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To support Lebanon’s rule of law and democratic institutions through sanctions and support, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To support Lebanon’s rule of law and democratic institutions through sanctions and support, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Lebanon Sanctions, Stabilization, and Support Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Sanctions.
- Sec. 3. Stabilization.
- Sec. 4. Security assistance.
- Sec. 5. Oversight.

1 **SEC. 2. SANCTIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President may impose the
3 sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to each
4 foreign person, regardless of employment, who the Presi-
5 dent determines, on or after the date of the enactment
6 of this Act, has knowingly and significantly engaged in
7 any activity described in subsection (b).

8 (b) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—A foreign person has
9 engaged in any activity described in this subsection if the
10 foreign person has—

11 (1) knowingly undertaken actions or policies
12 that provide material support in furtherance of the
13 Government of Iran’s illicit financing and support of
14 armed non-state actors in Lebanon, including
15 Hezbollah;

16 (2) significantly delayed or impeded the work of
17 the Lebanese Armed Forces and the Internal Secu-
18 rity Forces to implement the August 2025 decision
19 to exercise a state monopoly of arms, the September
20 2025 plan to achieve that monopoly by disarming
21 Hezbollah, the March 2026 decision to ban security
22 and military activities of Hezbollah, or the April
23 2026 decision to bring weapons in Beirut under gov-
24 ernment control;

25 (3) provided material support to Hezbollah; or

1 (4) taken significant actions to delay or impede
2 the progress of reforms to the banking and financial
3 sectors of Lebanon.

4 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
5 scribed in this subsection are the following:

6 (1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The President
7 shall exercise all authorities granted under the Inter-
8 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
9 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent necessary to block
10 and prohibit all transactions in property and inter-
11 ests in property of a foreign person described in sub-
12 section (a) if such property and interests in property
13 are in the United States, come within the United
14 States, or come within the possession or control of
15 a United States person.

16 (2) PROHIBITIONS ON FINANCIAL TRANS-
17 ACTIONS.—The President may exercise all authori-
18 ties granted under the International Emergency
19 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to
20 the extent necessary—

21 (A) to prohibit any United States financial
22 institution from making loans or providing
23 credit to the applicable foreign person; or

24 (B) to prohibit any transactions in foreign
25 exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of

1 the United States and in which such foreign
2 person has any interest.

3 (3) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR
4 PAROLE.—

5 (A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—An
6 alien described in subsection (a) shall be—

7 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

8 (ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other
9 documentation to enter the United States;
10 and

11 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
12 or paroled into the United States or to re-
13 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
14 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
15 seq.).

16 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

17 (i) IN GENERAL.—The valid visa or
18 other entry documentation of any alien de-
19 scribed in subsection (a) is subject to rev-
20 ocation regardless of the issue date of the
21 visa or other entry documentation.

22 (ii) EFFECT.—In accordance with sec-
23 tion 221(i) of the Immigration and Nation-
24 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)), a revocation
25 authorized under clause (i) shall—

1 (I) take effect in accordance with
2 established procedures; and

3 (II) cancel any other valid visa or
4 entry documentation that is in the
5 possession of the alien.

6 (4) LICENSING.—For any sanctions imposed
7 pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of the
8 Treasury shall issue such general licenses and public
9 guidance as may be necessary—

10 (A) to clarify that such sanctions do not
11 apply to any government entity with which the
12 sanctioned person may be officially associated;

13 (B) to clarify that such sanctions do not
14 apply to any person the sanctioned person owns
15 or controls that contributes to legitimate eco-
16 nomic activity in Lebanon, unless the owned
17 person is itself designated based on its behav-
18 ior; and

19 (C) to limit adverse impacts to employ-
20 ment, legitimate economic activity, and humani-
21 tarian conditions in Lebanon.

22 (d) EXCEPTIONS.—

23 (1) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions
24 under this section may not apply to—

1 (A) the conduct or facilitation of a trans-
 2 action for the provision of agricultural commod-
 3 ities, food, medicine, medical devices, humani-
 4 tarian assistance, or for humanitarian purposes;
 5 or

6 (B) transactions that are necessary for, or
 7 ordinarily incident to, the activities described in
 8 subparagraph (A).

9 (2) INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions
 10 under this section shall not apply to—

11 (A) any activity subject to the reporting
 12 requirements under title V of the National Se-
 13 curity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.); or

14 (B) any authorized intelligence activities of
 15 the United States.

16 (3) COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLI-
 17 GATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—
 18 Visa restrictions under subsection (c)(3) shall not
 19 apply with respect to the admission or parole of an
 20 alien into the United States if admitting or paroling
 21 the alien is necessary—

22 (A) to comply with United States obliga-
 23 tions under—

24 (i) the Agreement between the United
 25 Nations and the United States of America

1 regarding the Headquarters of the United
2 Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,
3 1947, and entered into force November 21,
4 1947;

5 (ii) the Convention on Consular Rela-
6 tions, done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and
7 entered into force March 19, 1967; or

8 (iii) any other applicable international
9 obligations; or

10 (B) to carry out or assist law enforcement
11 activity in the United States.

12 (e) RULEMAKING.—The President may prescribe
13 such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provi-
14 sions of this section (which may include regulatory excep-
15 tions), including under section 205 of the International
16 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1704).

17 (f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
18 tion may be construed to limit the authorities of the Presi-
19 dent under the International Emergency Economic Powers
20 Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

21 (g) TERMINATION.—This section, and any sanctions
22 imposed under this section, shall terminate on the date
23 that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this
24 Act.

25 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ADMISSION; ADMITTED; ALIEN; LAWFULLY
2 ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE.—The
3 terms “admission”, “admitted”, “alien”, and “law-
4 fully admitted for permanent residence” have the
5 meanings given those terms in section 101 of the
6 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

7 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
8 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
9 gress” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
11 the Senate; and

12 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
13 the House of Representatives.

14 (3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
15 son” means any individual or entity that is not a
16 United States person.

17 (4) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
18 “United States person” means—

19 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-
20 fully admitted for permanent residence to the
21 United States;

22 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
23 the United States or any jurisdiction within the
24 United States, including a foreign branch of
25 such an entity; or

1 (C) any person located in the United
2 States.

3 **SEC. 3. STABILIZATION.**

4 (a) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of
5 State shall continue to support humanitarian assistance
6 in Lebanon in furtherance of the political and economic
7 stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Lebanon,
8 which is important for regional stability and the national
9 economic and security interests of the United States, in-
10 cluding—

11 (1) health assistance, including logistical and
12 technical assistance to hospitals, ambulances, and
13 health clinics in affected communities, and the provi-
14 sion of basic public health commodities;

15 (2) assistance to provide—

16 (A) protection, food, and shelter;

17 (B) water, sanitation, and hygiene; and

18 (C) demining and disposal of unexploded
19 ordinance; and

20 (3) technical assistance to ensure health, food,
21 and commodities are appropriately selected, pro-
22 cured, targeted, monitored, and distributed.

23 (b) INCENTIVE FUND FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF
24 LEBANESE GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND INFRASTRUC-
25 TURE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be established a
2 fund, to be administered by the Secretary of State,
3 which, subject to the limitations set forth in para-
4 graph (2), shall support—

5 (A) the reconstruction of services and in-
6 stitutions of the Government of Lebanon and of
7 municipal governments in Lebanon; and

8 (B) the building and rebuilding of civilian
9 infrastructure in Lebanon.

10 (2) LIMITATION.—Amounts from the fund es-
11 tablished pursuant to paragraph (1) may not be
12 made available for use by the Council for South Leb-
13 anon.

14 (3) NOTICE BEFORE PROVISION OF ASSIST-
15 ANCE.—

16 (A) RESTRICTION.—Except as provided in
17 subparagraph (B), not more than 50 percent of
18 the amounts deposited into the fund established
19 pursuant to paragraph (1) may be obligated
20 until the Secretary of State certifies to the
21 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
22 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
23 House of Representatives that—

1 (i) the Government of Lebanon has
2 declared Hezbollah's military activities ille-
3 gal; and

4 (ii) the Lebanese Armed Forces are
5 implementing directives of the Government
6 of Lebanon regarding—

7 (I) the establishment of a monop-
8 oly of force within Lebanon; and

9 (II) the disarmament of
10 Hezbollah.

11 (B) WAIVER.—The Secretary of State may
12 waive the restriction under subparagraph (A)
13 after certifying to the Committee on Foreign
14 Relations of the Senate and the Committee on
15 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
16 that such a waiver is in the national interest of
17 the United States.

18 (c) LIVELIHOOD AND SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE TO
19 THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES AND THE INTERNAL SE-
20 CURITY FORCES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be established a
22 fund, to be administered by the Secretary of State,
23 which shall provide for the sustainment of the Leba-
24 nese Armed Forces and Internal Security Forces in
25 accordance with paragraph (2).

1 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to the De-
3 partment of State, for each of the first 3 fiscal years
4 beginning after the date of the enactment of this
5 Act, \$20,000,000, which shall be deposited into the
6 fund established under paragraph (1) and expended
7 for salaries and stipends for members of the Leba-
8 nese Armed Forces and Internal Security Forces.

9 (d) STRATEGY.—Not later than 60 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
11 shall submit a strategy to the Committee on Foreign Rela-
12 tions of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of
13 the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
14 House of Representatives, and the Committee on Appro-
15 priations of the House of Representatives that details how
16 amounts from the fund established pursuant to this sec-
17 tion, in conjunction with funds authorized to be appro-
18 priated under section 4, will be used to help support and
19 implement a plan to expand Lebanese state services and
20 increase legitimate political participation in Lebanese com-
21 munities that are currently dependent on parallel services
22 from Hezbollah.

1 **SEC. 4. SECURITY ASSISTANCE.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR SECU-
3 RITY ASSISTANCE TO THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES
4 AND THE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
6 appropriated to the Department of State, for each of
7 the first 5 fiscal years beginning after the date of
8 the enactment of this Act—

9 (A) \$200,000,000 for Foreign Military Fi-
10 nancing;

11 (B) \$25,000,000 for International Nar-
12 cotics Control and Law Enforcement;

13 (C) \$11,500,000 for Non-proliferation,
14 Anti-terrorism, Demining, and Related Pro-
15 grams; and

16 (D) \$3,500,000 International Military
17 Education and Training.

18 (2) NOTICE BEFORE PROVISION OF ASSIST-
19 ANCE.—

20 (A) RESTRICTION.—Except as provided in
21 subparagraph (B), not more than 50 percent of
22 the funds appropriated pursuant to paragraph
23 (1) may be obligated until after the Secretary
24 of State certifies to the Committee on Foreign
25 Relations of the Senate and the Committee on

Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
that—

(i) the Government of Lebanon has
declared Hezbollah's military activities ille-
gal; and

(ii) the Lebanese Armed Forces are
implementing directives of the Government
of Lebanon regarding—

(I) the establishment of a monop-
oly of force within Lebanon; and

(II) the disarmament of
Hezbollah.

(B) INAPPLICABILITY.—The restriction on
obligating funds under subparagraph (A) shall
not apply to assistance provided to special oper-
ations units and associated enabling forces of
the Lebanese Armed Forces.

(3) AUTHORIZATION OF CONTINGENT FUNDING
AFTER THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR.—

(A) CONTINGENCY.—Subparagraph (B)
shall take effect if a briefing required under
subsection (c) during the fiscal year beginning
after the date of the enactment of this Act dem-
onstrates meaningful progress, as determined
by the Secretary of State—

1 (i) by the Lebanese Armed Forces
2 and the Internal Security Forces to
3 counter Iranian proxy forces operating in
4 Lebanon, including Hezbollah, Hamas, and
5 Palestinian Islamic Jihad; and

6 (ii) by the Government of Lebanon to
7 develop and implement a plan to expand
8 state services and increase legitimate polit-
9 ical participation in Lebanese communities
10 that are currently dependent on parallel
11 services from Hezbollah.

12 (B) FUNDING.—Subject to the contingency
13 described in subparagraph (A), in addition to
14 the appropriations authorized under paragraph
15 (1), there is authorized to be appropriated to
16 the Department of State, for the second, third,
17 fourth, and fifth fiscal year beginning after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act—

19 (i) \$50,000,000 for Foreign Military
20 Financing;

21 (ii) \$6,000,000 for International Nar-
22 cotics Control and Law Enforcement;

23 (iii) \$3,000,000 for Non-proliferation,
24 Anti-terrorism, Demining, and Related
25 Programs; and

1 (iv) \$1,000,000 for International Mili-
2 tary Education and Training.

3 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL CONTIN-
4 GENT FUNDING AFTER THE SECOND FISCAL
5 YEAR.—

6 (A) CONTINGENCY.—Subparagraph (B)
7 shall take effect if the briefings required under
8 subsection (c) during each of the first 2 fiscal
9 years beginning after the date of the enactment
10 of this Act demonstrate meaningful progress, as
11 determined by the Secretary of State—

12 (i) by the Lebanese Armed Forces
13 and the Internal Security Forces to
14 counter Iranian proxy forces operating in
15 Lebanon, including Hezbollah, Hamas, and
16 Palestinian Islamic Jihad; and

17 (ii) by the Government of Lebanon to
18 implement a plan to expand state services
19 and increase legitimate political participa-
20 tion in Lebanese communities that are cur-
21 rently dependent on parallel services from
22 Hezbollah.

23 (B) FUNDING.—Subject to the contingency
24 described in subparagraph (A), in addition to
25 the appropriations authorized under paragraphs

(1) and (3), there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State, for each of the third, fourth, and fifth fiscal years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act—

(i) \$50,000,000 for Foreign Military Financing;

(ii) \$6,000,000 for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement;

(iii) \$3,000,000 for Non-proliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining, and Related Programs; and

(iv) \$1,000,000 for International Military Education and Training.

(5) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to authorizations under paragraphs (1)(B), (3)(B), and (4)(B) shall be used by the Secretary of State to build the capacity of the Lebanese Armed Forces and the Internal Security Forces, including by—

(A) countering Iranian proxy forces operating in Lebanon, including Hezbollah, Hamas, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad;

(B) implementing—

1 (i) the August 2025 decision to exer-
2 cise a state monopoly of arms;

3 (ii) the September 2025 plan to
4 achieve this monopoly by disarming
5 Hezbollah;

6 (iii) the March 2026 decision to ban
7 Hezbollah security and military activities;
8 and

9 (iv) the April 2026 decision to bring
10 weapons in Beirut under government con-
11 trol;

12 (C) fully implementing all relevant United
13 Nations Security Council resolutions;

14 (D) training and vetting members of the
15 Lebanese Armed Forces and the Internal Secu-
16 rity Forces;

17 (E) countering and interdicting revenue
18 sources for Hezbollah and other malign actors,
19 including revenues derived from financial
20 crimes, Captagon, and other illicit good produc-
21 tion and trafficking in Lebanon;

22 (F) detecting and interdicting trafficking
23 of weapons, materials related to weapons of
24 mass destruction, dual-use goods, and sensitive
25 technologies in Lebanon; and

1 (G) implementing the program described in
2 subsection (b).

3 (b) PROGRAM TO BUILD THE CAPACITY OF THE
4 LEBANESE ARMED FORCES AND THE INTERNAL SECU-
5 RITY FORCES WITH RESPECT TO CAPTAGON AND OTHER
6 ILLICIT GOODS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
8 establish a program to provide assistance to
9 strengthen the capacity of Lebanese security institu-
10 tions to identify, track, and improve their forensics
11 detection capabilities with respect to financial crimes
12 and production and trafficking of Captagon and
13 other illicit goods that provide a source of revenue
14 for Hezbollah and other malign actors.

15 (2) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Recipients of
16 assistance from the program required under para-
17 graph (1)—

18 (A) shall be limited to Lebanese officials
19 who have expertise and experience or are being
20 trained in matters described in paragraph (1);
21 and

22 (B) may be carried out, in the case of in-
23 bound exchanges, as part of appropriate ex-
24 change programs and international visitor pro-

1 grams administered by the Department of
2 State.

3 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 15 days before the ob-
4 ligation of any funds appropriated pursuant to subsection
5 (a), the Secretary of State shall brief the Committee on
6 Foreign Relations of the Senate, the Committee on Appro-
7 priations of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs
8 of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on
9 Appropriations of the House of Representatives regard-
10 ing—

11 (1) the steps taken during the previous year by
12 the Lebanese security institutions to counter Iranian
13 proxy forces operating in Lebanon, including
14 Hezbollah, Hamas, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad;

15 (2) the steps taken during the previous year by
16 Lebanese security institutions to counter the produc-
17 tion and trafficking of Captagon and other illicit
18 goods in Lebanon;

19 (3) how United States assistance created or
20 augmented the capabilities of the Lebanese Armed
21 Forces and the Internal Security Forces to under-
22 take the steps described in paragraphs (1) and (2);

23 (4) how the production and trafficking of
24 Captagon and other revenues sources, to include fi-
25 nancial crimes and illicit good production and traf-

1 ficking, has harmed the Lebanese economy and ben-
2 efitted Hezbollah and other malign actors;

3 (5) the steps taken by the Lebanese Armed
4 Forces to counter any instances of collusion between
5 the Lebanese Armed Forces and Hezbollah, such
6 as—

7 (A) promoting the establishment of rapid
8 inspection units;

9 (B) conducting randomized spot checks;

10 (C) implementing mechanisms for
11 incentivizing weapons relinquishment;

12 (D) implementing mechanisms for
13 incentivizing outcome-based performance by
14 Lebanese Armed Forces units and personnel;
15 and

16 (E) imposing consequences, such as crimi-
17 nal liability, for Lebanese Armed Forces per-
18 sonnel who have colluded with Hezbollah; and

19 (6) how the assistance authorized under sub-
20 section (a) will further improve the capabilities of
21 the Lebanese Armed Forces and the Internal Secu-
22 rity Forces to counter Iranian proxy forces operating
23 in Lebanon, including Hezbollah, Hamas, and Pales-
24 tinian Islamic Jihad.

1 **SEC. 5. OVERSIGHT.**

2 (a) OVERSIGHT OF STABILIZATION ASSISTANCE.—

3 (1) STRATEGY.—Not later than 90 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of State shall submit an unclassified strategy, with
6 a classified annex, if necessary, to the Committee on
7 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee
8 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
9 that describes—

10 (A) how the United States, working with
11 relevant foreign governments, multilateral orga-
12 nizations, and nongovernmental organizations,
13 will support the safe, informed, durable, and
14 voluntary return of Syrian refugees in Lebanon
15 back to their home communities;

16 (B) the diplomatic efforts carried out by
17 the United States Government to urge contrib-
18 uting countries of the United Nations Interim
19 Force in Lebanon to donate existing equipment,
20 vehicles, and facilities to the Lebanese Armed
21 Forces upon the termination of United Nations
22 Interim Force in Lebanon’s mandate in accord-
23 ance with United Nations Security Council Res-
24 olution 2790 (2025), pursuant to efforts to bol-
25 ster the capability of the Lebanese Armed
26 Forces in southern Lebanon;

1 (C) the diplomatic efforts carried out by
2 the United States Government, including by
3 supporting multilateral pledging events and
4 using its positions in international financial in-
5 stitutions, to encourage strategic burden shar-
6 ing and the coordination of donations with
7 international donors, including foreign govern-
8 ments and multilateral organizations, to ad-
9 vance the provision of humanitarian assistance
10 to the people of Lebanon, especially internally
11 displaced persons; and

12 (D) how the United States Government
13 is—

14 (i) overcoming reconstruction chal-
15 lenges in southern Lebanon to counter any
16 role Hezbollah may be playing in recon-
17 struction and provision of social services;

18 (ii) mitigating risk of diversion or
19 benefit to non-state armed groups in Leb-
20 anon, particularly Hezbollah; and

21 (iii) ensuring effective delivery of as-
22 sistance.

23 (2) INITIAL REPORT.—Before obligating any
24 amounts from the fund established pursuant to sec-
25 tion 3(b), the Secretary of State shall submit an un-

1 classified report, with a classified annex, if nec-
2 essary, to the Committee on Foreign Relations of
3 the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the
4 Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
5 House of Representatives, and the Committee on
6 Appropriations of the House of Representatives that
7 describes—

8 (A) accounting, monitoring, evaluation or
9 oversight procedures being implemented to pre-
10 vent the diversion of the United States Govern-
11 ment assistance, including assistance from the
12 fund established pursuant to section 3(b), to
13 Hezbollah or other non-state armed groups in
14 Lebanon or their affiliates and to ensure such
15 assistance is being used for the purposes for
16 which it was obligated; and

17 (B) the diplomatic efforts carried out by
18 the United States Government, including by
19 supporting multilateral pledging events and
20 using its positions in international financial in-
21 stitutions, to encourage strategic burden shar-
22 ing and the coordination of donations with
23 international donors, including foreign govern-
24 ments and multilateral organizations, to ad-
25 vance the provision of assistance for the recon-

struction of services and institutions of the Government of Lebanon and of municipal governments in Lebanon and the building and rebuilding of civilian infrastructure in Lebanon.

(3) RETENTION AND READINESS REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit an unclassified report, with a classified annex, if necessary, to the congressional committees referred to in paragraph (2) that describes the effect of the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsections (c) and (d) of section 3 on the retention and readiness of the Lebanese Armed Forces and the Internal Security Forces.

(b) OVERSIGHT OF SUPPORT ASSISTANCE.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for the following 3 years, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives an unclassified report, with a classified annex, if necessary, that—

(1) describes the progress made by the Government of Lebanon, the Lebanese Armed Forces, and the Internal Security Forces and any remaining

1 gaps in developing and implementing a plan, with
2 timelines and measurable objectives—

3 (A) to fully disarm Hezbollah, including
4 with the support of the United States and the
5 international community;

6 (B) to expand state services and increasing
7 legitimate political participation in Lebanese
8 communities that are currently dependent on
9 parallel services from Hezbollah; and

10 (C) to implement—

11 (i) the August 2025 decision to exer-
12 cise a state monopoly of arms;

13 (ii) the September 2025 plan to
14 achieve this monopoly by disarming
15 Hezbollah;

16 (iii) the March 2026 decision to ban
17 Hezbollah security and military activities;
18 and

19 (iv) the April 2026 decision to bring
20 weapons in Beirut under government con-
21 trol;

22 (2) details the Government of Iran's illicit fi-
23 nancing and support of armed non-state actors in
24 Lebanon, including Hezbollah and institutions it
25 controls, such as Al-Qard Al-Hassan;

1 (3) describes whether and how the political and
2 economic stability, sovereignty, and territorial integ-
3 rity of Lebanon are important for regional stability
4 and the national economic and security interests of
5 the United States;

6 (4)(A) describes the efforts led by the United
7 States to coordinate and deconflict between the Leb-
8 anese Armed Forces and the Israel Defense Forces;

9 (B) assesses the steps that should be taken by
10 the Lebanese Armed Forces to increase coordination
11 and deconfliction;

12 (C) assesses the steps that should be taken by
13 the Israel Defense Forces to increase coordination
14 and deconfliction;

15 (D) describes additional authorities or tools
16 that may aid these coordination and deconfliction ef-
17 forts or increase the ability of the United States to
18 provide effective guidance to the Lebanese Armed
19 Forces and Israel Defense Forces; and

20 (E) describes efforts to build upon the moni-
21 toring mechanism led by the United States after the
22 Announcement of a Cessation of Hostilities and Re-
23 lated Commitments on November 27, 2024, to es-
24 tablish a combined intelligence and military coordi-
25 nation body with international partners that sets

1 clear, measurable objectives and time-bound metrics
2 to ensure credibility and transparency in the process
3 of disarming Hezbollah;

4 (5) identifies the steps the Government of Leb-
5 anon is taking to enact reforms to Lebanon's bank-
6 ing and financial sectors, including—

7 (A) steps to implement Lebanon's April
8 2025 bank secrecy law;

9 (B) steps to pass and implement a law to
10 restructure Lebanon's banking sector; and

11 (C) steps to pass and implement a law to
12 address the allocation of losses in Lebanon's
13 banking sector;

14 (6) describes the progress made toward building
15 peaceful relations between the Government of Leb-
16 anon and the Government of Israel, including—

17 (A) steps to pursue negotiations and ef-
18 forts to impede negotiations;

19 (B) the advisory and coordination mecha-
20 nisms set up by the United States and the
21 international community;

22 (C) progress made as a result of direct ne-
23 gotiations that—

24 (i) recognize Lebanon's sovereignty;

1 (ii) affirm that the Government of
 2 Lebanon, rather than any foreign power
 3 (such as Iran), is the representative of the
 4 Lebanese people;

5 (iii) undermine Iran's claims to nego-
 6 tiate for Lebanon; and

7 (iv) undermine Iran's attempts to in-
 8 trude in Lebanon's domestic affairs and
 9 the conduct of its foreign policy; and

10 (D) steps to suspend the enforcement of,
 11 or repeal, Lebanon's anti-normalization laws,
 12 derived from Lebanon Law 1/1955, which was
 13 ratified by the Parliament of Lebanon on June
 14 23, 1955, to prohibit any economic, commercial,
 15 or personal interactions between the people of
 16 Lebanon and the people of Israel, and provi-
 17 sions of the Lebanese Criminal Code and the
 18 Lebanese Code of Military Justice; and

19 (7) describes humanitarian and reconstruction
 20 needs and challenges in Lebanon, including—

21 (A) the immediate state of humanitarian
 22 needs and the long-term reconstruction needs in
 23 Lebanon, particularly south of the Litani river;

24 (B) the causes of such challenges;

1 (C) efforts that have been made to address
2 these challenges;

3 (D) the effects of not addressing these
4 challenges on the economy and security inside
5 Lebanon; and

6 (E) the effects of such challenges on re-
7 gional stability and security if applicable.

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