	0
24-D-401 Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility Supercell 11 Expans Proj .....	0	0
<b>Total, Richland .....</b>	<b>876,624</b>	<b>876,624</b>
<b>Office of River Protection:</b>		
Waste Treatment Immobilization Plant Commissioning .....	466,000	466,000
Rad Liquid Tank Waste Stabilization and Disposition .....	984,000	984,000
<b>Construction:</b>		
23-D-403 Hanford 200 West Area Tank Farms Risk Manage- ment Project .....	90,000	90,000
15-D-409 Low Activity Waste Pretreatment System .....	75,000	75,000
18-D-16 Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant—LRL/ Direct feed LAW .....	0	0
01-D-416 Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, RL .....	0	0
01-D-16D High-Level Waste Facility .....	330,000	330,000
<b>Subtotal, Construction .....</b>	<b>495,000</b>	<b>495,000</b>
<b>Total, Office of River Protection .....</b>	<b>1,945,000</b>	<b>1,945,000</b>
<b>Idaho National Laboratory:</b>		
Idaho cleanup and waste disposition .....	472,726	472,726
Idaho community and regulatory support .....	3,295	3,295
<b>Construction:</b>		
22-D-403 Idaho Spent Nuclear Fuel Staging Facility .....	2,000	2,000
22-D-404 Addl ICDF Landfill Disposal Cell and Evaporation Ponds Project .....	0	0
22-D-402 Calcine Construction .....	2,000	2,000
<b>Subtotal, Construction .....</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Total, Idaho National Laboratory .....</b>	<b>480,021</b>	<b>480,021</b>
<b>NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites</b>		
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory .....	1,955	1,955
LLNL Excess Facilities D&D .....	0	0
Separations Processing Research Unit .....	950	950
Nevada .....	64,835	64,835
Sandia National Laboratory .....	1,030	1,030
Los Alamos National Laboratory .....	293,937	293,937
Los Alamos Excess Facilities D&D .....	0	0
<b>Total, NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites .....</b>	<b>362,707</b>	<b>362,707</b>
<b>Oak Ridge Reservation:</b>		
OR Nuclear Facility D&D .....	289,297	289,297
U233 Disposition Program .....	70,000	70,000
OR cleanup and waste disposition .....	85,800	85,800
<b>Construction:</b>		
14-D-403 Outfall 200 Mercury Treatment Facility .....	0	0
17-D-401 On-site Waste Disposal Facility .....	57,828	57,828
OR reservation community & regulatory support .....	5,100	5,100
OR technology development and deployment .....	3,500	3,500
<b>Total, Oak Ridge Reservation .....</b>	<b>511,525</b>	<b>511,525</b>
<b>Savannah River Site:</b>		
Savannah River risk management operations .....	465,620	465,620
Savannah River legacy pensions .....	0	0
Savannah River community and regulatory support .....	5,450	5,450



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Payment in lieu of taxes .....	0	5,000
Program restoration .....		(5,000)
Savannah River National Laboratory O&M .....	90,719	90,719
<b>Construction:</b>		
20-D-401 Saltstone Disposal Unit #10, 11, 12 .....	82,500	82,500
19-D-701: SR Security Systems Replacement .....	0	0
18-D-401 Saltstone Disposal Unit #8, 9, SR (SR-0014C) .....	0	0
18-D-402 Emergency Operations Center .....	0	0
<b>Subtotal, Construction</b> .....	<b>82,500</b>	<b>82,500</b>
Radioactive liquid tank waste stabilization and disposition .....	1,066,000	1,066,000
<b>Total, Savannah River Site</b> .....	<b>1,710,289</b>	<b>1,715,289</b>
<b>Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</b>		
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant .....	400,020	400,020
<b>Construction:</b>		
15-D-411 Safety Significant Confinement Ventilation System, WIPP .....	0	0
15-D-412 Utility Shaft, .....	0	0
21-D-401 Hoisting Capability Project .....	72,000	72,000
<b>Total, Construction</b> .....	<b>72,000</b>	<b>72,000</b>
<b>Total, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</b> .....	<b>472,020</b>	<b>472,020</b>
Program direction .....	297,318	297,318
Program support .....	20,320	20,320
Safeguards and Security—Defense Environmental Cleanup .....	291,482	291,482
Technology development and deployment .....	16,012	16,012
<b>TOTAL, Defense Environmental Cleanup</b> .....	<b>6,983,318</b>	<b>6,988,318</b>
<b>Defense Uranium Enrichment D&amp;D</b> .....	<b>253,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Improper allocation .....		(-253,000)
<b>Other Defense Activities</b>		
<b>Environment, health, safety and security</b>		
Environment, health, safety and security mission support .....	150,761	150,761
Program direction .....	81,179	81,179
<b>Total, Environment, health, safety and security</b> .....	<b>231,940</b>	<b>231,940</b>
<b>Office of Enterprise Assessments</b>		
Enterprise assessments .....	32,183	32,183
Program direction .....	56,632	56,632
<b>Total, Office of Enterprise Assessments</b> .....	<b>88,815</b>	<b>88,815</b>
Specialized security activities .....	471,082	471,082
<b>Legacy Management</b>		
Legacy Management Activities—Defense .....	177,716	177,716
Program Direction .....	22,670	22,670
<b>Total, Legacy Management</b> .....	<b>200,386</b>	<b>200,386</b>
Defense-Related Administrative Support .....	187,475	187,475
Office of Hearings and Appeals .....	5,023	5,023
<b>Subtotal, Other Defense Activities</b> .....	<b>1,184,721</b>	<b>1,184,721</b>
Use of prior year balances .....	0	0
<b>Total, Other Defense Activities</b> .....	<b>1,184,721</b>	<b>1,184,721</b>

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

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