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S. 5342

To require a report on the advisability and feasibility of establishing a Drone Center of Excellence within the Army National Guard.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SLOTKIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DRONE CEN-**
4 **TER OF EXCELLENCE WITHIN ARMY NA-**
5 **TIONAL GUARD.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
8 Army shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services
9 of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of
10 the House of Representatives a report on the advisability

1 and feasibility of establishing a Drone Center of Excel-
2 lence within the Army National Guard at a National
3 Guard training site.

4 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-
5 section (a) shall consider performance of the following
6 functions at the potential Center of Excellence:

7 (1) Certification of operators of unmanned aer-
8 ial systems during annual training periods.

9 (2) Development of doctrine, tactics, tech-
10 niques, and procedures for the operation of such sys-
11 tems.

12 (3) Experimentation on integrating artificial in-
13 telligence applications for target recognition and
14 real-time situational awareness into the operation of
15 such systems.

16 (4) Conduct of force-on-force unmanned aerial
17 systems exercises, including brigade-level “drone
18 wars” experimentation integrated with infantry,
19 armor, and joint formations.

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