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## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS

This committee print consists of the enrolled bill text and joint explanatory statement for the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2026 (S. 1071; Public Law 119–60).

This Act and the material found in this committee print are the product of an agreement between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Armed Services and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services on H.R. 3838, the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, as passed by the House of Representatives on September 10, 2025, and S. 2296, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, as passed by the Senate on October 9, 2025.

In order to ensure the enactment of an annual defense bill by the end of the calendar year, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Armed Services and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services agreed to reconcile the provisions of H.R. 3838 and S. 2296. The negotiated agreement was brought to the House floor in the form of a House amendment to S. 1071, an unrelated bill used as the legislative vehicle for the NDAA. On December 10, 2025, the House agreed to the House amendment to S. 1071 by the yeas and nays, 312–112 (Roll no. 320). On December 17, 2025, the Senate agreed to the House amendment to S. 1071 by a vote of 77–20 (Record Vote Number: 648). The President signed the legislation on December 18, 2025, and it became Public Law 119–60.

Because the agreed-upon language was brought to the House in the form of a House amendment to S. 1071, there is no conference report and no formal "joint explanatory statement of the conference committee" for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026. Instead, Chairman Mike Rogers submitted a joint explanatory statement to accompany S. 1071 in the *Congressional Record* on December 10, 2025 (pages H5571–H5753). The text of the joint explanatory statement is included in this committee print. Section 5 of S. 1071 specifies that this joint explanatory statement shall have the same effect with respect to the implementation of this legislation as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

In this committee print, the provisions of H.R. 3838 are generally referred to as "the House bill". The provisions of S. 2296 are generally referred to as "the Senate bill." The final form of the agreements reached during negotiations between the House and the Senate are referred to as "the agreement."

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# *TITLE LXI—INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES*

***SEC. 6101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.***

*Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 for the conduct of the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the Federal Government.*

***SEC. 6102. CLASSIFIED SCHEDULE OF AUTHORIZATIONS.***

*(a) SPECIFICATIONS OF AMOUNTS.—The amounts authorized to be appropriated under section 6101 for the conduct of the intelligence activities of the Federal Government are those specified in the classified Schedule of Authorizations prepared to accompany this division.*

*(b) AVAILABILITY OF CLASSIFIED SCHEDULE OF AUTHORIZATIONS.—*

*(1) AVAILABILITY.—The classified Schedule of Authorizations referred to in subsection (a) shall be made available to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and to the President.*

*(2) DISTRIBUTION BY THE PRESIDENT.—Subject to paragraph (3), the President shall provide for suitable distribution of the classified Schedule of Authorizations referred to in subsection (a), or of appropriate portions of such Schedule, within the executive branch of the Federal Government.*

*(3) LIMITS ON DISCLOSURE.—The President shall not publicly disclose the classified Schedule of Authorizations or any portion of such Schedule except—*

*(A) as provided in section 601(a) of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (50 U.S.C. 3306(a));*

*(B) to the extent necessary to implement the budget; or*

*(C) as otherwise required by law.*

***SEC. 6103. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.***

*(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for the Intelligence Community Management Account of the Director of National Intelligence for fiscal year 2026 the sum of $678,853,000.*

*(b) CLASSIFIED AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Intelligence Community Management Account by subsection (a), there are authorized to be appropriated for the Intelligence Community Management Account for fiscal year 2026 such additional amounts as are specified in the classified Schedule of Authorizations referred to in section 6102(a).*

# TITLE LXII—CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY SYSTEM

***SEC. 6201. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.***

*There is authorized to be appropriated for the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability Fund $514,000,000 for fiscal year 2026.*

# TITLE LXIII—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MATTERS

***SEC. 6301. RESTRICTION ON CONDUCT OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.***

*The authorization of appropriations by this division shall not be deemed to constitute authority for the conduct of any intelligence activity which is not otherwise authorized by the Constitution or the laws of the United States.*

***SEC. 6302. INCREASE IN EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AUTHORIZED BY LAW.***

*Appropriations authorized by this division for salary, pay, retirement, and other benefits for Federal employees may be increased by such additional or supplemental amounts as may be necessary for increases in such compensation or benefits authorized by law.*

***SEC. 6303. NOTICE OF IMPACT OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POST CLOSINGS ON INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.***

*Title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:*

***"SEC. 517. NOTICE OF IMPACT OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POST CLOSINGS ON INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.***

*"(a) NOTICE TO DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The Secretary of State shall provide notice to the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense of any covered closure of a diplomatic or consular post. To the maximum extent practicable, the notice shall be provided at least 30 days before the date on which the covered closure occurs.*

*"(b) NOTICE TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the heads of the other appropriate elements of the intelligence community as determined by the Director, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a notice describing the impact of the closure on the intelligence community. The notice shall be submitted within 30 days after the date on which the Director receives the notice under subsection (a) and, to the maximum extent practicable, shall be submitted before the date on which the covered closure occurs. Such notice shall include a description of whether, and the extent to which, the Director and the heads of the other appropriate elements of the intelligence community were consulted in the decision-making process with respect to such closure and registered any concerns with or objections to such closure.*

*"(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*"(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term 'appropriate congressional committees' means—*

*"(A) the congressional intelligence committees;*

*"(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;*

*"(C) the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and*

*"(D) the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.*

*"(2) COVERED CLOSURE OF A DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR POST DEFINED.—The term 'covered closure of a diplomatic or consular post' means the closure of a United States diplomatic or consular post abroad that is anticipated to last for 60 days or more.".*

***SEC. 6304. UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY PROPERTY.***

*Chapter 37 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 798A the following:*

***"§ 798B. Unauthorized access to intelligence community property***

*"(a) PROHIBITED ACTIVITY.—It shall be unlawful, within the jurisdiction of the United States, without authorization to willfully go upon any property—*

*"(1) with intent to gather intelligence or information to the detriment of the United States; and*

*"(2) while knowing that such property is—*

*"(A) under the jurisdiction of an element of the intelligence community (as defined in section 3(4) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)); and*

*"(B) closed or restricted.*

*"(b) PENALTIES.—Any person who violates subsection (a) shall—*

*"(1) in the case of the first offense, be fined under section 3571 of this title, imprisoned not more than 6 months, or both;*

*"(2) in the case of a second offense after a prior conviction under subsection (a) has become final, be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 2 years, or both; and*

*"(3) in the case of a third or subsequent offense after a prior conviction under subsection (a) has become final, be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.".*

***SEC. 6305. ANNUAL SURVEY OF ANALYTIC OBJECTIVITY AMONG OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1019(b) of the National Security Intelligence Reform Act of 2004 (title I of Public Law 108–458; 50 U.S.C. 3364(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

*"(4)(A) The individual or entity assigned responsibility under subsection (a) shall annually conduct a survey of analytic objectivity among officers and employees of the intelligence community.*

*"(B) The head of each element of the intelligence community shall take all practical actions to encourage maximum participation by*

*officers and employees of such element with respect to the survey conducted under subparagraph (A).".*

*(b) ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than once each year for two years, each head of an element of the intelligence community specified in paragraph (4) shall conduct a survey of analytic objectivity among officers and employees of such element who are involved in the production of intelligence products.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—Each survey conducted pursuant to paragraph (1) for an element of the intelligence community shall cover the following:*

*(A) Perceptions of the officers and employees regarding the presence of bias or politicization affecting the intelligence cycle.*

*(B) Types of intelligence products perceived by the officers and employees as most prone to objectivity concerns.*

*(C) Whether responders to the survey raised identified analytic objectivity concerns with an analytic ombudsman or appropriate entity.*

*(3) COORDINATION.—The head of each element of the intelligence community specified in paragraph (4) shall, to the extent practicable, coordinate with the individual or entity assigned responsibility under section 1019(a) of the National Security Intelligence Reform Act of 2004 (title I of Public Law 108–458; 50 U.S.C. 3364(a)) and the appropriate ombudsman for analytic objectivity with respect to the design and execution of the survey required by paragraph (1) to maximize the utility and efficiency of the survey.*

*(4) ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SPECIFIED.—The elements of the intelligence community specified in this paragraph are the following:*

*(A) The National Security Agency.*

*(B) The Defense Intelligence Agency.*

*(C) The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.*

*(D) The Directorate of Intelligence of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

*(E) The Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security.*

***SEC. 6306. ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT AND REPORT REGARDING ANALYTIC STANDARDS.***

*Section 6312 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (50 U.S.C. 3364 note; Public Law 117–263) is amended—*

*(1) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:*

*"(b) CONDUCT OF TRAINING.—Training required pursuant to the policy required by subsection (a) shall—*

*"(1) be a dedicated, stand-alone training; and*

*"(2) include instruction on how to report concerns regarding lack of objectivity, bias, politicization, or other issues relating to the standards set forth in Intelligence Community Directive 203, Analytic Standards (or any successor directive)."; and*

*(2) in subsection (d)(1)—*

*(A) by striking "number and themes of"; and*

*(B) by striking the period at the end and inserting ", including the number and themes of such incidents and a list of each intelligence product reported during the preceding 1-year period to the Analytic Ombudsman of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence or other designated official specified in law or policy to receive complaints related to, or review compliance with, analytic standards.".*

***SEC. 6307. PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the head of each element of the intelligence community, shall revise all regulations, policies, procedures, manuals, circulars, courses, training, and guidance in the intelligence community such that all such materials are in compliance with and consistent with this section.*

*(b) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by any law for the National Intelligence Program shall be used for the purposes of implementing covered practices in the intelligence community.*

*(c) COVERED PRACTICE DEFINED.—In this section, the term "covered practice" means any practice that discriminates for or against any person in a manner prohibited by the Constitution of the United States, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000 et seq.), or any other Federal law.*

***SEC. 6308. ESTIMATE OF COST TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DIRECTIVE 705.***

*(a) ESTIMATE REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, each head of an element of the intelligence community, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, shall—*

*(1) submit to the congressional intelligence committees, the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives an estimate of the amount of obligations expected to be incurred by the Federal Government after the date of the enactment of this Act to ensure that the sensitive compartmented information facilities of the element are compliant with Intelligence Community Directive 705; and*

*(2) submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an estimate of such amount of obligations expected to be incurred by an element of the Department of Defense.*

*(b) CONTENTS.—Each estimate submitted under subsection (a) shall include the following:*

*(1) The estimate.*

*(2) An implementation plan to ensure compliance described in such subsection.*

*(3) Identification of the administrative actions or legislative actions that may be necessary to ensure such compliance.*

***SEC. 6309. PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM SPANNING THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FOR ACCREDITATION OF SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION FACILITIES.***

*(a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall—*

*(1) develop a plan to implement an integrated tracking system that resides on an appropriately secure or classified system and spans the intelligence community for the accreditation of sensitive compartmented information facilities to increase transparency, track the status of accreditation, and to reduce and minimize duplication of effort; and*

*(2) submit to the congressional intelligence committees, the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives the plan developed under paragraph (1).*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection (a)(1) shall include the following:*

*(1) An estimated cost of implementing the plan.*

*(2) A description for how applicants and cleared industry could monitor the status of the accreditation of the sensitive compartmented information facilities of the applicants and cleared industry.*

*(3) Guidelines for minimizing duplication of effort across the intelligence community and the Department of Defense in the accreditation process for sensitive compartmented information facilities.*

*(4) Creation of a mechanism to track compliance with Intelligence Community Directive 705 (relating to sensitive compartmented information facilities), or successor directive.*

*(5) Proposed measures for increasing security against adversary threats.*

*(6) A list of any administrative and legislative actions that may be necessary to carry out the plan.*

***SEC. 6310. REFORMS RELATING TO INACTIVE SECURITY CLEARANCES.***

*(a) EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF INACTIVE SECURITY CLEARANCES.—*

*(1) REVIEW AND EVALUATION.—The Director of National Intelligence shall review and evaluate the feasibility and advisability of updating personnel security standards and procedures governing eligibility for access to sensitive compartmented information and other controlled access program information and security adjudicative guidelines for determining eligibility for access to sensitive compartmented information and other controlled access program information to determine whether individuals described in paragraph (2), could, as a matter of policy, be granted eligibility by the Director to access classified information if—*

*(A) there is no indication the individual no longer satisfies the standards established for access to classified information;*

*(B) the individual certifies in writing to an appropriate security professional that there has been no change in the*

*relevant information provided for the last background investigation of the individual; and*

*(C) an appropriate record check reveals no unfavorable information.*

*(2) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—The individuals described in this paragraph are individuals who—*

*(A) have been retired or otherwise separated from employment with an element of the intelligence community for a period of not more than 5 years; and*

*(B) were eligible to access classified information on the day before the individual retired or otherwise separated from such element.*

*(b) FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF CONTINUOUS VETTING OF INACTIVE SECURITY CLEARANCES.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall conduct an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of subjecting inactive security clearances to continuous vetting and due diligence, including with respect to any effects on policies developed in conjunction with the continued development of the Trusted Workforce 2.0 initiative.*

*(2) FINDINGS.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives the findings from the assessment conducted pursuant to paragraph (1).*

# *TITLE LXIV—INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS*

***SEC. 6401. SHORT TITLE.***

*This title may be cited as the "Intelligence Community Efficiency and Effectiveness Act of 2025".*

***SEC. 6402. MODIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.***

*(a) REPEAL OF SUNSETTED REQUIREMENT FOR SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.—Subsection (c)(7) of section 102A of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024) is amended by striking "(A) The Director" and all that follows through "(B) The Director" and inserting "The Director".*

*(b) REPEAL OF AUTHORITIES RELATING TO NEW NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTERS.—*

*(1) TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL.—Such section is amended by striking subsection (e).*

*(2) REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH.—Subsection (f)(2) of such section is amended by striking "and may" and all that follows through "determines necessary".*

*(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

*(1) SECTION 102A.—Such section is further amended—*

*(A) by redesignating subsections (f) through (z) as subsections (e) through (y), respectively;*

*(B) in subsection (e), as redesignated by subparagraph (A), in paragraph (7), by striking "under subsection (m)" and inserting "under subsection (l)"; and*

*(C) in subsection (w)(3), as redesignated by subparagraph (A), by striking "under subsection (f)(8)" and inserting "under subsection (e)(8)".*

*(2) OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW.—*

*(A) NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947.—The National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is amended—*

*(i) in section 103(c)(15) (50 U.S.C. 3025(c)(15)), by striking ", including national intelligence centers";*

*(ii) in section 112(c)(1), by striking "section 102A(i)" and inserting "section 102A(h)";*

*(iii) in section 313(1) (50 U.S.C. 3079(1)), by striking "with section 102A(f)(8)" and inserting "with section 102A(e)(8)".*

*(B) CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ACT OF 1949.—Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3507) is amended by striking "section 102A(i)" and inserting "section 102A(h)".*

*(C) CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RETIREMENT ACT.—Section 201(c) of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act (50 U.S.C. 2011(c)) is amended by striking "section 102A(i)" and inserting "section 102A(h)".*

*(D) REDUCING OVER-CLASSIFICATION ACT.—Section 7(a)(1)(A) of the Reducing Over-Classification Act (50 U.S.C. 3344(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking "of section 102A(g)(1)" and inserting "of section 102A(f)(1)".*

*(E) PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION ACT.—Section 705(c) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 3355c(c)) is amended by striking "section 102A(i)" and inserting "102A(h)".*

*(F) INTELLIGENCE REFORM AND TERRORISM PREVENTION ACT OF 2004.—Section 1019(a) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (50 U.S.C. 3364(a)) is amended by striking "section 102A(h)" and inserting "section 102A(g)".*

*(G) INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003.—Section 343(c) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–306; 50 U.S.C. 3363) is amended by striking "Subject to" and all that follows through ", relating" and inserting "Subject to section 102A(h) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024(h), relating".*

*(H) INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014.—Section 604(d)(1)(B) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–126; 50 U.S.C. 3234 note) is amended by striking "section 102A(m)" and inserting "section 102A(l)".*

*(I) HOMELAND SECURITY ACT OF 2002.—Section 210D(f)(2)(B) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6*

*U.S.C. 124k(f)(2)(B)) is amended by striking "sections 102A(f)(1)(B)(iii)" and inserting "sections 102A(e)(1)(B)(iii)".*

*(J) ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY ACT OF 2007.—Section 934(k)(2) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17373(k)(2)) is amended by striking "section 102A(i)" and inserting "section 102A(h)".*

***SEC. 6403. PLAN FOR OPTIMIZED STAFFING OF THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.***

*(a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a target end-state for the appropriate staffing level of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.*

*(b) CONTENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall include a plan for achieving the targeted end-state for staffing at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to the number of full-time equivalent employees, detailees, and individuals under contract with the Office that the Director requires for the optimized execution of the statutory authorities of the Director.*

***SEC. 6404. NATIONAL COUNTERPROLIFERATION AND BIOSECURITY CENTER.***

*(a) TERMINATION.—*

*(1) TERMINATION OF CENTER.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall terminate the National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center, including such missions, objectives, staff, and resources of the Center, as is consistent with the provisions of this section and the amendments made by this section.*

*(2) TERMINATION OF DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall terminate the position of the Director of the National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center, as is consistent with the provisions of this section.*

*(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the status of the implementation of this section, including—*

*(1) the status of the counterproliferation and biosecurity missions and functions within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence;*

*(2) a staffing profile of the officers, employees, and detailees currently assigned, as of the date of the report, to the counterproliferation, biosecurity, and related missions and functions at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and*

*(3) a description of the employment status of the officers, employees, and detailees who were assigned to the National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center as of August 1, 2025, including those who have remained at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, accepted (or, as to detailees, maintained) employment at another element of the intelligence community, or have separated from the intelligence community.*

*(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is amended—*

*(1) in section 103(c) (50 U.S.C. 3025(c))—*

*(A) by striking paragraph (13); and*

*(B) by redesignating paragraphs (14) and (15) as paragraphs (13) and (14), respectively; and*

*(2) in section 119A (50 U.S.C. 3057)—*

*(A) in the heading, by striking "**National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center**" and inserting "**Counterproliferation and Biosecurity**";*

*(B) in subsection (a)—*

*(i) in the heading, by striking "ESTABLISHMENT" and inserting "ORGANIZATION";*

*(ii) in paragraph (1)—*

*(I) by striking "The President shall establish a National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center, taking into account all appropriate government tools to" and inserting "The Director of National Intelligence shall"; and*

*(II) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "support efforts to" before "prevent and halt";*

*(iii) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:*

*"(2) The Director of National Intelligence shall appoint an appropriate official within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to oversee the efforts and activities undertaken pursuant to this section."; and*

*(iv) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4); and*

*(C) in subsection (b)—*

*(i) in paragraph (1)—*

*(I) by striking "establishing the National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center, the President" and inserting "carrying out this section, the Director"; and*

*(II) in subparagraph (A), by striking "Establishing a primary organization within the United States Government for integrating" and inserting "Integrating"; and*

*(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking "In establishing the National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center, the President shall address the following missions and objectives to ensure that the Center serves as the lead for the intelligence community for" and inserting "In carrying out this section, the Director shall address the following missions and objectives to ensure".*

*(d) REPEAL OF NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER AUTHORITY, REPORT REQUIREMENT, AND SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Such section 119A is further amended by striking subsections (c), (d), and (e).*

*(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

*(h) REFERENCES IN LAW.—On and after the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, any reference to the National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center in law shall be treated as a reference to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence,*

*and any reference to the Director of the National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center in law shall be treated as a reference to the Director of National Intelligence.*

***SEC. 6405. TERMINATION OF OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT.***

*(a) TERMINATION.—The Director of National Intelligence shall take such actions as may be necessary to terminate and wind down the operations of the Office of Engagement before the date specified in subsection (c).*

*(b) REPEAL.—The National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is further amended by striking section 122 (50 U.S.C. 3062).*

*(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this subsection shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

# *TITLE LXV—MATTERS RELATING TO ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY*

## *Subtitle A—Central Intelligence Agency*

***SEC. 6501. GUIDANCE ON NOVEL AND SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURES FOR PURPOSES OF NOTIFICATION UNDER THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ACT OF 1949.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(c) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3510(c)) is amended—*

*(1) by striking "Not later than" and inserting "(1) Not later than"; and*

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

*"(2)(A) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Director shall issue written guidance to ensure the timely identification and reporting of novel and significant expenditures in accordance with this subsection. Such guidance shall—*

*"(i) establish a definition of a novel and significant expenditure for purposes of this subsection;*

*"(ii) define internal procedures to evaluate expenditures to determine if such expenditures are novel and significant using the definition established pursuant to clause (i); and*

*"(iii) require timely congressional notification in accordance with this subsection.*

*"(B) The Director shall regularly review and update the guidance issued under this paragraph as appropriate.*

*"(C) Not later than 60 days after the date on which the initial guidance is issued under this paragraph, and not later than 60 days after the date on which any material revisions to such guidance take effect, the Director shall provide to the committees specified in paragraph (1) a briefing with respect to such guidance or such material revisions.".*

*(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 102A(m)(5) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024(m)(5)) (as redesignated by section 6402(c) of this Act) is amended in the first sentence by*

*striking "of such section" and inserting "of such section, including the guidance issued under paragraph (2) of such subsection (c)".*

***SEC. 6502. IMPROVEMENTS TO SECURITY OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INSTALLATIONS.***

*(a) AGENCY HEADQUARTERS INSTALLATION.—Subsection (a)(1) of section 15 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3515) is amended by striking "Compound" each place it appears and inserting "Installation".*

*(b) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.—Such Act is further amended by inserting after section 15 the following:*

***"SEC. 15A. AUTHORITY REGARDING UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.***

*"(a) AUTHORITY TO INTERCEPT.—Notwithstanding section 46502 of title 49, United States Code, or sections 32, 1030, and 1367 and chapters 119 and 206 of title 18, United States Code, the Director may take, and may authorize personnel of the Agency with assigned duties under section 15 that include the security or protection of people, facilities, or assets within the United States to take, the actions described in subsection (b)(1) that are necessary to mitigate a credible threat (as defined by the Director, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation) to safety or security in any specially designated area posed by an unmanned aircraft system.*

*"(b) AUTHORIZED ACTIONS.—*

*"(1) ACTIONS DESCRIBED TO ENSURE SAFETY AND SECURITY.—The actions described in this paragraph are the following:*

*"(A) During the operation of the unmanned aircraft system, detect, identify, monitor, and track the unmanned aircraft system, without prior consent, including by means of intercept or other access of a wire communication, an oral communication, or an electronic communication, used to control the unmanned aircraft system.*

*"(B) Warn the operator of the unmanned aircraft system, including by passive or active, and by direct or indirect, physical, electronic, radio, and electromagnetic means.*

*"(C) Disrupt control of the unmanned aircraft system, without prior consent, including by disabling the unmanned aircraft system by intercepting, interfering, or causing interference with wire, oral, electronic, or radio communications used to control the unmanned aircraft system.*

*"(D) Seize or exercise control of the unmanned aircraft system.*

*"(E) Seize or otherwise confiscate the unmanned aircraft system.*

*"(F) Use reasonable force, if necessary, to disable, damage, or destroy the unmanned aircraft system.*

*"(2) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS.—*

*"(A) DURATION.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Director may take an action described in subparagraphs (B) through (F) of paragraph (1) only for the period necessary to mitigate a credible threat to safety or security identified in subsection (a).*

*"(B) COMPLIANCE.—In carrying out this section, the Director shall comply with the guidance developed under subsection (c).*

*"(c) GUIDANCE.—*

*"(1) COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION.—*

*"(A) COORDINATION.—The Director shall develop guidance for carrying out subsection (a) and for conducting research, testing, training, and evaluation under subsection (e) in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that any such actions or research, testing, training, and evaluation do not adversely affect or interfere with the safety and efficiency of the national airspace system.*

*"(B) CONSULTATION.—In developing guidance for carrying out subsection (a) and for conducting research, testing, training, and evaluation under subsection (e), the Director shall request consultation by the Secretary of Commerce and the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. The Secretary of Commerce and the Chairman may each provide such consultation during the 180-day period beginning on the date of the request by the Director.*

*"(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The guidance under paragraph (1) shall include requirements that—*

*"(A) the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration advise on the types of activities covered by subsection (b)(1);*

*"(B) the Director contact the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration through the appropriate channel if practicable before, or otherwise as soon as practicable after (but not later than 24 hours after), carrying out an action described in subparagraphs (B) through (F) of subsection (b)(1);*

*"(C) the Director contact the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration through the appropriate channel before conducting research, testing, training, and evaluation under subsection (e); and*

*"(D) when taking an action described in subsection (b)(1), all due consideration is given to—*

*"(i) mitigating effects on privacy and civil liberties under the first and fourth amendments to the Constitution of the United States;*

*"(ii) mitigating damage to, or loss of, real and personal property; and*

*"(iii) mitigating any risk of personal injury or death.*

*"(3) UPDATES.—On an annual basis, the Director, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, shall review the guidance developed under paragraph (1) and make any necessary updates.*

*"(d) SPECIALLY DESIGNATED AREAS.—*

*"(1) LIST.—The Director shall make available to the congressional intelligence committees and the recipients specified in*

*paragraph (5) a list, which may be in classified form, of each area that the Director—*

*"(A) determines meets the criteria described in paragraph (4); and*

*"(B) designates as a specially designated area for purposes of this section.*

*"(2) ANNUAL UPDATE.—Not later than March 31 each year, the Director shall make available to the congressional intelligence committees and the recipients specified in paragraph (5) an updated list of specially designated areas under paragraph (1).*

*"(3) EMERGENCY UPDATES.—If the Director determines that adding an area that meets the criteria described in paragraph (4) to the list under paragraph (1) is necessary to mitigate a credible threat to safety or security, the Director may update the list to include that area as a specially designated area covered by this section if the Director makes available to the congressional intelligence committees and the recipients specified in paragraph (5) information regarding that area by not later than 7 days after making such determination.*

*"(4) CRITERIA DESCRIBED.—The criteria described in this paragraph are the following:*

*"(A) The area is identified by the Director, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation, with respect to potentially impacted airspace, through a risk-based assessment, as high-risk and a potential target for unlawful unmanned aircraft system-related activity.*

*"(B) The area consists of—*

*"(i) premises that—*

*"(I) are owned, leased, or controlled by the Agency or the Office of the Director of National Intelligence;*

*"(II) are not eligible for protection from threats from unmanned aircraft systems by another department or agency of the Federal Government that has authority to mitigate the threat of unmanned aircraft systems, including pursuant to section 130i of title 10, United States Code; and*

*"(III) directly relate to one or more functions authorized to be performed by the Agency or the Office of the Director of National Intelligence under this Act or the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.);*

*"(ii) one or more perimeters adjacent to such premises, as designated by the Director, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation, based on the specific type of action described in subsection (b)(1); and*

*"(iii) the airspace above the premises and perimeters covered by clauses (i) and (ii).*

*"(C) The airspace specified in subparagraph (B)(iii) is restricted by a temporary flight restriction or covered by a determination under section 2209 of the FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016 (49 U.S.C. 44802 note) or any other similar restriction applicable to unmanned aircraft*

*system overflights determined appropriate by the Secretary of Transportation.*

*"(5) SPECIFIED RECIPIENTS OF LIST.—The designated recipients for purposes of this subsection are each of the following:*

*"(A) The chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.*

*"(B) The chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of the Senate.*

*"(C) The chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.*

*"(D) The chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and of the Senate.*

*"(E) For each committee specified in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D)—*

*"(i) two staff members of the committee who have the required security clearances and are designated by the chair; and*

*"(ii) two staff members of the committee who have the required security clearances and are designated by the ranking minority member.*

*"(e) RESEARCH, TESTING, TRAINING, AND EVALUATION.—The Director may, consistent with section 105(g) of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1805(g)), other Federal laws, and Presidential directives, conduct research, testing, training on, and evaluation of any equipment, including any electronic equipment, to determine the capability and utility of the equipment prior to the use of the equipment for any action carried out under subsection (a).*

*"(f) PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.—*

*"(1) REQUIREMENT.—Any interception or acquisition of, or access to, or maintenance or use of, information or communications to or from an unmanned aircraft system under this section shall be conducted—*

*"(A) in a manner consistent with the first and fourth amendments to the Constitution of the United States and applicable provisions of Federal law; and*

*"(B) only to the extent necessary to support an action described in subsection (b)(1) taken to carry out the authority provided in subsection (a).*

*"(2) LIMIT.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Director may maintain records containing or regarding the content and dialing, signaling, routing, and addressing information associated with wire communications, oral communications, electronic communications, and radio communications, and may maintain parts or the whole of an unmanned aircraft system, only if—*

*"(A) such maintenance is for the purpose of mitigating a credible threat, as described in subsection (a), to safety or security of persons in a specially designated area; and*

*"(B) such maintenance does not exceed a period of 180 days unless—*

*"(i) the Director or the Attorney General determines a longer period—*

*"(I) is necessary to directly support an ongoing security operation of the Agency pursuant to subsection (a); or*

*"(II) is required to be maintained by the Agency under Federal law;*

*"(ii) the Director or the Attorney General has created a record before the end of such 180-day period providing the specific factual basis to support the determination based on the matters specified in either or both subclauses (I) and (II) of clause (i); and*

*"(iii) the Director is in compliance with the reporting requirements under subsection (g)(2)(B).*

*"(3) DESTRUCTION.—The Director shall destroy any records or materials maintained under paragraph (2) at the end of the period specified in such paragraph.*

*"(4) TRANSFER.—*

*"(A) AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE.—Records or materials maintained under paragraph (2) may not be disclosed outside of the Agency or Department of Justice unless the Director or Attorney General determine that the disclosure of such records or materials—*

*"(i) is necessary to investigate or prosecute a violation of Federal law;*

*"(ii) is necessary to support the counter unmanned aircraft systems activities of another department or agency of the Federal Government with authority to mitigate the threat of unmanned aircraft systems;*

*"(iii) is necessary to comply with another provision of Federal law; or*

*"(iv) is necessary to comply with an obligation to preserve materials during the course of litigation.*

*"(B) REQUIREMENT FOR RECIPIENT AGENCY.—The recipient of records or materials pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall—*

*"(i) maintain the records or materials only for the purpose authorized under such subparagraph;*

*"(ii) disclose the records or materials only for a purpose authorized under such subparagraph; and*

*"(iii) destroy the records or parts or materials once such purpose no longer applies.*

*"(5) CERTIFICATION.—*

*"(A) AGENCY.—Each time the Director carries out subsection (a) by taking an action described in subparagraphs (C) through (F) of subsection (b)(1), the Director shall certify that the Director is in compliance with paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection. The Director may only delegate the authority to make such certification to—*

*"(i) the General Counsel or the Principal Deputy General Counsel; or*

*"(ii) the Director of Operations or the Deputy Director of Operations.*

*"(B) RETENTION.—Each certification made under subparagraph (A) shall be retained by the Director for a period of at least seven years.*

*"(g) NOTIFICATIONS AND REPORTS.—*

*"(1) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Director carries out subsection (a) by taking an action described in subparagraphs (C) through (F) of subsection (b)(1), the Director shall notify the Attorney General of such action.*

*"(2) CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this section, and every 90 days thereafter, the Director shall make available to the congressional intelligence committees and the recipients specified in paragraph (3) a report that includes the following:*

*"(A) With respect to each action described in subparagraphs (B) through (F) of subsection (b)(1) taken to carry out subsection (a) during the period covered by the report, a description of—*

*"(i) the action taken;*

*"(ii) options considered by the Director to mitigate any identified effects to the national airspace system relating to such action, including the minimization of the use of any technology that disrupts the transmission of radio or electronic signals; and*

*"(iii) whether any harm, damage, or loss to a person or to private property resulted from such action.*

*"(B) A description of all records or materials that, as of the date of the report, are being maintained for a period exceeding 180 days pursuant to subsection (f)(2)(B), and a copy of each record created pursuant to clause (ii) of such subsection relating to such maintenance.*

*"(C) A copy of the guidance, policies, and procedures established by the Director in effect during the period covered by the report to address privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties issues implicated by actions taken by the Director in carrying out subsection (a).*

*"(D) Information on any violation of, or failure to comply with, this section during the period covered by the report, including a description of any such violation or failure.*

*"(3) SPECIFIED RECIPIENTS OF REPORT.—The designated recipients for purposes of paragraph (2) are each of the following:*

*"(A) Each member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.*

*"(B) Each member of the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of the Senate.*

*"(C) Each member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives and*

*the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.*

*"(D) Each member of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and of the Senate.*

*"(E) For each committee specified in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D)—*

*"(i) five staff members of the committee who have the required security clearances and are designated by the chair; and*

*"(ii) five staff members of the committee who have the required security clearances and are designated by the ranking minority member.*

*"(h) FORFEITURE AND TORT CLAIMS.—*

*"(1) FORFEITURE.—*

*"(A) SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.—Any unmanned aircraft system described in subsection (a) that is seized by the Director is subject to forfeiture to the United States.*

*"(B) APPLICATION.—The requirements for civil, criminal, or administrative forfeiture under applicable law or regulation shall apply to any forfeiture conducted under subparagraph (A).*

*"(2) TORT CLAIMS.—Chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, shall apply to any claims for loss of property, injury, or death pursuant to actions taken pursuant to this section.*

*"(i) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed as—*

*"(1) affecting the restrictions in section 105(g) of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1805(g));*

*"(2) vesting in the Director any authority of the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Defense, or the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration;*

*"(3) vesting in the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Defense, or the Administrator any authority of the Director;*

*"(4) creating a new cause of action or any new rights, or waiving any defenses, that do not otherwise exist in law as of the date of the enactment of this section;*

*"(5) authorizing any official of a department or agency of the Federal Government to conduct any search or seizure in a manner that violates the fourth amendment to the Constitution of the United States; or*

*"(6) authorizing any actions that violate any provision of the Constitution of the United States, including the first and fourth amendments.*

*"(j) BUDGET.—Together with the budget requests of the Agency for each fiscal year after fiscal year 2026, or not later than 7 days after the date on which such a request is submitted to Congress, the Director shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a consolidated funding display that identifies the funding source for actions to carry out subsection (a). The funding display shall be in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.*

*"(k) COMMENCEMENT OF AUTHORITY.—The Director may not carry out subsection (a) by taking an action described in subsection (b)(1)*

*until the date on which the Director has made available the first list under subsection (d)(1).*

*"(l) SUSPENSION OF AUTHORITY.—If the Director fails to make available the updated list by the date required under subsection (d)(2), the Director may not carry out subsection (a) by taking an action described in subsection (b)(1) until the date on which the Director makes available such updated list.*

*"(m) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out this section shall terminate on December 31, 2027.*

*"(n) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*"(1) CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES.—The term 'congressional intelligence committees' means the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.*

*"(2) RADIO COMMUNICATION.—The term 'radio communication' has the meaning given that term in section 3 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).*

*"(3) SPECIALLY DESIGNATED AREA.—The term 'specially designated area' means an area designated by the Director as a specially designated area for purposes of this section pursuant to subsection (d).*

*"(4) TITLE 18 TERMS.—The terms 'electronic communication', 'intercept', 'oral communication', and 'wire communication' have the meanings given those terms in section 2510 of title 18, United States Code.*

*"(5) UNITED STATES.—The term 'United States' has the meaning given that term in section 5 of title 18, United States Code.*

*"(6) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term 'unmanned aircraft system' has the meaning given the term in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code.".*

### *SEC. 6503. ANNUAL CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WORKPLACE CLIMATE ASSESSMENT.*

*Section 30 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3531) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(d) ANNUAL AGENCY CLIMATE ASSESSMENT.—*

*"(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not less frequently than once every 365 days, the Director shall—*

*"(A) complete an Agency climate assessment—*

*"(i) that does not request any information that would make an Agency employee or the position of an Agency employee identifiable;*

*"(ii) for the purposes of—*

*"(I) preventing and responding to sexual assault and sexual harassment; and*

*"(II) examining the prevalence of sexual assault and sexual harassment occurring among the Agency's workforce; and*

*"(iii) that includes an opportunity for Agency employees to express the opinions of the employees regarding the manner and extent to which the Agency responds to allegations of sexual assault and complaints of sexual harassment, and the effectiveness of such response; and*

*"(B) submit to the appropriate congressional committees the findings of the Director with respect to the climate assessment completed pursuant to subparagraph (A).*

*"(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term 'appropriate congressional committees' means—*

*"(A) the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and*

*"(B) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.".*

***SEC. 6504. CHAPLAIN CORPS AND CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 26 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3527) is amended to read as follows:*

***"SEC. 26. CHAPLAIN CORPS AND CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS.***

*"(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPLAIN CORPS.—There is in the Agency a Chaplain Corps, which shall provide spiritual and religious pastoral services and care across all components of the Agency for employees of all faiths and non-faiths.*

*"(b) CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of the Chaplain Corps shall be the Chief of Chaplains, who shall be appointed by the Director.*

*"(2) REPORTING.— The Chief of Chaplains shall report directly to the Director.*

*"(3) DUTIES.—The Chief of Chaplains shall—*

*"(A) oversee the Chaplain Corps; and*

*"(B) be the proponent for, and consult with the Director on—*

*"(i) all guidance pertaining to chaplains' care;*

*"(ii) programming and instruction; and*

*"(iii) any policy or guidance pertaining to religion or religious accommodation.*

*"(4) CONSULTATION.—All appropriate offices of the Agency shall consult with the Chief of Chaplains on best practices to implement guidance or policy pertaining to religion or religious accommodation.*

*"(c) SERVICES.—Chaplains of the Chaplain Corps shall—*

*"(1) be located at the headquarters building of the Agency; and*

*"(2) travel as necessary to provide services to personnel of the Agency.*

*"(d) STAFF.—*

*"(1) MINIMUM STAFFING LEVEL.—The Chaplain Corps shall be composed of not less than 6 chaplains, of which—*

*"(A) not less than 3 shall be full-time staff employees of the Agency; and*

*"(B) not less than 3 shall be government contractors.*

*"(2) VACANCIES.—The Director shall expeditiously fill any vacancies.*

*"(3) EXCLUSIVE ROLE.—A chaplain of the Chaplain Corps shall serve exclusively in the chaplain's role in the Chaplain Corps.*

*"(4) APPOINTMENT; COMPENSATION.—The Director may appoint and fix the compensation of such chaplains of the Chaplain Corps as the Director considers appropriate, except that the Director may not provide basic pay to any chaplain of the Chaplain Corps at an annual rate of basic pay in excess of the maximum rate of basic pay for grade GS–15 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code.*

*"(e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Director shall—*

*"(1) provide security clearances, including one-time read-ins, to chaplains of the Chaplain Corps to ensure that personnel of the Agency can seek unrestricted chaplaincy counseling; and*

*"(2) furnish physical workspace for the Chaplain Corps at the headquarters building of the Agency.*

*"(f) PRIVACY.—The Director shall implement privacy standards with respect to the physical workspaces of the Chaplain Corps to ensure privacy for individuals visiting such spaces.*

*"(g) PROTECTION OF CHAPLAIN CORPS.—The Director may not require a chaplain of the Chaplain Corps to perform any rite, ritual, or ceremony that is contrary to the conscience, moral principles, or religious beliefs of the chaplain or of the ecclesiastical organization that ordains the chaplain.*

*"(h) CERTIFICATIONS TO CONGRESS.—Not less frequently than annually, the Director shall certify to Congress whether implementation of this section meets the requirements of this section.".*

*(b) APPLICABILITY OF MINIMUM STAFFING REQUIREMENT.—The minimum staffing level required by subsection (d)(1) of section 26 (as amended by subsection (a)) shall apply on and after the date that is 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

***SEC. 6505. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO PROCUREMENT AUTHORITIES OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.***

*Section 3(a) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50 U.S.C. 3503(a)) is amended by striking "3069" and inserting "3066".*

## *Subtitle B—Elements of Department of Defense*

***SEC. 6511. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.***

*(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term "covered individual" has the meaning given such term in section 989(h) of title 10, United States Code.*

*(2) GOVERNMENT OF CONCERN; COMPANY OF CONCERN.—The terms "government of concern" and "company of concern" mean, respectively, a government described in subparagraph (A) of section 989(h)(2) of title 10, United States Code, and a company, entity, or other person described in subparagraph (B) of such section.*

*(b) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security shall issue appropriate policy to require the military*

*departments to conduct counterintelligence briefings for members of the Armed Forces as part of the process required by section 989(c) of title 10, United States Code.*

*(c) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing provided under subsection (b) shall provide members of the Armed Forces with—*

*(1) awareness of methods commonly used by governments and companies of concern to solicit and learn from covered individuals sensitive military techniques, tactics, and procedures of the Armed Forces;*

*(2) recommended practices for covered individuals to avoid an activity that could subject such individuals to civil or criminal penalties;*

*(3) the contact information for the counterintelligence authorities to whom covered individuals should report attempted recruitment or a related suspicious contact; and*

*(4) an overview of the prohibition and penalties under subsections (a) and (c) of section 989 of title 10, United States Code.*

*(d) PROVISION OF BRIEFINGS AT CERTAIN TRAININGS.—The Under Secretary may mandate the briefings required by subsection (b) during the trainings required by Department of Defense Directive 5240.06 (relating to counterintelligence awareness and reporting), or successor document.*

## *Subtitle C—Federal Bureau of Investigation*

### *SEC. 6521. NOTICE OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS AND INVESTIGATIONS BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OF CANDIDATES FOR OR HOLDERS OF FEDERAL OFFICE.*

*Title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.), as amended by section 6303 of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:*

***"SEC. 518. NOTICE OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS AND INVESTIGATIONS OF FEDERAL CANDIDATES OR OFFICEHOLDERS.***

*"(a) NOTICE.—*

*"(1) NOTICE REQUIRED.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall notify the chairmen and ranking minority members of the appropriate congressional committees, the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives, and the majority and minority leaders of the Senate of each counterintelligence assessment or investigation of an individual who is—*

*"(A) a candidate for Federal office; or*

*"(B) a holder of Federal office.*

*"(2) CONTENTS.—The notice required under paragraph (1) shall include—*

*"(A) a summary of the relevant facts associated with the counterintelligence assessment or investigation; and*

*"(B) the identity of such individual.*

*"(3) EXCEPTION.—The Director may refrain from providing a notice under paragraph (1) to an individual who is otherwise*

*a recipient of notices under such paragraph if that individual is a target of the counterintelligence assessment or investigation covered by the notice.*

*"(b) TIMING.—The Director shall provide each notice under subsection (a) not later than 15 days after the date of the commencement of the counterintelligence assessment or investigation that is the subject of such notice. With respect to counterintelligence assessments or investigations that commenced before the date of the enactment of this section and are ongoing as of such date of enactment, the Director shall provide each notice under subsection (a) not later than 15 days after such date of enactment.*

*"(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*"(1) The term 'appropriate congressional committees' means—*

*"(A) the congressional intelligence committees; and*

*"(B) the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Senate.*

*"(2) The terms 'candidate' and 'Federal office' have the meanings given those terms in section 301 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101).".*

***SEC. 6522. NOTIFICATION OF MATERIAL CHANGES TO POLICIES OR PROCEDURES GOVERNING TERRORIST WATCHLIST AND TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME WATCHLIST.***

*(a) NOTIFICATION OF MATERIAL CHANGES.—*

*(1) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees notice of any material change to a policy or procedure relating to the terrorist watchlist or the transnational organized crime watchlist, including any change to the policy or procedure for adding or removing a person from either watchlist. Each notification under this subsection shall include a summary of the material changes to such policy or procedure.*

*(2) TIMING OF NOTIFICATION.—Each notification required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 30 days after the date on which a material change described in paragraph (1) takes effect.*

*(b) REQUESTS BY APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.—Not later than 30 days after receiving a request from an appropriate congressional committee, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall submit to such committee all guidance in effect as of the date of the request that applies to or governs the use of the terrorist watchlist or the transnational organized crime watchlist.*

*(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term "appropriate congressional committees" means—*

*(A) the congressional intelligence committees;*

*(B) the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives;*

*(C) the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and*

*(D) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.*

*(2) TERRORIST WATCHLIST.—The term "terrorist watchlist" means the Terrorist Screening Dataset or any successor or similar watchlist.*

*(3) TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME WATCHLIST.—The term "transnational organized crime watchlist" means the watchlist maintained under the Transnational Organized Crime Actor Detection Program or any successor or similar watchlist.*

***SEC. 6523. ANNUAL REPORT ON UNITED STATES PERSONS ON THE TERRORIST WATCH LIST.***

*(a) REPORT.—Not later than January 31, 2026, and annually thereafter for two years, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on known or presumed United States persons who are included on the terrorist watchlist.*

*(b) CONTENTS.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall include, with respect to the preceding calendar year, the following information:*

*(1) The total number of persons who were included on the terrorist watchlist as of January 1 and the total number of such persons included as of December 31.*

*(2) The total number of known or presumed United States persons who were included on the terrorist watchlist as of January 1 and the total number of such persons included as of December 31, including with respect to each of those dates—*

*(A) the number of known or presumed United States persons who were included on a no fly list;*

*(B) the number of known or presumed United States persons who were included on a selectee list for additional screening;*

*(C) the number of known or presumed United States persons who were included on the terrorist watchlist as an exception to a reasonable suspicion standard and who are not subject to additional screening, but who are included on the list to support specific screening functions of the Federal Government;*

*(D) the name of each terrorist organization with which the known or presumed United States persons are suspected of being affiliated and the number of such persons who are suspected of affiliating with each such terrorist organization; and*

*(E) an identification of each Federal agency that nominated the United States persons to the terrorist watchlist and the number of such persons nominated by each Federal agency.*

*(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term "appropriate congressional committees" means—*

*(A) the congressional intelligence committees;*

*(B) the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives;*

*(C) the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and*

(D) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.

(2) TERRORIST WATCHLIST.—The term "terrorist watchlist" means the Terrorist Screening Dataset or any successor or similar watchlist.

(3) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term "United States person" has the meaning given the term in section 101 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801).

**SEC. 6524. ANNUAL REPORT ON FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CASE DATA.**

Title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 512 the following:

**"SEC. 512A. ANNUAL REPORT ON FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION CASE DATA.**

"(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees, the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report containing data on cases of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which the report is submitted.

"(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall include, for the fiscal year covered by the report, the number of active cases, the number of unique cases, and the number of cases opened, for each of the following:

"(1) Russia counterintelligence cases.

"(2) China counterintelligence cases.

"(3) Espionage or leak cases.

"(4) All other counterintelligence cases, disaggregated by country affiliation.

"(5) Cartel and other transnational criminal organization counterterrorism cases.

"(6) All other international counterterrorism cases, disaggregated by country affiliation.

"(7) Russia cyber national security cases.

"(8) China cyber national security cases.

"(9) All other cyber national security cases, disaggregated by country affiliation.

"(c) FORM.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.".

# TITLE LXVI—ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

## Subtitle A—Artificial Intelligence

**SEC. 6601. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SECURITY GUIDANCE.**

Section 6504 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (division F of Public Law 118–159) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

*(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and*

*(B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph (3):*

*"(3) In accordance with subsection (d), developing security guidance to defend artificial intelligence technologies from technology theft by nation-state adversaries.";*

*(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and*

*(3) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:*

*"(d) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SECURITY GUIDANCE.—*

*"(1) ELEMENTS.—In developing the guidance pursuant to subsection (c)(3), the Director of the National Security Agency shall—*

*"(A) identify vulnerabilities in advanced artificial intelligence technologies, with a focus on cybersecurity risks and security challenges unique to protecting such technologies from theft or sabotage by nation-state adversaries;*

*"(B) identify elements of the artificial intelligence supply chain or development or product lifecycle that, if accessed by nation-state adversaries, would contribute to progress made by nation-state adversaries on advanced artificial intelligence or would provide opportunities to adversaries to compromise the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of artificial intelligence systems or associated supply chains; and*

*"(C) identify strategies for artificial intelligence technologies to identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover from nation-state adversary cyber threats.*

*"(2) EXTERNAL COLLABORATION.—In developing the guidance pursuant to subsection (c)(3), the Director of the National Security Agency may collaborate, on a voluntary basis, with other departments and agencies of the United States Government, research entities, and private sector entities, as determined appropriate by the Director, on artificial intelligence model safety and security, including through the provision of any computing resources the Director determines appropriate.*

*"(3) SECURITY GUIDANCE FORM.—The Director of the National Security Agency shall publish, and may update from time to time, the security guidance developed under subsection (c)(3) to share with departments and agencies of the United States Government, research entities, and private sector entities, as determined appropriate by the Director, at unclassified or classified levels.".*

***SEC. 6602. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPMENT AND USAGE BY INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.***

*(a) CHIEF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS FOR ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—Section 6702 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (50 U.S.C. 3334m) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a), by striking "the officials" and inserting "the Chief Artificial Intelligence Officers"; and*

*(2) in subsection (c)—*

*(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "LEADS" and inserting "CHIEF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS";*

*(B) by striking "the designated element lead responsible" and inserting "the designated Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer, with lead responsibility"; and*

*(C) by striking "designated element leads" and inserting "designated Chief Artificial Intelligence Officers".*

*(b) IDENTIFICATION OF COMMONLY USED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS AND FUNCTIONS THAT CAN BE RE-USED BY OTHER ELEMENTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Information Officer of the Intelligence Community shall, in coordination with the Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Intelligence Community, identify commonly used artificial intelligence systems or functions that have the greatest potential for re-use without significant modification by other intelligence community elements.*

*(c) SHARING OF IDENTIFIED APPLICATIONS AND FUNCTIONS.—To the extent consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods, for any artificial intelligence system or function identified pursuant to subsection (b), each Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer of an element of the intelligence community shall adopt a policy to promote the sharing, to the extent practical, of any custom-developed code and other key technical components, including models and model weights, whether agency-developed or procured, with other elements of the intelligence community that rely on common artificial intelligence systems or functions.*

*(d) MODEL CONTRACT TERMS.—The Chief Information Officer of the Intelligence Community shall provide the elements of the intelligence community with model contractual terms for consideration by the heads of those elements to appropriately address technical data rights and rights related to artificial intelligence dataset requirements, minimize dependency on proprietary information, and promote the adoption of procurement practices that encourage competition to sustain a robust marketplace for artificial intelligence products and services, including through contractual preferences for interoperable artificial intelligence products and services.*

*(e) TRACKING AND EVALUATING PERFORMANCE.—Each head of an element of the intelligence community shall track and evaluate performance of procured and element-developed artificial intelligence, including efficacy, safety, fairness, transparency, accountability, appropriateness, lawfulness, and trustworthiness.*

***SEC. 6603. APPLICATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICIES OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY TO PUBLICLY AVAILABLE MODELS HOSTED IN CLASSIFIED ENVIRONMENTS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6702 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (50 U.S.C. 3334m), as amended by section 6602 of this Act, is further amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a), by striking "subsection (c)" and inserting "subsection (e)";*

*(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (e); and*

*(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:*

*"(c) APPLICATION OF POLICIES TO PUBLICLY AVAILABLE MODELS HOSTED IN CLASSIFIED ENVIRONMENTS.—In carrying out subsections (a) and (b), the Director shall ensure that the policies established under such subsections apply to the greatest extent possible*

*to artificial intelligence models generally available to the public and hosted in classified environments.*

*"(d) TESTING STANDARDS AND BENCHMARKS.—*

*"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Intelligence Community, or any officer designated by the Director of National Intelligence, shall establish standards for testing of artificial intelligence models in proportion to risk, including benchmarks and methodologies for the performance, efficacy, safety, fairness, transparency, accountability, appropriateness, lawfulness, and trustworthiness of artificial intelligence models across common use cases, including machine translation, object detection, and object recognition.*

*"(2) IDENTIFICATION OF COMPUTING MODEL.—The Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Intelligence Community, in coordination with the Chief Artificial Intelligence Officers of the elements of the intelligence community, shall set standards for an appropriate secure computing environment, at a level (or multiple levels) of classification deemed appropriate, for elements of the intelligence community to engage in testing and evaluation of models prior to acquisition.".*

*(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in subsection (c) or (d) of section 6702 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (50 U.S.C. 3334m), as added by subsection (a)(3) of this section, shall be construed—*

*(1) to authorize an officer or employee of the intelligence community to direct a vendor or prospective vendor to alter a model to favor a particular viewpoint; or*

*(2) to apply to, limit, restrict, or otherwise affect any department, agency, or division or function of a department or agency outside of the intelligence community.*

*(c) UPDATES.—The Director shall make such revisions to the policies issued under subsections (a) and (b) of section 6702 of such Act as the Director considers necessary.*

***SEC. 6604. PROHIBITION ON USE OF DEEPSEEK ON INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SYSTEMS.***

*(a) PROHIBITION.—The Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the other heads of the elements of the intelligence community, shall develop standards and guidelines for elements of the intelligence community that require the removal of any covered application from national security systems operated by an element of the intelligence community, a contractor to an element of the intelligence community, or another entity on behalf of an element of the intelligence community.*

*(b) APPLICABILITY OF INFORMATION SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.—The standards and guidelines developed under subsection (a) shall be consistent with the information security requirements under subchapter II of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code.*

*(c) NATIONAL SECURITY AND RESEARCH EXCEPTIONS.—The standards and guidelines developed under subsection (a) shall include—*

*(1) exceptions for national security purposes and research activities; and*

*(2) risk mitigation standards and guidelines that shall apply in the case of an exception described in paragraph (1).*

*(d) INITIAL STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES.—The Director of National Intelligence shall develop the initial standards and guidelines under subsection (a) not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

*(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) COVERED APPLICATION.—The term "covered application" means the DeepSeek application or any successor application or service.*

*(2) NATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM.—The term "national security system" has the meaning given the term in section 3552 of title 44, United States Code.*

## *Subtitle B—Biotechnology*

***SEC. 6611. SENIOR OFFICIALS FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY.***

*(a) DESIGNATION REQUIRED.—Title I of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:*

***"SEC. 123. DESIGNATION OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY.***

*"(a) DESIGNATION.—The head of each element of the intelligence community specified in subsection (b) shall designate a senior official of such element to serve as the official responsible for coordinating the activities of such element relating to biotechnology, as those activities are determined and directed by the head of such element.*

*"(b) SPECIFIED ELEMENTS.—The elements of the intelligence community specified in this subsection are the following:*

*"(1) The Office of the Director of National Intelligence.*

*"(2) The Central Intelligence Agency.*

*"(3) The National Security Agency.*

*"(4) The Defense Intelligence Agency.*

*"(5) The intelligence elements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

*"(6) The Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence of the Department of Energy.*

*"(c) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 15 days after designating a senior official under this section, the head of the element of the intelligence community designating such official shall submit notice of the designation to—*

*"(1) the congressional intelligence committees and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and*

*"(2) in the case of a designation relating to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives.".*

*(b) INITIAL DESIGNATION.—The head of each element of the intelligence community required to designate a senior official of such element under section 123 of the National Security Act of 1947, as added by subsection (a) of this section, shall designate such senior official not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

***SEC. 6612. PLAN ON ENHANCED INTELLIGENCE SHARING RELATING TO FOREIGN ADVERSARY BIOTECHNOLOGICAL THREATS.***

*(a) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with such other heads of elements of the intelligence community as the Director considers appropriate, shall—*

*(1) develop and commence carrying out a plan, consistent with Executive Order 13526 and with adequate protections for sources and methods, for streamlining the declassification or downgrading and sharing of intelligence information relating to biotechnological developments and threats in order to counter efforts by foreign adversaries to weaponize biotechnologies and biological weapons, including threats relating to military, industrial, agricultural, and health applications of biotechnology; and*

*(2) submit to the appropriate congressional committees such plan.*

*(b) RECIPIENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall include mechanisms for sharing the intelligence information described in such subsection—*

*(1) with allies and partners of the United States;*

*(2) with private sector partners of the United States; and*

*(3) across the Federal Government.*

*(c) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 2 years, the Director shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the progress made by the intelligence community with respect to sharing intelligence information relating to biotechnological developments and threats with recipients specified in subsection (b).*

*(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means the following:*

*(1) The congressional intelligence committees.*

*(2) The Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.*

*(3) The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.*

***SEC. 6613. ENHANCING BIOTECHNOLOGY TALENT WITHIN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.***

*(a) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall develop a plan to use existing and future funding and resources of the intelligence community to ensure the intelligence community has sufficient personnel with appropriate security clearances, including private-sector experts, to identify and respond to biotechnology threats.*

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

*(1) An identification of the exact number of personnel dedicated to biotechnology threats other than biological weapons in each element of the intelligence community as of the date on which such plan is completed, including personnel breakdowns by position function.*

*(2) An identification of the exact number of personnel dedicated to biological weapons issues in each element of the intelligence community as of such date, including personnel breakdowns by position function.*

*(3) An identification of areas within the intelligence community with respect to which the addition of full-time employees or detailees may be appropriate to address biotechnology expertise gaps.*

*(4) Strategies for increasing partnerships with the National Laboratories (as defined in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801)) and other government and private-sector entities, including strategies for using existing funding and resources of the intelligence community to secure expertise on biotechnology issues and provide appropriate security clearances to personnel who can provide such expertise.*

*(5) Strategies to make use of special hiring authorities to ensure the intelligence community has sufficient personnel to inform analysis and provide independent recommendations to address emerging biotechnology threats.*

*(6) Strategies to increase recruitment and retention of persons with biotechnology expertise.*

*(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 180 days after the completion of the plan required by subsection (a), the Director of National Intelligence shall direct the funding and resources described in subsection (b)(4) towards securing sufficient expertise to identify and respond to biotechnology threats.*

***SEC. 6614. ENHANCED INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SUPPORT TO SECURE UNITED STATES BIOLOGICAL DATA.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with such other heads of elements of the intelligence community as the Director considers appropriate, shall provide support to and consult with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and other Federal agencies as appropriate when reviewing transactions relating to the acquisition of covered entities by foreign entities of concern, including attempts by the Government of the People's Republic of China—*

*(1) to leverage and acquire biological data in the United States; and*

*(2) to leverage and acquire biological data outside the United States, including by providing economic support to the military, industrial, agricultural, or health care infrastructure of foreign countries.*

*(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall brief the appropriate congressional committees on—*

*(1) a formal process for ensuring intelligence community support to Federal agencies relating to adversary acquisition of biological data, in compliance with Executive Order 14117 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to preventing access to Americans' bulk sensitive personal data and United States Government-related data by countries of concern), or any successor order; and*

*(2) any additional resources or authorities needed to provide intelligence community support under subsection (b)(1).*

*(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term "appropriate congressional committees" means—*

*(A) the congressional intelligence committees;*

*(B) the congressional defense committees (as such term is defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code);*

*(C) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and*

*(D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives.*

*(2) BIOLOGICAL DATA.—The term "biological data" means multiomic information and other relevant information, including associated descriptors, derived from the structure, function, or process of a biological system, that is either measured, collected, or aggregated for analysis, including information from humans, animals, plants, or microbes.*

*(3) COVERED ENTITY.—The term "covered entity" means a private entity involved in biological data (including biological data equipment, technologies, sequencing, or synthesis), including a biobank or other private entity that holds large amounts of biological data.*

*(4) FOREIGN ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term "foreign entity of concern" has the meaning given that term in section 10612(a) of the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act (division B of Public Law 117–167; 42 U.S.C. 19221(a)).*

***SEC. 6615. ENSURING INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY PROCUREMENT OF DOMESTIC UNITED STATES PRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC DNA AND RNA.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with such other heads of elements of the intelligence community as the Director considers appropriate, shall establish a policy to ensure that elements of the intelligence community that procure products made using synthetic DNA or RNA from domestic sources do not contract with Chinese biotechnology suppliers or Chinese biotechnology supply chain intermediaries that are determined by the Director to pose a security or supply chain threat to the United States.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required by subsection (a) shall provide that an element of the intelligence community may not—*

*(1) procure or obtain any product made using synthetic DNA or RNA unless—*

*(A) the final assembly or processing of the product occurs in the United States;*

*(B) all significant processing of the product occurs in the United States; and*

*(C) all or nearly all ingredients or components of the product are made and sourced in the United States or an allied nation; or*

*(2) contract with any Chinese biotechnology supplier or Chinese biotechnology supply chain intermediary that is deter-*

*mined by the Director to pose a security or supply chain threat to the United States.*

*(c) WAIVER.—As part of the policy required by subsection (a), the Director of National Intelligence may establish a waiver process for the heads of the elements of the intelligence community under which the head of the relevant element may waive the prohibition under subsection (b). A waiver may be made under the process only if the head of the relevant element complies with any conditions the Director may establish for the waiver process.*

*(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) BIOTECHNOLOGY.—The term "biotechnology" means the use of biological processes, organisms, or systems for manufacturing, research, or medical purposes, including genetic engineering, synthetic biology, and bioinformatics.*

*(2) CHINESE BIOTECHNOLOGY SUPPLIER.—The term "Chinese biotechnology supplier" means a supplier of biotechnology that is organized under the laws of, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of, the People's Republic of China.*

*(3) CHINESE BIOTECHNOLOGY SUPPLY CHAIN INTERMEDIARY.—The term "Chinese biotechnology supply chain intermediary" means a United States domestic supplier of biotechnology where a controlling interest in the United States domestic supplier is owned by the People's Republic of China.*

*(4) SYNTHETIC DNA OR RNA.—The term "synthetic DNA or RNA" means any nucleic acid sequence that is produced de novo through chemical or enzymatic synthesis.*

***SEC. 6616. STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING INTELLIGENCE GAPS RELATING TO CHINA'S INVESTMENT IN UNITED STATES-ORIGIN BIOTECHNOLOGY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the officials specified in subsection (b), shall submit to the President, the congressional intelligence committees, and the congressional defense committees (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code) a strategy for addressing intelligence gaps relating to (1) investment activity by the People's Republic of China in the biotechnology sector of the United States; and (2) acquisition by entities of the People's Republic of China of intellectual property relating to United States-origin biotechnology. The strategy shall include any authorities or resources needed to address these gaps.*

*(b) OFFICIALS SPECIFIED.—The officials specified in this subsection are the following:*

*(1) The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.*

*(2) The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Intelligence and Analysis.*

*(3) The Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.*

*(4) The Director of the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence of the Department of Energy.*

*(5) The Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research.*

*(6) The heads of such other elements of the intelligence community as the Director of National Intelligence considers appropriate.*

## Subtitle C—Other Matters

***SEC. 6621. ENHANCING INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION METRICS.***

*(a) METRIC DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the National Security Agency, the Director of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, and the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency shall each develop and implement a process (which may be different from the processes of the other elements) that makes use of a single set of metrics to assess, on an agency-wide, aggregate basis, the success of the agency's efforts regarding the adoption, integration, and operational impact of the most relevant emerging technologies within the respective agencies of those Directors.*

*(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the head of each agency described in subsection (a) shall provide to the congressional intelligence committees and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the implementation of this section, including—*

*(1) the metrics established under subsection (a);*

*(2) the success of the element toward meeting such metrics; and*

*(3) any recommendations of the head of such agency for legislative or regulatory reforms to improve technology adoption.*

*(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term "emerging technology" has the meaning given such term in section 6701 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division F of Public Law 117–263; 50 U.S.C. 3024 note).*

***SEC. 6622. REPORT ON IDENTIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY SITES FOR ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES.***

*(a) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In this section, the term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(1) the congressional intelligence committees;*

*(2) the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives;*

*(3) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate; and*

*(4) the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.*

*(b) REPORT ON IDENTIFICATION OF SITES.—Not later than 240 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall, in consultation with such heads of elements of the intelligence community as the Director considers necessary, and in coordination with efforts of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Energy, submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report identifying 1 or more sites which could benefit from secure, resilient energy through the deployment of advanced*

*nuclear technologies, which deployment would be to serve in whole or in part the facility, structure, infrastructure, or part thereof for which a head of an element of the intelligence community has financial or maintenance responsibility.*

*(c) PLANS.—The report submitted pursuant to subsection (b) shall include plans to ensure—*

*(1) prioritizing early site preparation and licensing activities for deployment of advanced nuclear technologies with a goal of beginning advanced nuclear technology deployment at any identified site not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act;*

*(2) the ability to authorize an identified site to interconnect with the commercial electric grid, in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), if the head of the element responsible for the reactor deployment determines that such interconnection enhances national security; and*

*(3) fuel for the advanced nuclear technologies operated at identified sites is not subject to obligations (as defined in section 110.2 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, or successor regulations).*

***SEC. 6623. STRATEGY ON INTELLIGENCE COORDINATION AND SHARING RELATING TO CRITICAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES.***

*(a) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In this section, the term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(1) the congressional intelligence committees;*

*(2) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and*

*(3) the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.*

*(b) STRATEGY.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall develop a strategy for—*

*(1) coordinating the collection, processing, analysis, and dissemination of foreign intelligence relating to critical and emerging technologies across the intelligence community; and*

*(2) the appropriate sharing of such intelligence with other Federal departments and agencies with responsibilities for regulation, innovation and research, science, public health, export control and screenings, and Federal financial tools.*

*(c) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the development of the strategy required by subsection (b), the Director shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a copy of the strategy.*

# TITLE LXVII—MATTERS RELATING TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

## Subtitle A—Matters Relating to China

### SEC. 6701. MODIFICATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS ON INFLUENCE OPERATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.

Section 1107 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3237) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting after "Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center" the following: ", in coordination with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the National Security Agency, and any other relevant head of an element of the intelligence community,"; and

(B) by inserting after "congressional intelligence committees," the following: "the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives,";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (10) as paragraph (12); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (9) the following:

"(10) A listing of provincial, municipal, or other law enforcement institutions, including police departments, in the People's Republic of China associated with establishing or maintaining a Chinese police presence in the United States.

"(11) A listing of colleges and universities in the People's Republic of China that conduct military research or host dedicated military initiatives or laboratories.";

(3) by striking subsection (c); and

(4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c).

### SEC. 6702. INTELLIGENCE SHARING WITH ALLIES ON CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY EFFORTS IN EUROPE.

It is the sense of the Congress that malign influence efforts by the Chinese Communist Party have increased in Europe, as they have in the United States homeland, and that the intelligence community should seek every opportunity to coordinate with European partners, including through the sharing of intelligence, as appropriate, to both illuminate and disrupt such malign influence efforts.

### SEC. 6703. PROHIBITION ON INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CONTRACTING WITH CHINESE MILITARY COMPANIES ENGAGED IN BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, OR MANUFACTURING.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) 1260H LIST.—The term "1260H list" means the list of Chinese military companies operating in the United States most recently submitted under section 1260H(b)(1) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note).

*(2) AFFILIATE.—The term "affiliate" means an entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another entity.*

*(3) BIOTECHNOLOGY.—The term "biotechnology" means the use of biological processes, organisms, or systems for manufacturing, research, or medical purposes, including genetic engineering, synthetic biology, and bioinformatics.*

*(b) PROHIBITION.—Subject to subsections (d) and (e), a head of an element of the intelligence community may not enter into, renew, or extend any contract for a product or service with—*

*(1) any entity listed on the 1260H list that is engaged in biotechnology research, development, or manufacturing activities;*

*(2) any entity that is a known or assessed affiliate of any entity described in paragraph (1);*

*(3) any entity that has a known or assessed joint venture, partnership, or contractual relationship with any entity described in paragraph (1), if the Director of National Intelligence determines that the relationship presents a risk to the national security of the United States; or*

*(4) any other entity that is engaged in biotechnology research, development, or manufacturing activities, if the Director of National Intelligence determines that the activities present a risk to the national security of the United States.*

*(c) IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE.—The Director of National Intelligence shall, in consultation with the heads of the elements of the intelligence community—*

*(1) establish guidelines for the implementation of this section;*

*(2) maintain both a publicly available and classified list of entities covered by the prohibition in subsection (b);*

*(3) require that each head of an element of the intelligence community ensure that any contractor engaged by the element certify that neither it nor any of its subcontractors are engaged in a contract for a product or service with an entity covered by the prohibition in subsection (b); and*

*(4) otherwise ensure compliance with subsection (b).*

*(d) WAIVER PROCESS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National Intelligence may establish a waiver process for the heads of the elements of the intelligence community under which the head of the relevant element may waive the prohibition under subsection (b) for a procurement on a case-by-case basis. A waiver may be made under the process only if the head of the relevant element—*

*(A) complies with any conditions the Director may establish for the process; and*

*(B) determines, in writing, that—*

*(i) the procurement is essential for national security and no reasonable alternative source exists; and*

*(ii) appropriate measures are in place to mitigate risks associated with the procurement.*

*(2) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—For each waiver for a procurement issued under subsection (b), the Director and the relevant head of the element of the intelligence community shall, not later than 30 days after issuing the waiver, submit to the congressional intelligence committees, the Committee on*

*Appropriations of the Senate, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a notice of the waiver, which shall include a justification for the waiver and a description of the risk mitigation measures implemented for the procurement.*

*(e) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition in subsection (b) shall not apply to—*

*(1) the acquisition or provision of health care services overseas for—*

*(A) employees of the United States, including members of the uniformed services (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code), whose official duty stations are located overseas or who are on permissive temporary duty travel overseas; or*

*(B) employees of contractors or subcontractors of the United States—*

*(i) who are performing under a contract that directly supports the missions or activities of individuals described in subparagraph (A); and*

*(ii) whose primary duty stations are located overseas or who are on permissive temporary duty travel overseas; or*

*(2) the acquisition, use, or distribution of human multiomic data, lawfully compiled, that is commercially or publicly available.*

*(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on the date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and apply to any contract entered into, renewed, or extended on or after such effective date.*

*(g) SUNSET.—The provisions of this section shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

*(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This section shall only be construed to apply to activities of an element of the intelligence community.*

***SEC. 6704. REPORT ON THE WEALTH OF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, shall post on a publicly available website of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and submit to the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the wealth of the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following elements:*

*(1) An assessment of the personal wealth, financial holdings, and business interests of the following foreign persons:*

*(A) The General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party.*

*(B) Members of the Politburo Standing Committee.*

*(C) Members of the full Politburo.*

*(2) Evidence of physical and financial assets owned or controlled directly or indirectly by such foreign persons, including—*

*(A) real estate holdings inside and outside the People's Republic of China, including the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau;*

*(B) any high-value personal assets; and*

*(C) business holdings, investments, and financial accounts held in jurisdictions outside mainland China.*

*(3) Identification of financial proxies, business associates, or other entities used to obscure the ownership of such wealth and assets, including as a baseline those referenced in the March 2025 report issued by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence entitled, "Wealth and Corrupt Activities of the Leadership of the Chinese Communist Party".*

*(4) Nonpublic information related to the wealth of the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, to the extent possible consistent with the protection of intelligence sources and methods.*

*(c) FORM.—The report posted and submitted under subsection (a) shall be in unclassified form, but the version submitted to the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives may include a classified annex as necessary.*

***SEC. 6705. ASSESSMENT AND REPORT ON INVESTMENTS BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR OF BRAZIL.***

*(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) AGRICULTURE SECTOR.—The term "agriculture sector" means any physical infrastructure, energy production, land, or other inputs associated with the production of agricultural commodities (as defined in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602)).*

*(2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(A) the congressional intelligence committees;*

*(B) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and*

*(C) the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.*

*(b) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Agriculture, shall assess the extent of investment by the People's Republic of China in the agriculture sector of Brazil.*

*(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The assessment shall consider the following:*

*(A) The extent to which President Xi Jinping has engaged in or directed engagement with Brazilian leadership with regard to the agriculture sector of Brazil.*

*(B) The extent of engagement between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the agriculture sector of Brazil.*

*(C) The strategic intentions of the engagement or direction of President Xi, if any, to invest in the agriculture sector of Brazil.*

*(D) The number of entities based in or owned by the People's Republic of China invested in the agriculture sector of Brazil, including joint ventures with Brazilian-owned companies.*

*(E) The impacts to the supply chain, global market, and food security of investment in or control of the agriculture sector in Brazil by the People's Republic of China.*

*(c) REPORT REQUIRED.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report detailing the assessment required by subsection (b).*

*(2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph (2) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.*

***SEC. 6706. IDENTIFICATION OF ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY.***

*(a) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In this section, the term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(1) the congressional intelligence committees;*

*(2) the congressional defense committees (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code);*

*(3) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and*

*(4) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.*

*(b) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National Intelligence shall identify the businesses, academic and research institutions, and other entities in the People's Republic of China that provide support to the People's Liberation Army, including—*

*(1) for national defense or military modernization, including the development, application, or integration of civilian capabilities for military, paramilitary, or security purposes;*

*(2) for the development, production, testing, or proliferation of weapons systems, critical technologies, or dual-use items, as defined under applicable United States law (including regulations); or*

*(3) academic, scientific, or technical collaboration that materially contributes to or supports any of the activities described in paragraphs (1) and (2).*

*(c) SUBMISSION OF LIST TO CONGRESS.—Not later than the date that is 180 days after the enactment of this Act, and not later than the anniversary of that date for each of two years thereafter, the Director of National Intelligence shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a list of each entity identified under subsection (b).*

***SEC. 6707. MISSION MANAGER FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.***

*(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be a mission manager for all intelligence collection matters relating to the People's Republic of China. The mission manager shall be designated or appointed by the Director of National Intelligence.*

*(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the mission manager designated or appointed under paragraph (1) may be an individual serving in a position within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.*

*(b) APPLICABILITY.—The first mission manager under subsection (a) shall be designated or appointed not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

*(c) TERMINATION.—This section shall terminate on December 31, 2030.*

***SEC. 6708. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE OF ADVANCEMENTS IN BIOTECHNOLOGY BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.***

*Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, acting through the National Intelligence Council, shall—*

*(1) produce a National Intelligence Estimate with respect to advancements by the People's Republic of China in biotechnology and any other significant technology or science sector the Director considers related; and*

*(2) submit such National Intelligence Estimate to the congressional intelligence committees and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.*

## *Subtitle B—Other Matters*

***SEC. 6711. IMPROVEMENTS TO REQUIREMENT FOR MONITORING OF IRANIAN ENRICHMENT OF URANIUM-235.***

*Section 7413(b) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division G of Public Law 118–31; 22 U.S.C. 8701 note) is amended—*

*(1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);*

*(2) in paragraph (1), by striking "assesses that the Islamic Republic of Iran has produced or possesses any amount of uranium-235 enriched to greater than 60 percent purity or has engaged in significant enrichment activity," and inserting "makes a finding described in paragraph (2) pursuant to an assessment,"; and*

*(3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:*

*"(2) FINDING DESCRIBED.—A finding described in this paragraph is a finding that the Islamic Republic of Iran has—*

*"(A) produced or possesses any amount of uranium-235 enriched to greater than 60-percent purity;*

*"(B) engaged in significant enrichment activity; or*

*"(C) made the decision to produce a nuclear weapon from highly enriched uranium.".*

***SEC. 6712. POLICY TOWARD CERTAIN AGENTS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.***

*Section 601 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1985 (Public Law 98–618; 98 Stat. 3303) is amended—*

*(1) by striking subsection (b);*

*(2) by redesignating subsections (c) (relating to an amendment to the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 4303)) and (d) (22 U.S.C. 4303 note) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively;*

*(3) by inserting after subsection (a) (22 U.S.C. 254c–1) the following new subsections:*

*"(b) The Secretary of State, in negotiating agreements with foreign governments regarding reciprocal privileges and immunities of United States diplomatic personnel, shall consult with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Director of National Intelligence in achieving the sense of Congress in subsection (a).*

*"(c) Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, and annually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of National Intelligence shall submit to the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives a report on each foreign government that—*

*"(1) engages in intelligence activities within the United States harmful to the national security of the United States; and*

*"(2) possesses numbers, status, privileges and immunities, travel accommodations, or facilities within the United States of official representatives to the United States that exceed the respective numbers, status, privileges and immunities, travel accommodations, or facilities within such country of official representatives of the United States to such country."; and*

*(4) in subsection (e), as redesignated by this section, by striking "subsection (c)" and inserting "subsection (d)".*

***SEC. 6713. EXTENSION OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY COORDINATOR FOR RUSSIAN ATROCITIES ACCOUNTABILITY.***

*Section 6512 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division F of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 3543; 50 U.S.C. 3025 note) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting before the period the following: ", including with respect to the forcible transfer and deportation of Ukrainian children"; and*

*(B) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking "2026" and inserting "2028"; and*

*(2) in subsection (c), by striking "the date that is 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act." and inserting "December 31, 2028. The Director and Coordinator shall carry out this section before such date regardless of any ceasefire or cessation of armed hostilities by Russia in Ukraine occurring before such date.".*

***SEC. 6714. PLAN TO ENHANCE INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT TO COUNTER FOREIGN INFLUENCE INTENDED TO CONTINUE OR EXPAND THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN.***

*Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, in consultation with*

*such other heads of elements of the intelligence community as the Director considers appropriate, shall develop a plan—*

*(1) to share relevant intelligence, if any, relating to foreign efforts to continue or expand the conflict in Sudan, with regional allies and partners of the United States, including to downgrade or declassify such intelligence as needed; and*

*(2) to collect and analyze intelligence to enable the United States Government to counter foreign efforts to continue or expand the conflict in Sudan in order to protect national and regional security.*

***SEC. 6715. REVIEW OF INFORMATION RELATING TO ACTIONS BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIST PERSONS EVADING JUSTICE.***

*Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, complete a review for declassification of any information in the possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation collected on or after January 1, 2020, relating to whether any foreign government official has assisted or facilitated any citizen or national of their country in departing the United States while the citizen or national was under investigation or awaiting trial or sentencing for a criminal offense committed in the United States to determine what information, if any, can be appropriately declassified and made available to the public. Upon completion of the review, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall make such information, if any, available to the public in a manner consistent with provisions of Federal law related to privacy.*

***SEC. 6716. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, acting through the National Intelligence Council, shall produce a National Intelligence Estimate on the Western Hemisphere.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The National Intelligence Estimate required by subsection (a) shall cover the 10-year period beginning on the date on which the Estimate is produced and include an assessment of—*

*(1) the major threats to United States national security interests in the Western Hemisphere;*

*(2) the attitudes of other nations in the Western Hemisphere toward partnership with the United States, China, and Russia, including the willingness of Western Hemisphere nations to support United States national security priorities and the likely trajectory of Western Hemisphere nations' relationships with the United States;*

*(3) the extent to which expanded economic, energy, law enforcement, intelligence, counternarcotics, or security cooperation between nations in the Western Hemisphere and the United States could help mitigate the threats identified in paragraph (1); and*

*(4) the extent to which expanded economic, energy, law enforcement, intelligence, counternarcotics, and security cooperation between and among other nations in the Western Hemi-*

*sphere (excluding the United States) could help mitigate the threats identified in paragraph (1).*

*(c) AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC.—At the same time the Director produces the Estimate under subsection (a), the Director shall make available to the public, on the publicly accessible website of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, an unclassified summary of the key findings of the Estimate.*

***SEC. 6717. PLAN TO ENHANCE COUNTERNARCOTICS COLLABORATION, COORDINATION, AND COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.***

*Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each element of the intelligence community shall submit to the Director of National Intelligence the following:*

*(1) A description and assessment of the intelligence community element's direct relationship, if any, with any element of the Government of Mexico.*

*(2) A strategy to enhance counternarcotics cooperation and appropriate coordination with each element of the Government of Mexico with which the intelligence community element has a direct relationship.*

*(3) Recommendations and a description of the resources required to efficiently and effectively implement the strategy required by paragraph (2) in furtherance of the national interest of the United States.*

***SEC. 6718. REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO DUTY TO WARN FORMER SENIOR OFFICIALS AND OTHER UNITED STATES PERSONS.***

*(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that Congress is gravely concerned about the ongoing threat of lethal plotting against United States persons from adversary nations, including those against numerous former senior United States officials, principally from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Information collected regarding plots against United States persons requires expeditious fulfilment of the duty to warn process of the intelligence community, including close consultation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

*(b) NOTICE OF WARNING.—*

*(1) NOTICE REQUIRED.—If an element of the intelligence community determines pursuant to procedures established in accordance with Intelligence Community Directive 191 (or any successor directive) that such element has a duty to warn a United States person inside the United States of an impending threat and, after consultation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation when required, notifies such person or facilitates notification of such person by another party, the head of such element shall also immediately provide notice of the warning to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and, if such person is under the protection of an element of the Federal Government, a person responsible for the protection of such United States person.*

*(2) PROCESS FOR NOTIFICATION.—If notice is required under paragraph (1) to a person responsible for the protection of a United States person, such notice may be made in any appro-*

*priate and expeditious manner, including through the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

*(c) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RECORDS OF WARNINGS.—The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall establish a process for documenting and maintaining records of each notice of a warning provided to the Director in accordance with subsection (b).*

*(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any duty to warn already in effect, including under Intelligence Community Directive 191 (relating to duty to warn) and any policies or procedures issued in accordance with such directive.*

*(e) UNITED STATES PERSON DEFINED.—In this section, the term "United States person" has the meaning given the term in section 105A of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3039).*

# *TITLE LXVIII—REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS*

***SEC. 6801. MODIFICATION AND REPEAL OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.***

*(a) NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947.—*

*(1) FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE ON TERRORIST ASSETS.—*

*(A) REPEAL.—Section 118 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3055) is repealed.*

*(B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 507(a) of such Act (50 U.S.C. 3106(a)) is amended—*

*(i) by striking paragraph (5); and*

*(ii) by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (5).*

*(C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subparagraphs (A) and (B) shall take effect on December 31, 2026.*

*(2) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY PROTECTIONS FOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING.—Section 121 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3061) is amended by striking subsection (c).*

*(3) PERSONNEL-LEVEL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—Section 506B of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3098) is repealed.*

*(4) NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE UNIVERSITY.—Subtitle D of title X of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3327 et seq.) is amended—*

*(A) by striking section 1033; and*

*(B) by redesignating sections 1034 and 1035 as sections 1033 and 1034, respectively.*

*(5) MEASURES TO MITIGATE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE THREATS FROM PROLIFERATION AND USE OF FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SPYWARE.—Section 1102A(b)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3232a) is amended by inserting "for seven years" after "annually thereafter".*

*(b) INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACTS.—*

*(1) BRIEFINGS ON PROGRAMS FOR NEXT-GENERATION MICROELECTRONICS IN SUPPORT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—Sec-*

*tion 7507 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (50 U.S.C. 3334s) is amended by striking subsection (e).*

*(2) EXPANSION OF SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTORS.—Section 6715 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division F of Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 3572) is amended—*

*(A) by striking subsection (c); and*

*(B) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively.*

*(3) TRENDS IN TECHNOLOGIES OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE TO UNITED STATES.—Section 833 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (division X of Public Law 117–103; 136 Stat. 1035) is repealed.*

*(4) BRIEFINGS ON IRANIAN EXPENDITURES SUPPORTING FOREIGN MILITARY AND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.—Section 6705 of the Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (22 U.S.C. 9412) is amended—*

*(A) in the section heading, by striking "AND ANNUAL BRIEFING"; and*

*(B) by striking subsection (b).*

*(5) NATIONAL SECURITY EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WATER INSECURITY AND EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND PANDEMICS.—Section 6722 of the Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020 (division E of Public Law 116–92; 50 U.S.C. 3024 note) is repealed.*

*(6) COUNTER ACTIVE MEASURES BY RUSSIA, CHINA, IRAN, NORTH KOREA, OR OTHER NATION STATE TO EXERT COVERT INFLUENCE.—Section 501 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (division N of Public Law 115–31; 50 U.S.C. 3001 note) is amended by striking subsection (h).*

*(7) NOTICE OF DEPLOYMENT OR TRANSFER OF CONTAINERIZED MISSILE SYSTEM BY RUSSIA OR CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES.—Section 501 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (division M of Public Law 114–113) is repealed.*

*(c) OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW.—*

*(1) PROPOSAL TO MODIFY OR INTRODUCE NEW AIRCRAFT OR SENSORS FOR FLIGHT BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION UNDER OPEN SKIES TREATY.—Section 1242 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. 'Buck' McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3563) is repealed.*

*(2) BRIEFINGS ON ANALYTIC INTEGRITY REVIEWS.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1019 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (50 U.S.C. 3364) is amended by striking subsections (c) and (d).*

*(B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 6312(d)(1) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (division F of Public Law 117–263; 50 U.S.C. 3364 note) is amended by striking "In conjunction with each briefing provided under section 1019(c) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (50 U.S.C. 3364(c))" and inserting "Not later than February 1 each year".*

*(3) COMMERCE WITH, AND ASSISTANCE TO, CUBA FROM OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—Section 108 of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–114; 22 U.S.C. 6038) is repealed.*

***SEC. 6802. REVISIONS TO CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION ADJUSTMENTS.***

*Section 22 of the National Security Agency Act of 1959 (50 U.S.C. 3620) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) by striking "the occurrence of an intelligence collection adjustment" and inserting "that a covered intelligence collection or sharing adjustment has occurred"; and*

*(B) by striking "notification of the intelligence collection adjustment" and inserting "summary of such adjustment and the cause of such adjustment"; and*

*(2) in subsection (b), by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:*

*"(2) COVERED INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION OR SHARING ADJUSTMENT.—The term 'covered intelligence collection or sharing adjustment' means an action or inaction by the National Security Agency that results in a significant change to—*

*"(A) the quantity of intelligence collected by the National Security Agency with respect to a foreign country, foreign organization, or senior leader of a foreign country or foreign organization; or*

*"(B) policies or practices of the National Security Agency with respect to the sharing of intelligence with a foreign country, organization of foreign countries, or organization of countries of which the United States is a member.".*

***SEC. 6803. DECLASSIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE AND ADDITIONAL TRANSPARENCY MEASURES RELATING TO THE COVID–19 PANDEMIC.***

*Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall, jointly with the head of each element of the intelligence community—*

*(1) perform a declassification review of intelligence relating to the origins of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19), including—*

*(A) research conducted at the Wuhan Institute of Virology or any other medical or scientific research center within the People's Republic of China;*

*(B) information relating to Gain of Function research and the intention of this research;*

*(C) information relating to sources of funding or direction for research on coronaviruses, including both sources within the People's Republic of China and foreign sources; and*

*(D) the possibility of zoonotic origins of COVID–19;*

*(2) perform a declassification review of intelligence relating to efforts by government officials of entities of the People's Republic of China—*

*(A) to disrupt or obstruct information sharing or investigations into the origins of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19) pandemic;*

*(B) to disrupt the sharing of medically significant information relating to the transmissibility and potential harm of SARS–CoV–2 to humans, including—*

*(i) efforts to limit the sharing of information with the United States Government;*

*(ii) efforts to limit the sharing of information with the governments of allies and partners of the United States; and*

*(iii) efforts to limit the sharing of information with the United Nations and World Health Organization;*

*(C) to obstruct or otherwise limit the sharing of information between national, provincial, and city governments within the People's Republic of China and between subnational entities within the People's Republic of China and external researchers;*

*(D) to deny the sharing of information with the United States, allies and partners of the United States, or multilateral organizations, including the United Nations and the World Health Organization;*

*(E) to pressure or lobby foreign governments, journalists, medical researchers, officials of the United States Government, or officials of multilateral organizations (including the United Nations and the World Health Organization) with respect to the source, scientific origins, transmissibility, or other attributes of the SARS–CoV–2 virus or the COVID–19 pandemic;*

*(F) to disrupt government or private-sector efforts to conduct research and development of medical interventions or countermeasures for the COVID–19 pandemic, including vaccines; and*

*(G) to promote alternative narratives regarding the origins of COVID–19 as well as the domestic Chinese and international response to the COVID–19 pandemic;*

*(3) release publicly the intelligence products described in paragraphs (1) and (2) including such redactions as the Director, with the concurrence of the head of the originating intelligence community element, determines necessary to protect sources and methods and information concerning United States persons; and*

*(4) submit to the congressional intelligence committees an unredacted version of the declassified intelligence products described in paragraph (3).*

***SEC. 6804. CLASSIFIED INTELLIGENCE BUDGET JUSTIFICATION MATERIALS AND SUBMISSION OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DRUG CONTROL RESOURCE SUMMARY.***

*(a) CLASSIFIED INTELLIGENCE BUDGET JUSTIFICATION MATERIALS.—Section 506J(b) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3105a(b)) is amended by inserting "and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives" after "congressional intelligence committees".*

*(b) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DRUG CONTROL RESOURCE SUMMARY.—*

*(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Director of National Intelligence shall develop a summary of intelligence community drug control resources for each of fiscal years 2027 and 2028.*

*(2) SUBMISSION.—*

*(A) SUMMARY.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Director of National Intelligence submits to the congressional intelligence committees the classified intelligence budget justification materials under section 506J of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3105a) for a fiscal year covered by subsection (a), the Director shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a consolidated summary of the drug control resources of the intelligence community for that fiscal year. To the extent practicable and applicable, the Director shall organize such summary in a similar manner as the National Drug Control Program budget under section 704(c) of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1703(c)).*

*(B) MATTERS INCLUDED.—Each summary under paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

*(i) A certification by the Director stating that the drug control resources of the intelligence community are designed to implement the responsibilities of the intelligence community in support of the counter-drug efforts of the United States, as reflected in the National Drug Control Strategy under section 706 of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1705) and the National Interdiction Command and Control Plan under section 711(a)(4) of such Act (21 U.S.C. 1710(a)(4)).*

*(ii) A description of the key accomplishments of the intelligence community with respect to counternarcotics during the fiscal year in which the summary is submitted and the previous fiscal year.*

*(iii) The total amounts requested for the National Intelligence Program for counternarcotics for the fiscal year covered by the summary and for the previous fiscal year.*

*(iv) Each of the total amounts under subparagraph (C), disaggregated by each element of the intelligence community at the expenditure center, project, and subproject levels.*

*(v) Any other information the Director determines appropriate to provide the congressional intelligence committees with a consolidated, comprehensive, and detailed understanding of the amounts, activities, and purposes of the amounts requested for the National Intelligence Program for counternarcotics for the fiscal year covered by the summary.*

*(C) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—Each head of an element of the intelligence community shall timely provide to the Director of National Intelligence the information the Di-*

*rector requires to develop each summary under paragraph (1).*

*(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 7320(a) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (division G of Public Law 118–31; 50 U.S.C. 3096 note) is amended by striking "2027" and inserting "2026".*

***SEC. 6805. REQUIRING PENETRATION TESTING AS PART OF THE TESTING AND CERTIFICATION OF VOTING SYSTEMS.***

*Section 231 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 20971) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

*"(e) REQUIRED PENETRATION TESTING.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Commission shall provide for the conduct of penetration testing as part of the testing, certification, decertification, and recertification of voting system hardware and software by the Commission based on accredited laboratories under this section.*

*"(2) ACCREDITATION.—The Commission shall develop a program for the acceptance of the results of penetration testing on election systems. The penetration testing required by this subsection shall be required for Commission certification. The Commission shall vote on the selection of any entity identified. The requirements for such selection shall be based on consideration of an entity's competence to conduct penetration testing under this subsection. The Commission may consult with the National Institute of Standards and Technology or any other appropriate Federal agency on lab selection criteria and other aspects of this program.".*

***SEC. 6806. STANDARD GUIDELINES FOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY TO REPORT AND DOCUMENT ANOMALOUS HEALTH INCIDENTS.***

*(a) STANDARD GUIDELINES.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall, in coordination with such heads of elements of the intelligence community as the Director considers appropriate, develop and issue standard guidelines for personnel of the intelligence community to report and properly document anomalous health incidents.*

*(b) CONFORMITY WITH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE GUIDELINES.—In developing the standard guidelines required by subsection (a), the Director shall ensure that such standard guidelines are as similar as practicable to guidelines issued by the Secretary of Defense for personnel of the Department of Defense to report and properly document anomalous health incidents.*

*(c) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 10 days after the date on which the Director issues the standard guidelines required by subsection (a), the Director shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees the standard guidelines, including a statement describing the implementation of such standard guidelines, how the standard guidelines differ from those issued by the Secretary, and the justifications for such differences.*

# DIVISION G—COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

***SEC. 7001. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.***

*(a) SHORT TITLE.—This division may be cited as the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025".*

*(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this division is as follows:*

*Sec. 7001. Short title; table of contents.*
*Sec. 7002. Definitions and directions.*
*Sec. 7103. Automatic execution of conforming changes.*

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*Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations*

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*Sec. 7201. Reorganization of chapter 3.*
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***SEC. 7002. DEFINITIONS AND DIRECTIONS.***

*(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this division:*

*(1) COMMANDANT.—The term "Commandant" means the Commandant of the Coast Guard.*

*(2) SECRETARY.—Unless otherwise specified, the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.*

*(b) DIRECTIONS.—In this division, when Secretary or the Commandant are directed to provide or develop—*

*(1) a briefing, such briefing shall be accompanied by a narrative description, and at the option of any committee designated as a recipient, be delivered in person;*

*(2) a policy, such policy shall be detailed, in writing, and publicly available, but may contain a classified annex;*

*(3) a plan, such plan shall be detailed, and in writing;*

*(4) a report, such report shall be detailed and in writing; and*

*(5) a strategy, such strategy shall be detailed and in writing.*

***SEC. 7103. AUTOMATIC EXECUTION OF CONFORMING CHANGES.***

*(a) TITLE 14.—Chapter 1 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:*

***"§ 107. Automatic execution of conforming changes***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—When an amendment to a covered Coast Guard law adds a section or larger organizational unit to the covered Coast Guard law, repeals or transfers a section or larger organizational unit in the covered Coast Guard law, or amends the designation or heading of a section or larger organizational unit in the covered Coast Guard law, that amendment also shall have the effect of amending any analysis, table of contents, or similar tabular entries in the covered Coast Guard law to alter the table to conform to the changes made by the amendment.*

*"(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to an amendment described in such subsection when—*

*"(1) the amendment or a clerical amendment enacted at the same time expressly amends a table of sections, table of contents, or similar tabular entries in the covered maritime law to alter the table to conform to the changes made by the amendment; or*

*"(2) the amendment otherwise expressly exempts itself from the operation of this section.*

*"(c) COVERED COAST GUARD LAW DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'covered Coast Guard law' means—*

*"(1) this title;*

*"(2) any Coast Guard authorization Act that authorizes funds to be appropriated for a fiscal year to the Coast Guard; and*

*"(3) any other law designated in the text thereof as a covered Coast Guard law for purposes of application of this section.".*

*(b) TITLE 46.—Subtitle I of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 1 the following:*

***"CHAPTER 3—AUTOMATIC EXECUTION OF CONFORMING CHANGES***

***"§ 301. Automatic execution of conforming changes***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—When an amendment to a covered maritime law adds a section or larger organizational unit to the covered maritime law, repeals or transfers a section or larger organizational unit in the covered maritime law, or amends the designation or heading of a section or larger organizational unit in the covered maritime law, that amendment also shall have the effect of amending any analysis, table of contents, or similar tabular entries in the*

*covered maritime law to alter the table to conform to the changes made by the amendment.*

*"(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to an amendment described in such subsection when—*

*"(1) the amendment or a clerical amendment enacted at the same time expressly amends a table of sections, table of contents, or similar tabular entries in the covered maritime law to alter the table to conform to the changes made by the amendment; or*

*"(2) the amendment otherwise expressly exempts itself from the operation of this section.*

*"(c) COVERED MARITIME LAW DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'covered maritime law' means—*

*"(1) this title;*

*"(2) any Maritime Administration authorization Act that authorizes funds to be appropriated for a fiscal year to the Maritime Administration; and*

*"(3) any other law designated in the text thereof as a covered maritime law for purposes of application of this section.".*

# *TITLE LXXI—COAST GUARD*

## *Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations*

***SEC. 7101. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.***

*Section 4902 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking "fiscal years 2022 and 2023" and inserting "fiscal years 2026 and 2027";*

*(2) in paragraph (1)—*

*(A) in subparagraph (A) by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the following:*

*"(i) $11,851,875,000 for fiscal year 2026; and*

*"(ii) $13,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2027.";*

*(B) in subparagraph (B) by striking "$23,456,000" and inserting "$25,570,000"; and*

*(C) in subparagraph (C) by striking "subparagraph (A)(ii), $24,353,000" and inserting "clause (ii) of subparagraph (A), $26,848,500";*

*(3) in paragraph (2)(A) by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the following:*

*"(i) $3,651,480,000 for fiscal year 2026; and*

*"(ii) $3,700,000,000 for fiscal year 2027.";*

*(4) in paragraph (3) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:*

*"(A) $67,701,000 for fiscal year 2026; and*

*"(B) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2027."; and*

*(5) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:*

*"(4) For retired pay, including the payment of obligations otherwise chargeable to lapsed appropriations for purposes of retired pay, payments under the Retired Serviceman's Family*

*Protection and Survivor Benefits Plans, payment for career status bonuses, payment of continuation pay under section 356 of title 37, concurrent receipts, combat-related special compensation, and payments for medical care of retired personnel and their dependents under chapter 55 of title 10—*

*"(A) $1,057,929,000 for fiscal year 2026; and*

*"(B) $1,215,000,000 for fiscal year 2027.".*

***SEC. 7102. AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF MILITARY STRENGTH AND TRAINING.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4904 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a) by striking "44,500 for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023" and inserting "50,000 for fiscal years 2026, and 55,000 for fiscal year 2027"; and*

*(2) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking "for each of fiscal years 2022 and 2023";*

*(B) in paragraph (1) by striking "2,500 student years" and inserting "4,000 student years for each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027";*

*(C) in paragraph (2) by striking "165 student years" and inserting "250 student years for each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027";*

*(D) in paragraph (3) by striking "385 student years" and inserting "700 student years for each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027"; and*

*(E) in paragraph (4) by striking "1,200 student years" and inserting "1,600 student years for each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027".*

*(b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—In any fiscal year in which the submission required under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, does not include a proportional increase in the Operations and Support funding under section 4902(1)(A) of title 14, United States Code, to support the end strengths authorized under the amendments made by subsection (a)—*

*(1) the Commandant shall provide to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the plan of the Coast Guard to achieve growth in the Coast Guard's military strength to 60,000, which shall include—*

*(A) proposed missions and purposes for the growth of the Coast Guard in military strength;*

*(B) for each fiscal year from 2027 through 2032—*

*(i) the additional estimated cost of salaries and all benefits, including housing, education, and medical benefits;*

*(ii) estimated recruiting and training resources and costs; and*

*(iii) estimated resources and costs required to achieve sufficient training capacity for growth in enlisted and officer corps; and*

*(C) an explanation for why the estimated cost in subparagraph (B) was not included in the submission required under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code; and*

*(2) the Commandant may not delegate the briefing required in paragraph (1).*

*(c) RULE OF APPLICABILITY.—Section 517(a) of title 10, United States Code, shall not apply with respect to the Coast Guard until October 1, 2027.*

## *Subtitle B—Accountability*

***SEC. 7111. ANNUAL REPORT ON PROGRESS OF CERTAIN HOMEPORTING PROJECTS.***

*(a) REPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the status of shore infrastructure required to homeport or station all surface and aviation assets to be delivered as part of Level 1 or Level 2 acquisitions that have entered the obtain phase as authorized under section 1132(b) of title 14, United States Code.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include—*

*(A) a description of the current homeports and stations to which of Coast Guard cutters and aircraft are assigned;*

*(B) a description of cutters or aircrafts that are able to be located by the homeport or station to which they are assigned;*

*(C) the current number of aircraft and cutters planned for the program of record of the Coast Guard;*

*(D) a description of cutter and aircraft which are scheduled to be decommissioned or put in special commission status; and*

*(E) a description of where new cutters and aircraft being acquired as part of the program of record of the Coast Guard will be assigned, including—*

*(i) an assessment of the shoreside and infrastructure needs for such cutters and aircrafts; and*

*(ii) an assessment of whether existing facilities are adequate to support such cutter and aircraft, and the costs of planning, engineering, design construction, land acquisition, and environmental remediation.*

*(b) INITIAL REPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall issue a report detailing the progress of all approved Coast Guard cutter homeporting projects within the Coast Guard Arctic District with respect to each of the following:*

*(A) Fast Response Cutters.*

*(B) Offshore Patrol Cutters.*

*(C) The USCGC Storis procured pursuant to section 11223 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C. 561 note).*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to each homeporting project described in such paragraph, the following:*

*(A) A description of—*

*(i) the status of funds appropriated for the project;*

*(ii) activities carried out toward completion of the project; and*

*(iii) activities anticipated to be carried out during the subsequent 1-year period to advance completion of the project.*

*(B) An updated timeline, including key milestones, for the project.*

*(c) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than July 1 of the first calendar year after the year in which the report required under subsection (b)(1) is submitted, and each July 1 thereafter until July 2, 2031, or the date on which all projects described in subsection (b)(1) are completed, the Commandant shall issue an updated report, with respect to each Coast Guard cutter homeporting project described in subsection (a)(1) (including any such project approved on a date after the date of enactment of this Act and before the submission of the applicable report), containing each element described in subsection (a)(2).*

*(d) REPORT ON CAPACITY OF COAST GUARD BASE KETCHIKAN.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall complete a report detailing the cost of and time frame for expanding the industrial capacity of Coast Guard Base Ketchikan to do out of water repairs on Fast Response Cutters.*

*(2) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate the report required under paragraph (1).*

*(e) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Commandant shall publish each report issued under this section on a publicly accessible website of the Coast Guard.*

*(f) HOMEPORTING PROJECT DEFINED.—In this section, the term "homeporting project" means the facility infrastructure modifications, upgrades, new construction, and real property and land acquisition associated with homeporting new or modified cutters.*

***SEC. 7112. MAJOR ACQUISITIONS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5103 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a) by striking "major acquisition programs" and inserting "Level 1 acquisitions or Level 2 acquisitions";*

*(2) in subsection (b) by striking "major acquisition program" and inserting "Level 1 acquisition or Level 2 acquisition"; and*

*(3) by amending subsection (f) to read as follows:*

*"(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*"(1) LEVEL 1 ACQUISITION.—The term 'Level 1 acquisition' has the meaning given such term in section 1171.*

*"(2) LEVEL 2 ACQUISITION.—The term 'Level 2 acquisition' has the meaning given such term in section 1171.".*

*(b) MAJOR ACQUISITION PROGRAM RISK ASSESSMENT.—Section 5107 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "section 5103(f)" and inserting "section 1171".*

***SEC. 7113. QUARTERLY ACQUISITION BRIEF REQUIREMENTS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5107 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

***"§ 5107 Quarterly acquisition reports and major acquisition program risk assessment***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a briefing on all Level 1 and Level 2 acquisition programs, as such terms are defined in section 1171.*

*"(b) ADDITIONAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 week before taking procurement actions that will significantly impact the costs or timelines of a Level 1 or Level 2 acquisition program, the Commandant shall brief the committees described in subsection (a).*

*"(c) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing required under subsection (a) or (b) shall include, for each program—*

*"(1) a description of the purpose of the program, including the capabilities being acquired;*

*"(2) the total number of units, as appropriate, to be acquired annually until procurement is complete under the current acquisition program baseline;*

*"(3) the Acquisition Review Board status, including—*

*"(A) the current acquisition phase by increment, as applicable;*

*"(B) the date of the most recent review; and*

*"(C) whether the program has been paused or is in breach status;*

*"(4) a comparison between the initial Department-approved acquisition program baseline cost, schedule, and performance thresholds and objectives and the current such thresholds and objectives of the program, if applicable;*

*"(5) the lifecycle cost estimate, adjusted for comparison to the Future Coast Guard Program, including—*

*"(A) the confidence level for the estimate;*

*"(B) the fiscal years included in the estimate;*

*"(C) a breakout of the estimate for the prior five years, the current year, and the budget year;*

*"(D) a breakout of the estimate by appropriation account or other funding source; and*

*"(E) a description of and rationale for any changes to the estimate as compared to the previous quarter or to the previously approved baseline, as applicable;*

*"(6) a summary of the findings of any independent verification and validation of the items to be acquired or an ex-*

*planation for why no such verification and validation has been performed;*

*"(7) a table displaying the obligation of all program funds by prior fiscal year, the estimated obligation of funds for the current fiscal year, and an estimate for the planned carryover of funds into the subsequent fiscal year;*

*"(8) a listing of prime contractors and major subcontractors; and*

*"(9) narrative descriptions of risks to cost, schedule, or performance that could result in a program breach if not successfully mitigated, including—*

*"(A) the current risks to such program;*

*"(B) any failure of such program to demonstrate a key performance parameter or threshold during operational test and evaluation conducted during the previous fiscal year;*

*"(C) whether there has been any decision in such fiscal year to order full-rate production before all key performance parameters or thresholds are met;*

*"(D) whether there has been any breach of major acquisition program cost (as such term is defined in the manual of the Coast Guard titled 'Major Systems Acquisition Manual' (COMDTINST M5000.10C)) in such fiscal year; and*

*"(E) whether there has been any breach of major acquisition program schedule (as such term is defined in the manual of the Coast Guard titled 'Major Systems Acquisition Manual' (COMDTINST M5000.10C)) during such fiscal year.*

*"(d) MEMORANDUM DEADLINE.—Not later than 5 business days after the date on which the Secretary approves an Acquisition Decision Memorandum for programs described in this section, the Commandant shall submit such memorandum to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 5107 and inserting the following:*

*"5107. Quarterly acquisition reports and major acquisition program risk assessment.".*

***SEC. 7114. OVERDUE REPORTS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

### *"§ 5116. Status of overdue reports*

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this section, and not later than March 1 of each year thereafter, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the status of reports or briefings required under this chapter that have not been delivered to Congress.*

*"(b) CONTENTS.—The report required under section (a) shall contain the following:*

*"(1) The status of each required report or briefing that has not been delivered to Congress, including the date the report or briefing is due, and if applicable, the number of days the Coast Guard has exceeded the required completion date.*

*"(2) A detailed written plan and timeline for the next steps to be taken to complete such outstanding reports or briefings.*

*"(3) The name, position, and agency of each Federal official responsible for writing, reviewing, editing, and approving the report, as well as the responsibility of such official in regard to the report, and how long that report has been under the responsibility with such Federal official after being received from the previous Federal official responsible.*

*"(4) The name of the flag officer responsible for the completion of each report or briefing.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 51 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"5116. Status of overdue reports.".*

***SEC. 7115. REQUIREMENT FOR COAST GUARD TO PROVIDE ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES FOR AIRCRAFT.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the status of the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Government Accountability Office titled "Aircraft Fleet and Aviation Workforce Assessments Needed," and issued April 9, 2024 (GAO–24–106374).*

*(b) CONTENTS.—The report required under section (a) shall contain the following:*

*(1) An assessment of the type of helicopters the Coast Guard requires to meet the mission demands of the Coast Guard.*

*(2) An analysis of alternatives, including an analytical study comparing the operational effectiveness, costs, and risks to determine the best suited aircraft to meet mission needs.*

*(3) A fleet mix analysis to identify the necessary number of helicopters to meet the mission needs of the Coast Guard across all districts, including all air stations, seasonal air stations, and cutters designed to support rotary wing aircraft.*

*(c) MINIMUM ROTARY WING FLEET.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall maintain an operational, geographically dispersed rotary wing fleet of not less than—*

*(A) 140 aircraft for the purpose of meeting minimum operational capabilities until the Commandant submits the report required under this section; and*

*(B) 175 aircraft for the purpose of meeting minimum operational capabilities on any date after September 30, 2030, until the Commandant submits a determination that the Coast Guard can meet its mission capabilities with fewer aircraft.*

*(2) REPORT.—In the event the operational rotary wing fleet of the Coast Guard falls below the requirements of this subsection, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee on Transpor-*

*tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a notification not later than 5 business days after the inability of the Commandant to meet the requirement. This report shall be submitted to such committees every 120 days until the Coast Guard meets the requirement of 175 rotary wing aircraft.*

***SEC. 7116. OVERSIGHT OF FUNDS.***

*Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a detailed expenditure plan, including projected project timelines for each acquisition and procurement appropriated under section 1181 of title 14, United States Code, and a list of project locations to be funded under such section.*

***SEC. 7117. REGULAR POLAR SECURITY CUTTER UPDATES.***

*(a) REPORT.—*

*(1) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant and the Chief of Naval Operations shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the status of acquisition of Polar Security Cutters.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph (1) shall include—*

*(A) a detailed timeline for the acquisition process of Polar Security Cutters, including expected milestones and a projected commissioning date for the first 3 Polar Security Cutters;*

*(B) an accounting of the previously appropriated funds spent to date on the Polar Security Cutter Program, updated cost projections for Polar Security Cutters, and projections for when additional funds will be required;*

*(C) potential factors and risks that could further delay or imperil the completion of Polar Security Cutters; and*

*(D) a review of the acquisition of Polar Security Cutters to date, including factors that led to substantial cost overruns and delivery delays.*

*(b) BRIEFINGS.—*

*(1) PROVISION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days after the submission of the report under subsection (a), and not less frequently than every 90 days thereafter until the final Polar Security Cutter achieves full operational capability, the Commandant and the Chief of Naval Operations shall provide to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a detailed briefing in person and in writing on the status of the Polar Security Cutter acquisition process.*

*(2) TIMELINE.—The briefings under paragraph (1) shall occur after any key milestone in the Polar Security Cutter acquisition process, but not less frequently than every 90 days.*

*(3) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing under paragraph (1) shall include—*

*(A) a summary of acquisition progress since the most recent previous briefing conducted pursuant to paragraph (1);*

*(B) an updated timeline and budget estimate for acquisition and building of pending Polar Security Cutters; and*

*(C) an explanation of any delays or additional costs incurred in the acquisition progress.*

*(c) NOTIFICATIONS.—In addition to the briefings required under subsection (b), the Commandant and the Chief of Naval Operations shall notify the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives within 3 business days of any significant change to the scope or funding level of the Polar Security Cutter acquisition strategy of such change.*

***SEC. 7118. ANNUAL PLAN FOR COAST GUARD OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC; FEASIBILITY STUDY ON SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL PORT VISITS AND DEPLOYMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BLUE PACIFIC.***

*(a) ANNUAL PLAN FOR COAST GUARD OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC.—Not later than December 31, 2026, and annually thereafter until December 31, 2030, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, in consultation with the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a plan for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific region for the year after the year during which the plan is submitted. Such plan shall include, for the year covered by the plan, each of the following elements:*

*(1) A list of objectives for Coast Guard engagement in the Pacific region in support of Department of State and Department of Defense missions.*

*(2) An assessment of the capabilities of the Coast Guard to support Department of State and Department of Defense missions in the Pacific region.*

*(3) A list of any areas in the Pacific region where an increased Coast Guard presence would better support Department of State and Department of Defense missions.*

*(4) The projected demand for Coast Guard engagement in the Pacific region from the Department of State and the Department of Defense for the year covered by the plan and the subsequent 10 years.*

*(5) An assessment of whether the Coast Guard will be able to meet such projected demand for the year covered by the plan, including—*

*(A) a list of any factors limiting the ability of the Coast Guard to meet such projected demand; and*

*(B) an analysis of the location from which any Coast Guard assets used to carry out missions in the Pacific, in addition to assets available in the year prior to the year in which the plan is submitted, will be transferred and any*

*associated gaps in Coast Guard mission coverage any such transfers will create.*

*(6) A summary of the resources needed for the Coast Guard to meet such projected demand for the year covered by the plan, including—*

*(A) staff;*

*(B) infrastructure, including shore infrastructure;*

*(C) administrative and logistical support; and*

*(D) technology.*

*(7) Any other matter as determined relevant by the Commandant.*

*(b) ANNUAL BUDGET DISPLAY FOR COAST GUARD OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC.—Not later than February 15, 2027, and annually until February 15, 2031, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed budget display for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific region for the fiscal year after the fiscal year during which the budget display is submitted. The Commandant shall base such budget display on the projected demand for Coast Guard engagement in the Pacific region as identified in the most recent annual plan developed under subsection (a). Such budget display shall include, for the year covered by the budget display, the following information:*

*(1) With respect to procurement accounts, amounts displayed by account, budget activity, line number, line item, and line item title.*

*(2) With respect to research, development, test, and evaluation accounts, amounts displayed by account, budget activity, line number, program element, and program element title.*

*(3) With respect to operation and maintenance accounts, amounts displayed by account title, budget activity title, line number, and subactivity group title.*

*(4) With respect to military personnel accounts, amounts displayed by account, budget activity, budget subactivity, and budget subactivity title.*

*(c) FEASIBILITY STUDY ON SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL PORT VISITS AND DEPLOYMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BLUE PACIFIC.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service in the Navy, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall—*

*(1) complete a study on the feasibility and advisability of supporting additional Coast Guard port visits, deployments, and the availability of fast response cutters in the Northern Mariana Islands, in support of Operation Blue Pacific, or any successor operation oriented toward Oceania;*

*(2) include, as part of the study under paragraph (1), an analysis of where any Coast Guard assets used for port visits and deployments in support of Operation Blue Pacific, or any successor operation oriented toward Oceania, will be transferred from and any associated gaps in Coast Guard coverage any such transfer will create; and*

*(3) submit to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on*

*Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of such study.*

*(d) FORM.—Each plan under subsection (a) and each display under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.*

*(e) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February 15, 2027, and annually until February 15, 2031, the Commandant shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on the plans required under subsection (a) and the budget display required by subsection (b) for the fiscal year after the fiscal year during which the briefing is provided.*

*(f) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—*

*(1) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;*

*(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;*

*(3) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;*

*(4) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;*

*(5) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and*

*(6) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.*

***SEC. 7119. ANNUAL PLAN FOR COAST GUARD OPERATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31, 2026, and annually thereafter for three years, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, in consultation with the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a plan for Coast Guard operations in the Caribbean region for the year after the year during which the plan is submitted. Such plan shall include, for the year covered by the plan, each of the following elements:*

*(1) A list of objectives for Coast Guard engagement in the such region in support of Department of State and Department of Defense missions.*

*(2) An assessment of the capabilities of the Coast Guard to support Department of State and Department of Defense missions in such region.*

*(3) A list of any areas in such region where an increased Coast Guard presence would better support Department of State and Department of Defense missions.*

*(4) The projected demand for Coast Guard engagement in the Caribbean region from the Department of State and the Department of Defense for the year covered by the plan and the subsequent 10 years.*

*(5) An assessment of whether the Coast Guard will be able to meet such projected demand for the year covered by the plan, including—*

*(A) a list of any factors limiting the ability of the Coast Guard to meet such projected demand; and*

*(B) an analysis of the location from which any Coast Guard assets used to carry out missions in such region, in addition to assets available in the year prior to the year in*

*which the plan is submitted, will be transferred and any associated gaps in Coast Guard mission coverage any such transfers will create.*

*(6) A summary of the resources needed for the Coast Guard to meet such projected demand for the year covered by the plan, including—*

*(A) staff;*

*(B) infrastructure, including shore infrastructure;*

*(C) administrative and logistical support; and*

*(D) technology.*

*(7) Any other matter as determined relevant by the Commandant.*

*(b) ANNUAL BUDGET DISPLAY FOR COAST GUARD OPERATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN.—Not later than February 15, 2027, and annually until February 15, 2031, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed budget display for Coast Guard operations in the Caribbean region for the fiscal year after the fiscal year during which the budget display is submitted. The Commandant shall base such budget display on the projected demand for Coast Guard engagement in the Caribbean region as identified in the most recent annual plan developed under subsection (a). Such budget display shall include, for the year covered by the budget display, the following information:*

*(1) With respect to procurement accounts, amounts displayed by account, budget activity, line number, line item, and line item title.*

*(2) With respect to research, development, test, and evaluation accounts, amounts displayed by account, budget activity, line number, program element, and program element title.*

*(3) With respect to operation and maintenance accounts, amounts displayed by account title, budget activity title, line number, and subactivity group title.*

*(4) With respect to military personnel accounts, amounts displayed by account, budget activity, budget subactivity, and budget subactivity title.*

*(c) FORM.—Each plan under subsection (a) and each display under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.*

*(d) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February 15, 2027, and annually until February 15, 2031, the Commandant shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on the plans required under subsection (a) and the budget display required by subsection (b) for the fiscal year after the fiscal year during which the briefing is provided.*

*(e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—*

*(1) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;*

*(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;*

*(3) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;*

*(4) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;*

*(5) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and*
*(6) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.*

***SEC. 7120. PROHIBITION ON SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF SLIDESHOW PRESENTATIONS.***

*A slideshow presentation, including a PowerPoint document, shall not be submitted to Congress in lieu of the provision of a briefing (in person or written) or the submission of a report, plan, strategy, or any other document required by this Act or by chapter 51 of title 14, United States Code.*

# *TITLE LXXII—ORGANIZATION, AUTHORITIES, ACQUISITION, AND PERSONNEL OF THE COAST GUARD*

## *Subtitle A—Authorities*

***SEC. 7201. REORGANIZATION OF CHAPTER 3.***

*(a) INITIAL MATTER.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the chapter designation, the chapter heading, and the table of sections at the beginning and inserting the following:*

*"CHAPTER 3—COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION*

*"SUBCHAPTER I–ORGANIZATION*

*"301. Grades and ratings*

*"SUBCHAPTER II–POSITIONS*

*"302. Commandant; appointment*
*"303. Vice Commandant; appointment*
*"304. Retirement of Commandant or Vice Commandant*
*"305. Vice admirals*
*"306. Retirement*
*"307. Vice admirals and admiral, continuity of grade*
*"308. Chief Acquisition Officer*
*"309. Office of the Coast Guard Reserve; Director*
*"310. Director of the Coast Guard Investigative Service*
*"311. United States Coast Guard Band; composition; Director*
*"312. Western Alaska Oil Spill Planning Criteria Program*
*"313. Chief of Staff to President: appointment*
*"314. Captains of the port*
*"315. Congressional affairs; Director*
*"316. Commandant Advisory Judge Advocate*
*"317. Special Advisor to Commandant for Tribal and Native Hawaiian affairs*
*"318. Judge Advocate General; Deputy Judge Advocate General*

*"SUBCHAPTER III–PROGRAMS AND COMPOSITION*

*"331. Centers of expertise for Coast Guard prevention and response*
*"332. Marine industry training program*
*"333. Training course on workings of Congress*
*"334. National Coast Guard Museum*
*"335. Environmental Compliance and Restoration Program*
*"336. Unmanned system program and autonomous control and computer vision technology project*
*"337. Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps*
*"338. Redistricting notification requirement*
*"339. Prevention and response workforces".*

*(b) REDESIGNATIONS AND TRANSFERS.—*

*(1) REQUIREMENT.—The sections of title 14, United States Code, identified in the table provided in paragraph (2) are amended—*

*(A) by redesignating the sections as described in the table; and*

*(B) by transferring the sections, as necessary, so that the sections appear after the table of sections for chapter 3 of such title (as added by subsection (a)), in the order in which the sections are presented in the table.*

*(2) TABLE.—The table referred to in paragraph (1) is the following:*

| *Table 14 section number before redesignation* | *Section heading (provided for identification purposes only-not amended)* | *Title 14 section number after redesignation* |
|---|---|---|
| *301* | *Grades and ratings* | *301* |
| *302* | *Commandant; appointment* | *302* |
| *303* | *Retirement of Commandant or Vice Commandant* | *304* |
| *304* | *Vice Commandant; appointment* | *303* |
| *305* | *Vice admirals* | *305* |
| *306* | *Retirement* | *306* |
| *307* | *Vice admirals and admiral, continuity of grade* | *307* |
| *308* | *Chief Acquisition Officer* | *308* |
| *309* | *Office of the Coast Guard Reserve; Director* | *309* |
| *310* | *Chief of Staff to President: appointment* | *313* |
| *311* | *Captains of the port* | *314* |
| *312* | *Prevention and response workforces* | *339* |
| *313* | *Centers of expertise for Coast Guard prevention and response* | *331* |
| *314* | *Marine industry training program* | *332* |

| *Table 14 section number before redesignation* | *Section heading (provided for identification purposes only-not amended)* | *Title 14 section number after redesignation* |
|---|---|---|
| *315* | *Training for congressional affairs personnel* | *333* |
| *316* | *National Coast Guard Museum* | *334* |
| *317* | *United States Coast Guard Band; composition; Director* | *311* |
| *318* | *Environmental Compliance and Restoration Program* | *335* |
| *319* | *Unmanned system program and autonomous control and computer vision technology project* | *336* |
| *320* | *Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps* | *337* |
| *321* | *Congressional affairs; Director* | *315* |
| *322* | *Redistricting notification requirement* | *338* |
| *323* | *Western Alaska Oil Spill Planning Criteria Program* | *312* |

*(c) ADDITIONAL CHANGES.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended—*

*(1) by inserting before section 301 (as so redesignated and transferred under subsection (b)) the following:*

*"SUBCHAPTER I—ORGANIZATION";*

*(2) by inserting before section 302 (as so redesignated and transferred under subsection (b)) the following:*

***"Subchapter II—Positions"; and***

*(3) by inserting before section 331 (as so redesignated and transferred under subsection (b)) the following:*

*"SUBCHAPTER III—PROGRAMS".*

*(d) CHAPTER 5.—Subchapter I of chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in section 502 by striking "The Secretary" and inserting the following:*

*"(a) GENERAL POWERS.—The Secretary";*

*(2) by redesignating section 503 as subsection (b) of section 502 and transferring such section as redesignated to appear after subsection (a) of section 502, as amended in paragraph (1); and*

*(3) in subsection (b) of section 502, as so redesignated, by striking the section enumerator and heading and all that follows through "The Secretary" and inserting the following:*

*"(b) DELEGATION.—The Secretary".*

*(e) CHAPTER 3.—Chapter 3 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in section 301 by amending it to read as follows:*

***"§ 301. Grades and ratings***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—In the Coast Guard, there shall be—*
*"(1) admirals (two);*
*"(2) vice admirals;*
*"(3) rear admirals;*
*"(4) rear admirals (lower half);*
*"(5) captains;*
*"(6) commanders;*
*"(7) lieutenant commanders;*
*"(8) lieutenants;*
*"(9) lieutenants (junior grade);*
*"(10) ensigns;*
*"(11) chief warrant officers;*
*"(12) cadets;*
*"(13) warrant officers; and*
*"(14) enlisted members.*

*"(b) ENLISTED MEMBERS.—Enlisted members shall be distributed in ratings established by the Secretary.";*

*(2) in section 303 (as so redesignated and transferred under subsection (b)) by—*

*(A) inserting "(a) APPOINTMENT.—" before "The President";*

*(B) by striking ", who may be reappointed for further periods of four years";*

*(C) by inserting the following after "Chief of the Coast Guard":*

*"(b) REAPPOINTMENT.—In time of war or during a national emergency declared by Congress, the Commandant may be reappointed for a term of not more than 4 years.";*

*(D) by striking "The term of an appointment" and inserting the following:*

*"(c) TERM.—The term of an appointment"; and*

*(E) by striking "The Commandant while" and inserting the following:*

*"(d) GRADE.—The Commandant while";*

*(3) in section 305(a)(1) (as so redesignated and transferred under subsection (b))—*

*(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking "may" and inserting "shall";*

*(B) in subparagraph (A)(ii) by striking "be the chief of staff of the Coast Guard" and inserting "oversee personnel management, workforce, and dependent support, training, and related matters";*

*(4) in section 307 in the section heading by striking "**Admiral**" and inserting "**Admirals**";*

*(5) by inserting after section 309 (as so redesignated and transferred under subsection (b)) the following:*

***"§ 310. Director of Coast Guard Investigative Service***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—There shall be a Director of the Coast Guard Investigative Service.*

*"(b) CHAIN OF COMMAND.—The Director of the Coast Guard Investigative Service shall report directly to and be under the general supervision of the Commandant, acting through the Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard.";*

*(6) by inserting after section 315 (as so redesignated and transferred under subsection (b)) the following:*

***"§ 316. Commandant Advisory Judge Advocate***

*"There shall be in the Coast Guard a Commandant Advisory Judge Advocate who is a judge advocate in a grade of O-6. The Commandant Advisory Judge Advocate shall be assigned to the staff of the Commandant in the first regularly scheduled O-6 officer assignment panel to convene following the date of the enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025 and perform such duties relating to legal matters arising in the Coast Guard as such legal matters relate to the Commandant, as may be assigned.*

***"§ 317. Special Advisor to Commandant for Tribal and Native Hawaiian Affairs***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with Federal trust responsibilities and treaty obligations, laws, and policies relevant to Indian Tribes and in support of the principles of self-determination, self-governance, and co-management with respect to Indian Tribes, and to support engagement with Native Hawaiians, there shall be in the Coast Guard a Special Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Native Hawaiian Affairs (in this section referred to as the 'Special Advisor'), who shall—*

*"(1) be selected by the Secretary and the Commandant through a competitive search process;*

*"(2) have expertise in Federal Indian law and policy, including government-to-government consultation;*

*"(3) to the maximum extent practicable, have expertise in legal and policy issues affecting Native Hawaiians; and*

*"(4) have an established record of distinguished service and achievement working with Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.*

*"(b) CAREER RESERVED POSITION.—The position of Special Advisor shall be a career reserved position at the GS–15 level or greater.*

*"(c) DUTIES.—The Special Advisor shall—*

*"(1) ensure the Federal government upholds the Federal trust responsibility and conducts consistent, meaningful, and timely government-to-government consultation and engagement with Indian Tribes, which shall meet or exceed the standards of the Federal Government and the Coast Guard;*

*"(2) ensure meaningful and timely engagement with—*

*"(A) Native Hawaiian organizations; and*

*"(B) Tribal organizations;*

*"(3) advise the Commandant on all policies of the Coast Guard that have Tribal implications in accordance with applicable law and policy, including Executive Orders;*

*"(4) work to ensure that the policies of the Federal Government regarding consultation and engagement with Indian Tribes and engagement with Native Hawaiian organizations and Tribal organizations are implemented in a meaningful manner, working through Coast Guard leadership and across the Coast Guard, together with—*

*"(A) liaisons located within Coast Guard districts;*

*"(B) the Director of Coast Guard Governmental and Public Affairs; and*

*"(C) other Coast Guard leadership and programs and other Federal partners; and*

*"(5) support Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and Tribal organizations in all matters under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.*

*"(d) DIRECT ACCESS TO SECRETARY AND COMMANDANT.—No officer or employee of the Coast Guard or the Department of Homeland Security may interfere with the ability of the Special Advisor to give direct and independent advice to the Secretary and the Commandant on matters related to this section.*

*"(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*"(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term 'Indian Tribe' has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).*

*"(2) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term 'Native Hawaiian organization' has the meaning given such term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.*

*"(3) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term 'Tribal organization' has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).*

***"§ 318. Judge Advocate General; Deputy Judge Advocate General: appointment; duties***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Judge Advocate General in the Coast Guard shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from officers of the Coast Guard designated as judge advocates. The term of office is not more than 4 years.*

*"(b) APPOINTMENT.—The Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard shall be appointed from those officers who at the time of appointment are members of the bar of a Federal court or the highest*

*court of a State, and who have had at least 8 years of experience in legal duties as commissioned officers.*

*"(c) DUTIES.—The Judge Advocate General, in addition to other duties prescribed by law—*

*"(1) is the legal adviser of the Commandant of the Coast Guard and of all officers and agencies of the Coast Guard;*

*"(2) shall direct the officers of the Coast Guard designated as judge advocates in the performance of their duties; and*

*"(3) shall receive, revise, and have recorded the proceedings of courts of inquiry and military commissions.*

*"(d) DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Deputy Judge Advocate General in the Coast Guard shall be appointed by the Commandant, from civilians in the Senior Executive Service (career reserved) who meet the qualifications set forth in subsection (b). The term of office of the Deputy Judge Advocate General is not more than four years with reappointment for an additional term of 4 years.*

*"(2) VACANCY OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.—When there is a vacancy in the office of the Judge Advocate General, or during the absence or disability of the Judge Advocate General, the Deputy Judge Advocate General shall perform the duties of the Judge Advocate General until a successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases. Should a vacancy in the Deputy Judge Advocate General position overlap with a vacancy in the office of the Judge Advocate General, the Commandant shall establish an acting Judge Advocate General from officers of the Coast Guard designated as judge advocates with the qualifications in subsection (b).*

*"(3) ACTING DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.—When there is a vacancy of the position of Deputy Judge Advocate General, to include during the absence or disability of the Judge Advocate General, the Commandant shall establish an acting Deputy Judge Advocate from officers of the Coast Guard designated as judge advocates with the qualifications in subsection (b). Such officer shall perform the duties of the Deputy Judge Advocate General until a successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases. Should a vacancy in the Deputy Judge Advocate General position overlap with a vacancy in the office of the Judge Advocate General, the Commandant shall establish an acting Deputy Judge Advocate from civilians in the Senior Executive Service (career reserved), or GS-15s, who meet the qualifications in subsection (b).*

*"(4) COMPLIANCE WITH ACT.—The Commandant shall ensure compliance with this section not later than 30 days after enactment of this section.*

*"(e) LIMITATION.—No officer or employee of the Department of Homeland Security may interfere with—*

*"(1) the ability of the Judge Advocate General to give independent legal advice to the Commandant or Vice Commandant; or*

*"(2) the ability of judge advocates of the Coast Guard assigned or attached to, or performing duty with, military units to give independent legal advice to commanders.";*

*(7) by striking section 333 (as so redesignated and transferred under subsection (b)) and inserting the following:*

***"§ 333. Training courses on workings of Congress***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—*

*"(1) TRAINING COURSE.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant, and such other individuals and organizations as the Commandant considers appropriate, shall develop a training course on the workings of Congress.*

*"(B) TIMING.—*

*"(i) IN GENERAL.—The training course developed in subparagraph (A) shall be offered at least once each year.*

*"(ii) ADDITIONAL TRAINING.—The training developed under subparagraph (A) may be provided more than once a year to facilitate timely receipt by covered recipients.*

*"(2) ANNUAL BASIS.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—At least once each year, any covered recipients shall receive the training developed under paragraph (1).*

*"(B) COVERED RECIPIENTS.—In this paragraph, the term 'covered recipients' means—*

*"(i) flag officers serving in the Coast Guard;*

*"(ii) members of the senior executive service (career reserved) serving in positions in the Coast Guard; and*

*"(iii) political appointees—*

*"(I) serving in positions in the Coast Guard; or*

*"(II) at the Department of Homeland Security with Coast Guard in their portfolio, including any Senior Advisor to the Secretary for the Coast Guard.*

*"(3) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—The training course required by this subsection shall provide an overview and introduction to Congress and the Federal legislative process, including—*

*"(A) the history and structure of Congress and the committee systems of the House of Representatives and the Senate, including the functions and responsibilities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;*

*"(B) the documents produced by Congress, including bills, resolutions, committee reports, and conference reports, and the purposes and functions of such documents;*

*"(C) the legislative processes and rules of the House of Representatives and the Senate, including similarities and differences between the 2 processes and 2 sets of rules, including—*

*"(i) the congressional budget process;*

*"(ii) the congressional authorization and appropriation processes;*

*"(iii) the Senate advice and consent process for Presidential nominees; and*

*"(iv) the Senate advice and consent process for treaty ratification;*

*"(v) all relevant notification and reporting requirements in statute, policy, or any other agreement to Congress;*

*"(D) the roles of Members of Congress and congressional staff in the legislative process; and*

*"(E) the concept and underlying purposes of congressional oversight within the governance framework of separation of powers;*

*"(F) the roles of independent oversight entities, including the Offices of the Inspector Generals, the Government Accountability Office, and other independent entities, with respect oversight of the Coast Guard;*

*"(G) the legal and ethical requirements of complying with oversight conducted by such independent oversight entities, including compliance with congressionally mandated oversight;*

*"(H) an overview of section 552a of title 5 (popularly known at the Privacy Act of 1974) with respect to working with Congress and independent oversight;*

*"(I) an overview of the right of all Coast Guard members and staff to engage with Congress as a constitutionally protected right; and*

*"(J) with respect to Coast Guard covered recipients, an overview of any law administered by the Coast Guard and any policy implemented by the Coast Guard the understanding of which is necessary to improve—*

*"(i) compliance with such law and policy;*

*"(ii) ethics;*

*"(iii) professionalism; and*

*"(iv) timeliness of response to Congressional oversight requests, including requests from independent oversight entities.*

*"(b) TRAINING FOR CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS PERSONNEL.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall develop a training course on the workings of Congress, which shall be administered in person for to any required participant.*

*"(2) REQUIRED PARTICIPANT.—In this subsection, the term 'required participant' means—*

*"(A) any member of the Coast Guard Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs selected for a position as—*

*"(i) a fellow;*

*"(ii) a liaison;*

*"(iii) a counsel; or*

*"(iv) administrative staff;*

*"(B) a Coast Guard district or area governmental affairs officer;*

*"(C) an individual who reviews, makes edits, or transmits formal or informal correspondence with respect to the Coast Guard to Congress, including relevant program level personnel;*

*"(D) an individual who serves in—*

*"(i) the Office of Coordination, Programs, and Accountability or successor office; or*

*"(ii) the Force Design 2028 office; and*

*"(iii) Coast Guard Office of General Law personnel, including such personnel detailed to the Coast Guard.*

*"(3) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—The training course required under this subsection shall provide an overview and introduction to Congress and the Federal legislative process, including—*

*"(i) the items described in subparagraphs (C) through (K) of subsection (a)(2);*

*"(ii) the roles of Coast Guard fellows, liaisons, counsels, governmental affairs officers, the Coast Guard Office of Program Review, the Coast Guard Headquarters program offices, and any other entity the Commandant considers relevant;*

*"(iii) the roles and responsibilities of Coast Guard public affairs and external communications personnel with respect to Members of Congress and the staff of such Members necessary to enhance communication between Coast Guard units, sectors, and districts and Member offices and committees of jurisdiction so as to ensure visibility of Coast Guard activities; and*

*"(iv) with respect to Coast Guard required participants, an overview of any law administered by the Coast Guard and any policy implemented by the Coast Guard the understanding of which is necessary to improve—*

*"(I) compliance with such law and policy;*

*"(II) ethics;*

*"(III) professionalism; and*

*"(IV) timeliness of response to Congressional oversight requests, including requests from independent oversight entities.*

*"(4) DETAIL WITHIN COAST GUARD OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAMS.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—At the written request of a receiving congressional office, the training course required under this section shall include a multi-day detail within the Coast Guard Office of Coordination, Programs, Accountability to ensure adequate exposure to Coast Guard policy, oversight, and requests from Congress.*

*"(B) NONCONSECUTIVE DETAIL PERMITTED.—A detail under this paragraph is not required to be consecutive with the balance of the training.*

*"(5) COMPLETION OF REQUIRED TRAINING.—A member of the Coast Guard selected for a position described in subsection (a) shall complete the training required by this section before the date on which such member reports for duty for such position.*

*"(c) LECTURERS AND PANELISTS.—*

*"(1) OUTSIDE EXPERTS.—The Commandant shall ensure that not less than 60 percent of the lecturers, panelists, and other individuals providing education and instruction as part of the training courses required under this section are experts on Con-*

*gress and the Federal legislative process who are not employed by the executive branch of the Federal Government.*

*"(2) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT PRO BONO SERVICES.—In satisfying the requirement under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall seek, and may accept, educational and instructional services of lecturers, panelists, and other individuals and organizations provided to the Coast Guard on a pro bono basis."; and*

*(8) in section 334 (as so redesignated and transferred under subsection (b))—*

*(A) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:*

*"(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may expend funds appropriated to the Coast Guard on—*

*"(1) the design of a Museum;*

*"(2) engineering, construction, construction administration, and quality assurance services for a Museum, including construction, construction administration, and quality assurance services carried out by the Association; and*

*"(3) providing Federal financial assistance to the Association for the activities under subsection (d)."; and*

*(B) by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:*

*"(g) SERVICES.—With respect to the services related to the activities for which the Secretary can expend funds under subsection (b), or for maintenance or operation of the Museum, the Secretary may, with respect to any entity—*

*"(1) solicit and accept such services; and*

*"(2) enter into contracts or memoranda of agreement to acquire such services.".*

*(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in chapter 3 of title 14, United States Code, or any other law, may be construed to require the Coast Guard to construct, own, or operate a Museum as a condition of providing financial support to the Association for the purposes for which assistance is authorized under such chapter.*

*(2) DEFINITIONS.—In paragraph (1), the terms "Association" and "Museum" have the meanings given such terms in chapter 3 of title 14, United States Code.*

*(g) EFFECT OF LAW.—The training required by subsection (a) of section 333 of title 14, United States Code (as amended by this Act), shall replace the training that was required by the Commandant on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.*

*(h) BRIEFINGS.—*

*(1) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall brief the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives on the manner in which the Special Advisor for Tribal and Native Hawaiian Affairs will be incorporated into the governance structure of the Coast Guard, including a timeline for the incorporation that is completed not later than 1 year after date of enactment of this Act.*

*(2) ANNUAL BRIEFINGS ON SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE COMMANDANT TO TRIBAL AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the establishment of the position*

*of the Special Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Native Hawaiian Affairs under section 317 of title 14, United States Code, and annually thereafter for 2 years, the Commandant shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Technology and the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with a briefing on the duties, responsibilities, and actions of the Special Advisor to the Commandant for Tribal and Native Hawaiian Affairs, including management of best practices.*

*(3) BRIEFING ON COLLABORATION WITH TRIBES ON RESEARCH CONSISTENT WITH COAST GUARD MISSION REQUIREMENTS.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Technology and the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with a briefing on potential collaborations on and research and use of indigenous place-based knowledge and research.*

*(B) ELEMENT.—In providing the briefing under subparagraph (A), the Commandant shall identify current and potential future opportunities to improve coordination with Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and Tribal organizations to support—*

*(i) Coast Guard mission needs, such as the potential for research or knowledge to enhance maritime domain awareness, including opportunities through the ADAC–ARCTIC Center of Excellence of the Department of Homeland Security; and*

*(ii) Coast Guard efforts to protect indigenous place-based knowledge and research.*

*(C) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:*

*(i) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term "Indian Tribe" has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).*

*(ii) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term "Native Hawaiian organization" has the meaning given such term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.*

*(iii) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term "Tribal organization" has the meaning given the such in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).*

*(D) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection, or an amendment made by subsection (d)(6), shall be construed to impact—*

*(i) the right of any Indian Tribe; or*

*(ii) any government-to-government consultation.*

*(i) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

*(1) Section 11237 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended—*

*(A) in subsection (a) by striking "section 312 of title 14" and inserting "section 339 of title 14"; and*

*(B) in subsection (b)(2)(A) by striking "section 312 of title 14" and inserting "section 339 of title 14".*

*(2) Section 807(a) of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–282) is amended by striking "section 313 of title 14" and inserting "section 331 of title 14".*

*(3) Section 3533(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is amended by striking "section 315 of title 14" and inserting "section 333 of title 14".*

*(4) Section 311(j)(9)(D) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)(9)(D)) is amended by striking "section 323 of title 14" each place it appears and inserting "section 312 of title 14" each such place.*

*(j) DUTIES OF THE COAST GUARD.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 102 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "The Coast Guard shall" and inserting the following:*

*"(b) PRIMARY DUTIES.—The Coast Guard shall".*

*(2) TRANSFER.—Section 888(a) of Public Law 107–296 is transferred to appear in section 102 of title 14, United States Code, before subsection (b).*

*(k) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—*

*(1) MEMBERS ASSERTING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—Section 2516 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(A) in subsection (a) by inserting "described in section 102" after "Coast Guard operations"; and*

*(B) by striking subsection (d).*

*(2) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD FOR COMBAT-RELATED SPECIAL COMPENSATION.—Section 221 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2016 (10 U.S.C. 1413a note) is amended by striking "section 888(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 468(a))" and inserting "section 102 of title 14, United States Code".*

***SEC. 7202. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11269 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is—*

*(1) transferred to appear at the end of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code;*

*(2) redesignated as section 529; and*

*(3) amended—*

*(A) by striking the section enumerator and heading and inserting the following:*

***"§ 529. Public availability of information";***

*(B) by striking "Not later than" and inserting the following:*

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than";*

(C) by striking "the number of migrant" and inserting "the number of drug and person"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) CONTENTS.—In making information about interdictions publicly available under subsection (a), the Commandant shall include a description of the following:

"(1) The number of incidents in which drugs were interdicted, the amount and type of drugs interdicted, and the Coast Guard sectors and geographic areas of responsibility in which such incidents occurred.

"(2) The number of incidents in which persons were interdicted, the number of persons interdicted, the number of those persons who were unaccompanied minors, and the Coast Guard sectors and geographic areas of responsibility in which such incidents occurred.

"(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this provision shall be construed to require the Coast Guard to collect the information described in subsection (b), and nothing in this provision shall be construed to require the Commandant to publicly release confidential, classified, law enforcement sensitive, or otherwise protected information.".

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) TITLE 14.—The analysis for chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 528 the following:

"529. Public availability of information.".

(2) JAMES M. INHOFE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.—The table of contents for the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by striking the item relating to section 11269.

(3) DON YOUNG COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2022.—The table of contents for the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (division K of Public Law 117–263) is amended by striking the item relating to section 11269.

**SEC. 7203. MODIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF MINOR CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT.**

Section 903(d)(1) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "$1,500,000" and inserting "$2,000,000".

**SEC. 7204. AGREEMENTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

### "§ 722. Cooperation with eligible entities

"(a) IN GENERAL.—

"(1) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—Subject to the availability of appropriations and for the purpose of mitigating the impacts of Coast Guard actions including expansion of bases, including direct or indirect impacts, to natural resources and cultural resources, the Commandant may provide Federal financial assistance, except for loans or loan guarantees, or make grants to an eligible entity.

*"(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Financial assistance or grants made under paragraph (1) may be used to—*

*"(A) limit any development or use of such natural resources and cultural resources as a result of such Coast Guard actions described in paragraph (1);*

*"(B) maintain and maintain access to, such natural resources and cultural resources, including—*

*"(i) Tribal treaty fisheries and shellfish harvest, and usual and accustomed fishing areas; and*

*"(ii) subsistence fisheries, or any other fishery or shellfish harvest, of an Indian Tribe;*

*"(C) provide a means to replace, repair, or restore such natural resources and cultural resources of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization if such property is damaged by Coast Guard actions described in paragraph (1), in consultation with the affected Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization; and*

*"(D) maintain and improve natural resources located outside a Coast Guard installation, if the purpose of the agreement is to relieve or eliminate current or anticipated challenges that could restrict, impede, or otherwise interfere with, directly or indirectly, current or anticipated Coast Guard actions described in paragraph (1).*

*"(3) LIMITATION.—Financial assistance or grants made under paragraph (1) may not be used for the purpose of the Coast Guard receiving any funds.*

*"(b) NOTIFICATION; AVAILABILITY OF AGREEMENTS TO CONGRESS.—*

*"(1) NOTIFICATION.—The Commandant shall notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation or the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate (and the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate in the case of an eligible entity that is an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization or Native Hawaiian organization) and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives in writing not later than the date that is 3 full business days prior to any day on which the Commandant intends to enter into such an agreement or contract, or make a grant under subsection (a), and include in such notification the anticipated costs of carrying out the agreement, to the extent practicable.*

*"(2) AVAILABILITY OF AGREEMENTS.—A copy of such financial assistance or grant made under subsection (a) shall be provided to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation or the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate or the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives not later than 5 full business days after the date on which such request is submitted to the Commandant.*

*"(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to undermine the rights of any Indian Tribe to seek full and meaningful government-to-government consultation under this section or under any other law.*

*"(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*"(1) CULTURAL RESOURCE.—The term 'cultural resource' means any of the following:*

*"(A) A building, structure, site, district, or object eligible for or included in the National Register of Historic Places maintained under section 302101 of title 54.*

*"(B) Cultural items, as such term is defined in section 2(3) of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001(3)).*

*"(C) An archaeological resource, as such term is defined in section 3(1) of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S.C. 470bb(1))).*

*"(D) An archaeological artifact collection and associated records covered by part 79 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations.*

*"(E) A sacred site, as such term is defined in section 1(b) of Executive Order No. 13007 (42 U.S.C. 1996 note; relating to Indian sacred sites).*

*"(F) Treaty or trust resources of an Indian Tribe, including the habitat associated with such resources.*

*"(G) Subsistence resources of an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization including the habitat associated with such resources.*

*"(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term 'eligible entity' means the following:*

*"(A) A State, or a political subdivision of a State.*

*"(B) A local government.*

*"(C) An Indian Tribe.*

*"(D) Native Hawaiian organization.*

*"(E) A Tribal organization.*

*"(3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term 'Indian Tribe' has the meaning given that term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).*

*"(4) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term 'Native Hawaiian organization' has the meaning given such term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.*

*"(5) NATURAL RESOURCE.—The term 'natural resource' means land, fish, wildlife, biota, air, water, ground water, drinking water supplies, and other such resources belonging to, managed by, held in trust by, appertaining to, or otherwise controlled by the United States (including the resources of the waters of the United States), any State or local government, any Indian Tribe, any member of an Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization, if such resources are subject to a trust restriction on alienation and have been categorized into 1 of the following groups:*

*"(A) Surface water resources.*

*"(B) Ground water resources.*

*"(C) Air resources.*

*"(D) Geologic resources.*

*"(E) Biological resources.*

*"(6) STATE.—The term 'State' includes each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto*

*Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories and possessions of the United States.*

*"(7) TRIBAL ORGANIZATION.—The term 'Tribal organization' has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 7 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 721 the following:*

*"722. Cooperation with eligible entities.".*

***SEC. 7205. PREPAREDNESS PLANS FOR COAST GUARD PROPERTIES LOCATED IN TSUNAMI INUNDATION ZONES.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in consultation with the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall develop a location-specific tsunami preparedness plan for each property concerned.*

*(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In developing each preparedness plan under subsection (a), the Commandant shall ensure that the plan—*

*(1) minimizes the loss of human life;*

*(2) maximizes the ability of the Coast Guard to meet the mission of the Coast Guard;*

*(3) is included in the emergency action plan for each Coast Guard unit or sector located within the applicable tsunami inundation zone;*

*(4) designates an evacuation route to an assembly area located outside the tsunami inundation zone;*

*(5) takes into consideration near-shore and distant tsunami inundation of the property concerned;*

*(6) includes—*

*(A) maps of all applicable tsunami inundation zones;*

*(B) evacuation routes and instructions for all individuals located on the property concerned;*

*(C) procedures to begin evacuations as expeditiously as possible upon detection of a seismic or other tsunamigenic event;*

*(D) evacuation plans for Coast Guard aviation and afloat assets; and*

*(E)(i) routes for evacuation on foot from any location within the property concerned; or*

*(ii) if an on-foot evacuation is not possible, an assessment of whether there is a need for vertical evacuation refuges that would allow evacuation on foot;*

*(7) in the case of a property concerned that is at risk for a near-shore tsunami, is able to be completely executed within 15 minutes of detection of a seismic event, or if complete execution is not possible within 15 minutes, within a timeframe the Commandant considers reasonable to minimize the loss of life; and*

*(8) not less frequently than annually, is—*

*(A) exercised by each Coast Guard unit and sector located in the applicable tsunami inundation zone;*

*(B) communicated through an annual in-person training to Coast Guard personnel and dependents located or living on the property concerned; and*

*(C) evaluated by the relevant District Commander for each Coast Guard unit and sector located within the applicable tsunami inundation zone.*

*(c) CONSULTATION.—In developing each preparedness plan under subsection (a), the Commandant shall consult relevant State, Tribal, and local government entities, including emergency management officials.*

*(d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 14 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall provide a briefing to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives on each plan developed under subsection (a), including the status of implementation and feasibility of each such plan.*

*(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) PROPERTY CONCERNED.—The term "property concerned" means any real property owned, operated, or leased by the Coast Guard within a tsunami inundation zone.*

*(2) TSUNAMIGENIC EVENT.—The term "tsunamigenic event" means any event, such as an earthquake, volcanic eruption, submarine landslide, coastal rockfall, or other event, with the magnitude to cause a tsunami.*

*(3) VERTICAL EVACUATION REFUGE.—The term "vertical evacuation refuge" means a structure or earthen mound designated as a place of refuge in the event of a tsunami, with sufficient height to elevate evacuees above the tsunami inundation depth, designed and constructed to resist tsunami load effects.*

***SEC. 7206. ADDITIONAL PRIBILOF ISLAND TRANSITION COMPLETION ACTIONS.***

*Section 11221 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(e) ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON STATUS OF USE OF FACILITIES AND HELICOPTER BASING.—Beginning with the first quarterly report required under subsection (a) submitted after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Secretary shall include in each such report—*

*"(1) the status of the use of recently renovated Coast Guard housing facilities, food preparation facilities, and maintenance and repair facilities on St. Paul Island, Alaska, including a projected date for full use and occupancy of such facilities in support of Coast Guard missions in the Bering Sea; and*

*"(2) a detailed plan for the acquisition and construction of a hangar in close proximity to existing St. Paul airport facilities for the prosecution of Coast Guard operational missions, including plans for the use of land needed for such hangar.".*

***SEC. 7207. COAST GUARD ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FUND.***

*(a) INCLUSION OF COAST GUARD AS DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION.—Section 9705 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking "the Department of the Treasury or the United States Coast Guard" and inserting "a Department of the Treasury law enforcement organization";*

*(2) in subsection (a)(2)(B)—*

*(A) in clause (iv) by striking "and" at the end;*

*(B) in clause (v) by inserting "and" after the semicolon; and*

*(C) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(vi) the United States Coast Guard with respect to any law of the United States which the Coast Guard is authorized to enforce, assist in the enforcement of, or administer pursuant to section 102, 522, or 525 of title 14;";*

*(3) in subsection (a)(2)(H) by striking "the Department of the Treasury" and inserting "a Department of the Treasury law enforcement organization";*

*(4) in subsection (d)(2) by striking "or the United States Coast Guard" each place it appears;*

*(5) in subsection (f)(1)(A)(ii) by striking "or the United States Coast Guard";*

*(6) in subsection (h)(1) by striking "the Department of the Treasury" and inserting "a Department of the Treasury law enforcement organization";*

*(7) in subsection (j)(1) by striking "the Department of the Treasury or the United States Coast Guard" and inserting "a Department of the Treasury law enforcement organization";*

*(8) in subsection (l) by striking "the Department of the Treasury" and inserting "a Department of the Treasury law enforcement organization"; and*

*(9) in subsection (o)(1) by inserting "the United States Coast Guard," before "the United States Customs Service,".*

*(b) ELIMINATION OF SEPARATE FUNDS FOR THE COAST GUARD.—Section 9705 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by striking subsection (c);*

*(2) in subsection (g)(2) by striking "and (c)";*

*(3) by redesignating subsections (d) through (o) as subsections (c) through (n), respectively;*

*(4) by striking "subsection (d)" each place it appears and inserting "subsection (c)";*

*(5) by striking "subsection (e)" each place it appears and inserting "subsection (d)"; and*

*(6) by striking "subsection (h)" each place it appears and inserting "subsection (g)".*

*(c) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Section 9705 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (f)(3)(C), as so redesignated, by striking "section 4(B) of 9703(g)" and inserting "paragraph (4)(B)";*

*(2) in subsection (f)(4)(B), as so redesignated, by striking "for transfers pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ii) and";*

*(3) in subsection (g)(2), as so redesignated, by striking "seizure of forfeiture" and inserting "seizure or forfeiture"; and*

*(4) in subsection (l), as so redesignated, by striking "524(c)(11)" and inserting "524(c)".*

*(d) UPDATES TO CROSS-REFERENCES.—*

*(1) TITLE 28.—Section 524(c) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—*

*(A) in paragraph (4)(C) by striking "9705(g)(4)(A)" and inserting "9705(f)(4)(A)"; and*

*(B) in paragraph (10) by striking "9705(o)" and inserting "9705(n)".*

*(2) TITLE 31.—Section 5340(1) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking "9705(o)" and inserting "9705(n)".*

*(3) TITLE 39.—Section 2003(e)(1) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking "9705(o)" and inserting "9705(n)".*

# *Subtitle B—Acquisition*

***SEC. 7211. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATORS.***

*Section 1105 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(c) LEAD SYSTEMS INTEGRATOR DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'lead systems integrator' has the meaning given such term in section 805(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163).".*

***SEC. 7212. ACQUISITION IMPROVEMENTS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 1138. Service life extension programs***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Requirements for a Level 1 or Level 2 acquisition project or program under sections 1131 through 1134 shall not apply to an acquisition by the Coast Guard that is a service life extension program.*

*"(b) SERVICE LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAM DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'service life extension program' means a capital investment that is solely intended to extend the service life and address obsolescence of components or systems of a particular capability or asset.*

***"§ 1139. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for acquisition and procurement***

*"In carrying out the acquisition and procurement of vessels and aircraft, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting through the Commandant, shall consider the life-cycle cost estimates of vessels and aircraft, as applicable, during the design and evaluation processes to the maximum extent practicable.*

***"§ 1140. Contracts that provide best value for taxpayer***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a Level 1 or Level 2 acquisition project or program under this subchapter, the Commandant may publicly announce all construction, design, and engineering requirements and negotiate contracts for construction, design, and engineering services on the basis of demonstrated competence and quali-*

*fication for the type of professional services required and at fair and reasonable prices.*

*"(b) SELECTION PROCEDURE.—The following procedures may apply to the procurement of Level 1 or Level 2 acquisition project or program under this subchapter:*

*"(1) STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATION AND PERFORMANCE.—The Commandant shall require prospective contractors to submit a statement of qualifications and performance data.*

*"(2) EVALUATION.—For each proposed project, the Commandant shall—*

*"(A) evaluate statements of qualifications and performance submitted by firms regarding the proposed project; and*

*"(B) conduct discussions with firms to consider anticipated concepts and compare alternative methods for furnishing services.*

*"(3) SELECTION.—From the firms with which discussions have been conducted under paragraph (2)(B), the Commandant shall select, in order of preference, that the Commandant considers most highly qualified to provide the services required, based on criteria established and published by the Commandant.*

*"(c) NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACT.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall negotiate 1 or more contracts for construction, design, and engineering services under this section at compensation which the Commandant determines is fair and reasonable to the Federal Government.*

*"(2) FAIR AND REASONABLE COMPENSATION.—In determining fair and reasonable compensation, the Commandant shall consider the scope, complexity, professional nature, and estimated value of the services to be rendered.*

*"(3) NEGOTIATION.—The Commandant shall attempt to negotiate a contract or contracts with the most highly qualified firm or firms selected under subsection (b).*

*"(4) FURTHER NEGOTIATION.—If the Commandant is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract or contracts with the firm or firms under paragraph (3), the Commandant shall formally terminate negotiations with such firm or firms and undertake negotiations with the next most qualified of the selected firms, continuing the process until an agreement is reached.*

*"(5) ADDITIONAL FIRMS.—If the Commandant is unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract or contracts with any of the selected firms, the Commandant shall select additional firms in order of competence and qualification and continue negotiations in accordance with this section until 1 or more agreements are reached.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1137 the following:*

*"1138. Service life extension programs.*
*"1139. Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for acquisition and procurement.*
*"1140. Contracts that provide best value for taxpayer.".*

***SEC. 7213. RESTRICTION ON ACQUISITION, PROCUREMENT, OR CONSTRUCTION OF VESSELS IN FOREIGN SHIPYARDS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1151 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

***"§ 1151. Restriction on acquisition, procurement, or construction of vessels in foreign shipyards***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the Commandant may not lease, charter, or otherwise procure a vessel which contains a major component of the hull or superstructure constructed in a foreign shipyard.*

*"(b) EXCEPTIONS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may authorize exceptions to the prohibition in subsection (a) when the President determines that it is in the national security interest of the United States to do so.*

*"(2) NOTICE.—The President shall transmit notice to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate of any such determination made by the President under paragraph (1), and no contract may be awarded pursuant to the exception authorized until the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date the notice of such determination is received by such committees of Congress.*

*"(3) JUSTIFICATION.—The notice required under paragraph (2) shall include a written explanation of the national security interest and a detailed summary of market research demonstrating the lack of availability of United States shipyards to meet the Coast Guard requirements consistent with national security interest.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 1151 and inserting the following:*

*"1151. Restriction on acquisition, procurement, or construction of vessels in foreign shipyards.".*

***SEC. 7214. FLOATING DRYDOCK FOR UNITED STATES COAST GUARD YARD.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 1159. Floating drydock for United States Coast Guard Yard***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the Commandant, using funds appropriated pursuant to section 1181, may not acquire, procure, or construct a floating dry dock for the Coast Guard Yard.*

*"(b) PERMISSIBLE ACQUISITION, PROCUREMENT, OR CONSTRUCTION METHODS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section and section 1105(a), the Commandant may—*

*"(1) provide for an entity other than the Coast Guard to contract for the acquisition, procurement, or construction of a floating drydock by contract, purchase, or other agreement;*

*"(2) construct a floating drydock at the Coast Guard Yard; or*

*"(3) acquire or procure a commercially available floating drydock.*

*"(c) DESIGN STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES.—To the extent practicable, a floating drydock acquired, procured, or constructed under this section shall reflect commercial design standards and commercial construction practices that are consistent with the best interests of the Federal Government.*

*"(d) BERTHING REQUIREMENT.—Any floating drydock acquired, procured, or constructed under subsection (b) shall be berthed at the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore, Maryland, when lifting or maintaining vessels.*

*"(e) FLOATING DRYDOCK DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'floating drydock' means equipment that is—*

*"(1) constructed in the United States; and*

*"(2) capable of meeting the lifting and maintenance requirements of an Offshore Patrol Cutter or a National Security Cutter.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1158 the following:*

*"1159. Floating drydock for United States Coast Guard Yard.".*

***SEC. 7215. GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKING.***

*(a) GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKER AND ICEBREAKING TUGS.—*

*(1) STRATEGY.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a strategy detailing how the Coast Guard will complete design and construction of a Great Lakes icebreaker at least as capable as the Coast Guard cutter Mackinaw (WLBB–30) as expeditiously as possible after funding is provided for such icebreaker, including providing a cost estimate and an estimated delivery timeline that would facilitate the expedited delivery detailed in the strategy.*

*(2) REPORT ON BAY CLASS ICEBREAKING TUG FLEET REPLACEMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate—*

*(A) a report that describes the strategy of the Coast Guard with respect to the replacement of the Bay class icebreaking tug fleet;*

*(B) in the case of such a strategy that results in the replacement of the last Bay class icebreaking tug on a date that is more than 5 years after such date of enactment, a plan to maintain the operational capabilities of the Bay class icebreaking tug fleet until the date on which such fleet is projected to be replaced; and*

*(C) in the case of such a plan that does not include the replacement of the main propulsion engines and marine gear components of the Bay class icebreaking tug fleet, an assessment of the manner in which not replacing such en-*

*gines and gear components will effect the future operational availability of such fleet.*

*(b) GREAT LAKES ICEBREAKER PILOT PROGRAM.—Section 11212(a) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(4) PILOT PROGRAM.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—During the 5 ice seasons beginning after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Commandant shall conduct a pilot program to determine the extent to which the Coast Guard Great Lakes icebreaking cutter fleet is capable of maintaining tier one and tier two waterways open 95 percent of the time during an ice season.*

*"(B) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the end of each of the 5 ice seasons beginning after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report that details—*

*"(i) the results of the pilot program required under subparagraph (A); and*

*"(ii) any relevant new performance measures implemented by the Coast Guard, including the measures described in pages 5 through 7 of the report of the Coast Guard titled 'Domestic Icebreaking Operations' and submitted to Congress on July 26, 2024, as required by section 11212(a)(3) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263), and the results of the implementation of such measures.".*

*(c) MODIFICATION TO REPORTING REQUIREMENT RELATING TO ICEBREAKING OPERATIONS IN GREAT LAKES.—Section 11213(f) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended to read as follows:*

*"(f) PUBLIC REPORT.—Not later than July 1 after the first winter in which the Commandant has submitted the report required by paragraph (3) of section 11212(a), the Commandant shall publish on a publicly accessible website of the Coast Guard a report on the cost to the Coast Guard of meeting the proposed standards described in paragraph (2) of such section.".*

*(d) REPORT ON COAST GUARD CUTTER* **MACKINAW**.—*Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a detailed written briefing that describes—*

*(1) the Midlife Maintenance Availability Assessment for Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw;*

*(2) the remaining service life of the hull;*

*(3) the—*

*(A) estimated remaining service life of the hull if the cutter undergoes a Service Life Extension Program;*

*(B) estimated costs associated with such a program; and*

*(C) fiscal years in which such funds would be required to ensure the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw remains operational consistently in winter seasons through the extended service life resulting from such a program.*

***SEC. 7216. BRIEFING ON DEPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL PURPOSE CRAFT–HEAVY WEATHER SECOND GENERATION (SPEC-HWX II) VESSELS IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST.***

*Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a briefing on—*

*(1) the status of the acquisition and procurement of second-generation Special Purpose Craft–Heavy Weather (SPC–HWX II) vessels consistent with section 11104(a)(3) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (division K of Public Law 117–263);*

*(2) the timeline for the deployment of such vessels to stations in the Pacific Northwest previously served by the first-generation Special Purpose Craft–Heavy Weather vessels and the National Motor Lifeboat School;*

*(3) funding levels required each fiscal year to meet the requirements completing the fleet size prescribed in section 11104(a)(3) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (division K of Public Law 117–263) not later than fiscal year 2030;*

*(4) any outstanding barriers to the timeliness of such deployment; and*

*(5) any instances where the Coast Guard was unable to deploy or complete statutory missions, including towing missions, due to the lack of such first generation heavy weather craft.*

***SEC. 7217. REPORT ON 87-FOOT PATROL BOAT FLEET.***

*Not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a detailed written briefing that describes the strategy of the Coast Guard with respect to replacing the mission capability provided by the full 87-foot patrol boat fleet that was operational on September 30, 2020.*

***SEC. 7218. PROCUREMENT OF TACTICAL MARITIME SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b)(2), subject to the availability of appropriations and if the Secretary of Homeland Security determines that there is a need, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—*

*(1) procure a tactical maritime surveillance system, or similar technology, for use by the Coast Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the areas of operation of—*

*(A) Coast Guard Sector San Diego in California;*

*(B) Coast Guard Sector San Juan in Puerto Rico; and*

*(C) Coast Guard Sector Key West in Florida; and*

*(2) for purposes of data integration and land-based data access, procure for each area of operation described in paragraph (1) and for Coast Guard Station South Padre Island a land-based maritime domain awareness system capable of sharing data with the Coast Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection—*

*(A) to operate in conjunction with—*

*(i) the system procured under section 11266 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 4063) for Coast Guard Station South Padre Island; and*

*(ii) the tactical maritime surveillance system procured for each area of operation under paragraph (1); and*

*(B) to be installed in the order in which the systems described in subparagraph (A) are installed.*

*(b) STUDY; LIMITATION.—*

*(1) STUDY REQUIRED.—Prior to the procurement or operation of a tactical maritime surveillance system, or similar technology, that is deployed from a property owned by the Department of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall complete a study, in coordination with Secretary of Defense, analyzing the potential impacts to the national security of the United States of such operation.*

*(2) LIMITATION.—If it is determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Defense through the study required under paragraph (1) that the placement or installation of a system described in subsection (a) negatively impacts the national security of the United States, such system shall not be procured or installed.*

## *Subtitle C—Personnel*

### *SEC. 7221. DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS WITH PARTICULAR EXPERTISE IN MILITARY JUSTICE OR HEALTHCARE.*

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 21 of title 14, United States Code is amended by adding at the end the following:*

#### *"§ 2132. Designation of officers with particular expertise in military justice or healthcare*

*"(a) SECRETARY DESIGNATION.—The Secretary may designate a limited number of officers of the Coast Guard as having particular expertise in—*

*"(1) military justice; or*

*"(2) healthcare.*

*"(b) PROMOTION AND GRADE.—An individual designated under this section—*

*"(1) shall not be included on the active duty promotion list;*

*"(2) shall be promoted under section 2126; and*

*"(3) may not be promoted to a grade higher than captain.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 21 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2131 the following:*

*"2132. Designation of officers with particular expertise in military justice or healthcare.".*

*(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

*(1) Section 2102(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended, in the second sentence by striking "and officers of the permanent commissioned teaching staff of the Coast Guard Academy" and inserting "officers of the permanent commissioned teaching staff of the Coast Guard Academy, and officers designated by the Secretary pursuant this section".*

*(2) Subsection (e) of section 2103 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

*"(e) SECRETARY TO PRESCRIBE NUMBERS FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS.—The Secretary shall prescribe the number of officers authorized to be serving on active duty in each grade of—*

*"(1) the permanent commissioned teaching staff of the Coast Guard Academy;*

*"(2) the officers designated by the Secretary pursuant to this section; and*

*"(3) the officers of the Reserve serving in connection with organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the reserve components.".*

*(3) Section 2126 of title 14, United States Code, is amended, in the second sentence, by inserting "and as to officers designated by the Secretary pursuant to this section" after "reserve components".*

*(4) Section 3736(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(A) in the first sentence by striking "promotion list and the" and inserting "promotion list, officers designated by the Secretary pursuant to this section, and the officers on the"; and*

*(B) in the second sentence by striking "promotion list or the" and inserting "promotion list, officers designated by the Secretary pursuant to this section, or the officers on the".*

***SEC. 7222. DEFERRED RETIREMENT AND RETENTION IN ACTIVE DUTY STATUS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICERS.***

*(a) DEFERRED RETIREMENT.—Section 2154 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(c) DEFERRED RETIREMENT OR SEPARATION FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICERS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may defer the retirement or separation under subsection (a) of a health professions officer if, during the period of the deferment, the health professions officer will be performing duties that consist primarily of providing patient care or performing other clinical duties.*

*"(2) LIMITATION.—A deferment under this subsection may not extend beyond the first day of the month following the month in which the health professions officer concerned becomes 68 years of age.*

*"(3) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary may designate as health professions officers a category of members of the Coast Guard whose duties consist primarily of—*

*"(A) providing health care;*

*"(B) performing other clinical care, including radiology, specialty care, behavioral health care, pharmacy care, medical laboratory, or testing; or*

*"(C) performing health care-related administrative duties.*

*"(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to prohibit or modify the application of any provision relating to mandatory separation or disciplinary action.*

*"(5) HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICER DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term 'health professions officer' means an officer or enlisted member of the Coast Guard in good standing who is—*

*"(A) a physician, surgeon, medical specialist, nurse or nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, health service technician, therapist, fully licensed clinical psychotherapist, counselor, social worker, medical assistant, radiology assistant, pharmacist, pharmacy assistant, nutritionist, dietitian, any administrative personnel associated with a Coast Guard medical program (including a clinic), personnel who works in a medical laboratory, physical therapist, physical therapist aide, occupational therapist, or occupational therapist aide;*

*"(B) a dentist, dental assistant, oral surgeon, or any other dental-related personnel; or*

*"(C) a member of a category designated by the Secretary under paragraph (3).".*

*(b) RETENTION IN ACTIVE STATUS.—Section 3753 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and*

*(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:*

*"(d) RETENTION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICERS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b), and (c), the Secretary may authorize the retention of a Reserve health professions officer in an active status not beyond the first day of the month following the month in which the health professions officer concerned becomes 68 years of age.*

*"(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to prohibit or modify the application of any provision relating to mandatory separation or disciplinary action.*

*"(3) HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICER DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term 'health professions officer' means an officer or enlisted member of the Coast Guard in good standing who is—*

*"(A) a physician, surgeon, medical specialist, nurse or nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, health service technician, therapist, fully licensed clinical psychotherapist, counselor, social worker, medical assistant, radiology assistant, pharmacist, pharmacy assistant, nutritionist, dietitian, any administrative personnel associated with a Coast Guard medical program (including a clinic), personnel who works in a medical laboratory, physical therapist, physical therapist aide, occupational therapist, or occupational therapist aide;*

*"(B) a dentist, dental assistant, oral surgeon, or any other dental-related personnel; or*

*"(C) a member of a category designated by the Secretary under section 2154(c)(3).".*

***SEC. 7223. MODIFICATIONS TO THE OFFICER INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION PROCESS.***

*(a) REVIEW OF RECORDS.—Section 2158 of title 14, United States Code, is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking "may at any time convene a board of officers" and inserting "shall prescribe, by regulation, procedures".*

*(b) BOARDS OF INQUIRY.—Section 2159(c) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "send the record of its proceedings to a board of review" and inserting "recommend to the Secretary that the officer not be retained on active duty".*

*(c) REPEAL OF BOARDS OF REVIEW.—Section 2160 of title 14, United States Code, is repealed.*

*(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(A) in section 2161 by striking "section 2158, 2159, or 2160" each place it appears and inserting "section 2158 or 2159";*

*(B) in section 2163, in the first sentence by striking "board of review under section 2160 of this title" and inserting "board of inquiry under section 2159 of this title"; and*

*(C) in section 2164(a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "or 2160".*

*(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis at the beginning of chapter 21 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 2160.*

***SEC. 7224. MODIFICATIONS AND REVISIONS RELATING TO REOPENING RETIRED GRADE DETERMINATIONS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2501(d)(2) of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subparagraph (B) by inserting "a" before "competent authority";*

*(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) through (E) as subparagraphs (F) through (H), respectively; and*

*(3) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:*

*"(C) substantial evidence comes to light that, during the commissioned service of the officer, the officer failed to carry out applicable laws, with an intent to deceive or defraud;*

*"(D) substantial evidence comes to light after the retirement that the officer committed rape or sexual assault, as described in sections 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) at any time during the commissioned service of the officer;*

*"(E) substantial evidence comes to light after the retirement that the commissioned officer knew of and failed to report through proper channels, in accordance with existing law at the time of the alleged incident, any known instances of sexual assault by a member of the Coast Guard*

*under the command of the officer during the officer's service;".*

*(b) ISSUANCE AND REVISION OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO GOOD CAUSE TO REOPEN RETIRED GRADE DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue or revise, as applicable, and at the discretion of the Secretary consistent with this section, regulations of the Coast Guard to do the following:*

*(1) Define what constitutes good cause to reopen a retired grade determination referred to in subparagraph (H) of section 2501(d)(2) of title 14, United States Code, as redesignated by subsection (a), to ensure that the following shall be considered good cause for such a reopening:*

*(A) Circumstances that constitute a failure to carry out applicable laws regarding a report of sexual assault with an intent to deceive by a commissioned officer, that relate to a response made to a report of sexual assault, during the commissioned service of the officer.*

*(B) Substantial evidence of sexual assault by the commissioned officer concerned, at any time during the commissioned service of such officer, or such evidence that was not considered by the Coast Guard in a manner consistent with law.*

*(2) Identify the standard for making, and the evidentiary showing required to support, an adverse determination on the retired grade of a commissioned officer.*

*(c) REVISION OF LIMITATIONS ON REOPENING RETIRED GRADE DETERMINATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall revise applicable guidance in section K.10 of chapter 3 of Commandant Instruction 1000.4A to remove any restriction that limits the ability to reopen the retired grade of a commissioned officer based on—*

*(1) whether new evidence is discovered contemporaneously with or within a short time period after the date of retirement of the officer concerned; and*

*(2) whether the misconduct concerned was not discoverable through due diligence.*

*(d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—No provision of this section or the amendments made by this section shall be construed to permit a review of conduct that was not in violation of law or policy at the time of the alleged conduct.*

***SEC. 7225. FAMILY LEAVE POLICIES FOR COAST GUARD.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2512 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in the section heading by striking "**Leave**" and inserting "**Family leave**";*

*(2) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) by striking ", United States Code," and inserting "or, with respect to the reserve component of the Coast Guard, the Secretary of Defense promulgates a new regulation for members of the reserve component of the Coast Guard pursuant to section 711 of title 10,";*

*(B) by striking "or adoption of a child" and inserting "or placement of a minor child with the member for adoption or long term foster care";*

*(C) by striking "and enlisted members" and inserting ", enlisted members, and members of the reserve component"; and*

*(D) by inserting "or, with respect to members of the reserve component of the Coast Guard, the Secretary of Defense" after "provided by the Secretary of the Navy";*

*(3) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) in the subsection heading by striking "ADOPTION OF CHILD" and inserting "PLACEMENT OF MINOR CHILD WITH MEMBER FOR ADOPTION OR LONG TERM FOSTER CARE";*

*(B) by striking "and 704" and inserting ", 704, and 711";*

*(C) by striking "and enlisted members" and inserting ", enlisted members, and members of the reserve component";*

*(D) by striking "the birth or adoption" and inserting "the birth, adoption, or long term foster care";*

*(E) by striking "immediately";*

*(F) by striking "such birth or adoption" and inserting "such birth, placement of a minor child with the member for long-term foster care, or adoption,"; and*

*(G) by striking "enlisted member" and inserting ", enlisted member, or member of the reserve component"; and*

*(4) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(c) PERIOD OF LEAVE.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, may authorize leave described under subparagraph (b) to be taken after the one-year period described in subparagraph (b) in the case of a member described in subsection (b) who, except for this subparagraph, would lose unused family leave at the end of the one-year period described in subparagraph (A) as a result of—*

*"(A) operational requirements;*

*"(B) professional military education obligations; or*

*"(C) other circumstances that the Secretary determines reasonable and appropriate.*

*"(2) EXTENDED DEADLINE.—The regulation, rule, policy, or memorandum prescribed under paragraph (a) shall require that any leave authorized to be taken after the one-year period described in subparagraph (c)(1)(A) shall be taken within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, after cessation of the circumstances warranting the extended deadline.*

*"(d) MEMBER OF THE RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE COAST GUARD DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'member of the reserve component of the Coast Guard' means a member of the Coast Guard who is a member of—*

*"(1) the selected reserve who is entitled to compensation under section 206 of title 37; or*

*"(2) the individual ready reserve who is entitled to compensation under section 206 of title 37 when attending or participating in a sufficient number of periods of inactive-duty train-*

*ing during a year to count the year as a qualifying year of creditable service toward eligibility for retired pay.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 2512 and inserting the following:*

*"2512. Family leave policies for the Coast Guard.".*

*(c) COMPENSATION.—Section 206(a)(4) of title 37, United States Code, is amended by inserting before the period at the end "or family leave under section 2512 of title 14".*

***SEC. 7226. MODIFICATIONS TO CAREER FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM.***

*Section 2514 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (c)(3) by striking "2 months" and inserting "30 days"; and*

*(2) in subsection (h)—*

*(A) in paragraph (1) by striking "and" at the end;*

*(B) in paragraph (2) by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and*

*(C) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(3) the entitlement of the member and of the survivors of the member to all death benefits under subchapter II of chapter 75 of title 10;*

*"(4) the provision of all travel and transportation allowances to family members of a deceased member to attend the repatriation, burial, or memorial ceremony of a deceased member as provided in section 453(f) of title 37;*

*"(5) the eligibility of the member for general benefits as provided in part II of title 38; and*

*"(6) in the case of a victim of an alleged sex-related offense (as such term is defined in section 1044e(h) of title 10) to the maximum extent practicable, maintaining access to—*

*"(A) Coast Guard behavioral health resources;*

*"(B) sexual assault prevention and response resources and programs of the Coast Guard; and*

*"(C) Coast Guard legal resources, including, to the extent practicable, special victims' counsel.".*

***SEC. 7227. MEMBERS ASSERTING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.***

*Section 2516 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) in paragraph (1)—*

*(i) by striking "or has been sexually assaulted during the preceding 2-year period"; and*

*(ii) by striking "or based on such sexual assault, the influence of" and inserting "the signs and symptoms of either";*

*(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (4) as paragraphs (3) through (5), respectively;*

*(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:*

*"(2) MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL, OR EMOTIONAL DISORDER.—A member of the Coast Guard who has been sexually assaulted during the preceding 5-year period and who alleges, based on such sexual assault, the signs and symptoms of a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder described within the*

*most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association—*

*"(A) is provided the opportunity to request a medical examination to clinically evaluate such signs and symptoms; and*

*"(B) receives such a medical examination to evaluate a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder described within the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association.";*

*(D) in paragraph (3) by striking "paragraph (1)" and inserting "this subsection"; and*

*(E) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated—*

*(i) by inserting "or a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder" before "under this subsection";*

*(ii) by inserting "performed by" after "shall be"; and*

*(iii) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:*

*"(A) a board-certified psychiatrist;*

*"(B) a licensed doctorate-level psychologist;*

*"(C) any other appropriate licensed or certified healthcare professional designated by the Commandant; or*

*"(D) a psychiatry resident or board-eligible psychologist who—*

*"(i) has completed a 1-year internship or residency; and*

*"(ii) is under the close supervision of a board-certified psychiatrist or licensed doctorate-level psychologist.";*

*(2) in subsection (b) by inserting "or a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder" after "traumatic brain injury"; and*

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

*"(e) NOTIFICATION OF RIGHT TO REQUEST MEDICAL EXAMINATION.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Any member of the Coast Guard who receives a notice of involuntary administrative separation shall be advised at the time of such notice of the right of the member to request a medical examination under subsection (a) if any condition described in such subsection applies to the member.*

*"(2) POLICY.—The Commandant shall—*

*"(A) develop and issue a clear policy for carrying out the notification required under paragraph (1) with respect to any member of the Coast Guard described in that paragraph who has made an unrestricted report of sexual assault; and*

*"(B) provide information on such policy to sexual assault response coordinators of the Coast Guard for the purpose of ensuring that such policy is communicated to members of the Coast Guard who may be eligible for a medical examination under this section.".*

***SEC. 7228. AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN PERSONNEL; COMMAND SPONSORSHIP FOR DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD ASSIGNED TO UNALASKA, ALASKA; IMPROVED PREVENTION OF AND RESPONSE TO HAZING AND BULLYING.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 2517. Authority for certain personnel***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may appoint, without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33 (other than sections 3303 and 3328 of such chapter) of title 5, qualified candidates to any of the following positions in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102 of title 5) in the Coast Guard:*

*"(1) Any category of medical or health professional positions within the Coast Guard.*

*"(2) Any childcare services position.*

*"(3) Any position in the Coast Guard housing office of a Coast Guard installation, the primary function of which is supervision of Coast Guard housing covered by subchapter III of chapter 29 of this title.*

*"(4) Any nonclinical specialist position the purpose of which is the integrated primary prevention of harmful behavior, including suicide, sexual assault, harassment, domestic abuse, and child abuse.*

*"(5) Any special agent position of the Coast Guard Investigative Service.*

*"(6) The following positions at the Coast Guard Academy:*

*"(A) Any civilian faculty member appointed under section 1941.*

*"(B) A position involving the improvement of cadet health or well-being.*

*"(b) LIMITATION.—The Commandant shall only appoint qualified candidates under the authority provided by subsections (a) and (b) if the Commandant determines that there is a shortage of qualified candidates for the positions described in such subsection or a critical hiring need for such positions.*

*"(c) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, and annually thereafter for the following 5 years, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a written briefing which describes the use of the authority provided under this section on an annual basis, including the following:*

*"(1) The number of employees hired under the authority provided under this section within the year for which the briefing is provided.*

*"(2) The positions and grades for which employees were hired.*

*"(3) A justification for the Commandant's determination that such positions involved a shortage of qualified candidates or a critical hiring need.*

*"(4) The number of employees who were hired under the authority provided under this section who have separated from the Coast Guard.*

*"(5) Steps the Coast Guard has taken to engage with the Office of Personnel Management under subpart B of part 337 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, for positions for which the Commandant determines a direct hire authority remains necessary.*

*"(d) SUNSET.—The authority provided under subsection (a) shall expire on September 30, 2030.*

***"§ 2518. Command sponsorship***

*"On request by a member of the Coast Guard assigned to Unalaska, Alaska, the Commandant shall grant command sponsorship to the dependents of such member.*

***"§ 2519. Prevention of and response to hazing and bullying***

*"(a) ANTI-HAZING AND ANTI-BULLYING DATABASE.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall cooperate in the establishment and use of a comprehensive and consistent data-collection system described in section 549 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) for the collection of reports, including anonymous reports, of incidents of hazing or bullying.*

*"(b) IMPROVED TRAINING.—The Commandant shall seek to improve training to assist members of the Coast Guard to better recognize, prevent, and respond to hazing and bullying at all command levels.*

*"(c) ANNUAL REPORTS ON HAZING AND BULLYING.—Not later than May 31, 2026, and annually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report containing the following:*

*"(1) a description of efforts during the previous fiscal year—*

*"(A) to prevent and to respond to incidents of hazing or bullying involving members of the Coast Guard;*

*"(B) to track and encourage reporting, including reporting anonymously, incidents of hazing in the Coast Guard; and*

*"(C) to ensure the consistent implementation of anti-hazing and anti-bullying policies.*

*"(2) A discussion of the policies of the Coast Guard for preventing and responding to incidents of hazing.*

*"(3) A description of comprehensive data collection systems of the Coast Guard for collecting hazing or bullying reports involving a member of the Coast Guard.*

*"(4) A description of processes of the Coast Guard to identify, document, and report alleged instances of hazing or bullying. Such description shall include the methodology the Coast Guard uses to categorize and count potential instances of hazing or bullying.*

*"(5) A description of any training provided to members of the Coast Guard on recognizing and preventing hazing.*

*"(6) For the preceding 3 fiscal years in the initial report and preceding fiscal year in subsequent reports—*

*"(A) the number of alleged and substantiated incidents of hazing involving members of the Coast Guard;*

*"(B) a description of the nature of each such incident; and*

*"(C) a description of the actions taken to address each such incident through nonjudicial and judicial actions.*

*"(7) With respect to training for members of the Coast Guard on recognizing and preventing hazing and bullying, an assessment by the Commandant of—*

*"(A) the quality of such training;*

*"(B) the need for modifications to such training; and*

*"(C) the need to require additional such training.*

*"(8) An assessment by the Commandant of—*

*"(A) the effectiveness of the Coast Guard in tracking and reporting instances of hazing or bullying; and*

*"(B) whether the performance of the Coast Guard with respect to such tracking and reporting was satisfactory or unsatisfactory during the preceding fiscal year.*

*"(9) Recommendations of the Commandant to improve—*

*"(A) the policies described in paragraph (4);*

*"(B) the comprehensive data collection systems described in paragraph (5);*

*"(C) the processes described in paragraph (6);*

*"(D) the training described in paragraph (9); and*

*"(E) the Uniform Code of Military Justice or the Manual for Courts-Martial to improve the prosecution of persons alleged to have committed hazing or bullying in the Coast Guard.*

*"(10) The status of efforts of the Commandant to evaluate the prevalence of hazing and bullying in the Coast Guard.*

*"(11) Data on allegations of hazing and bullying in the Coast Guard, including final disposition of investigations.*

*"(12) Plans of the Commandant to improve hazing and bullying prevention and response during the next reporting year.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2516 the following:*

*"2517. Authority for certain personnel.*
*"2518. Command sponsorship.*
*"2519. Prevention of and response to hazing and bullying.".*

***SEC. 7229. AUTHORIZATION FOR MATERNITY UNIFORM ALLOWANCE FOR OFFICERS.***

*Section 2708 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(c) The Coast Guard may provide a cash allowance, in such amount as the Secretary shall determine by policy, to be paid to pregnant officer personnel for the purchase of maternity-related uniform items, if such uniform items are not so furnished to the member by the Coast Guard.".*

***SEC. 7230. ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE GUIDANCE AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR RESERVE SELECTION BOARDS.***

*Section 3740(f) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking "section 2117" and inserting "sections 2115 and 2117".*

***SEC. 7231. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.***

*(a) COAST GUARD EMBEDDED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN PROGRAM.—*

*(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in coordination with the Assistant Commandant for Health, Safety, and Work Life, shall establish and conduct a pilot program, to be known as the "Coast Guard Embedded Behavioral Health Technician Program" (referred to in this section as the "Pilot Program"), to integrate behavioral health technicians serving at Coast Guard units for the purposes of—*

*(i) facilitating, at the clinic level, the provision of integrated behavioral health care for members of the Coast Guard;*

*(ii) providing, as a force extender under the supervision of a licensed behavioral health care provider, at the clinic level—*

*(I) psychological assessment and diagnostic services, as appropriate;*

*(II) behavioral health services, as appropriate;*

*(III) education and training related to promoting positive behavioral health and well-being; and*

*(IV) information and resources, including expedited referrals, to assist members of the Coast Guard in dealing with behavioral health concerns;*

*(iii) improving resilience and mental health care among members of the Coast Guard who respond to extraordinary calls of duty, with the ultimate goals of preventing crises and addressing mental health concerns before such concerns evolve into more complex issues that require care at a military treatment facility;*

*(iv) increasing—*

*(I) the number of such members served by behavioral health technicians; and*

*(II) the proportion of such members returning to duty after seeking behavioral health care; and*

*(v) positively impacting the Coast Guard in a cost-effective manner by extending behavioral health services to the workforce and improving access to care.*

*(B) BRIEFING.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with a briefing regarding a plan to establish and conduct the Pilot Program.*

*(2) SELECTION OF COAST GUARD CLINICS.—The Commandant shall select, for participation in the Pilot Program, 3 or more Coast Guard clinics that support units that have significantly*

*high operational tempos or other force resiliency risks, as determined by the Commandant.*

*(3) PLACEMENT OF STAFF AT COAST GUARD CLINICS.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Under the Pilot Program, a Coast Guard health services technician with a grade of E–5 or higher, or an assigned civilian behavioral health specialist, shall be—*

*(i) assigned to each selected Coast Guard clinic; and*

*(ii) located at a unit with high operational tempo.*

*(B) TRAINING.—*

*(i) HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIANS.—Before commencing an assignment at a Coast Guard clinic under subparagraph (A), a Coast Guard health services technician shall complete behavioral health technician training and independent duty health services training.*

*(ii) CIVILIAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS.—To qualify for an assignment at a Coast Guard clinic under subparagraph (A), a civilian behavioral health specialist shall have at least the equivalent behavioral health training as the training required for a Coast Guard behavioral health technician under clause (i).*

*(4) ADMINISTRATION.—The Commandant, in coordination with the Assistant Commandant for Health, Safety, and Work Life, shall administer the Pilot Program through the Health, Safety, and Work-Life Service Center.*

*(5) DATA COLLECTION.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall collect and analyze data concerning the Pilot Program for purposes of—*

*(i) developing and sharing best practices for improving access to behavioral health care; and*

*(ii) providing information to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives regarding the implementation of the Pilot Program and related policy issues.*

*(B) PLAN.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a plan for carrying out subparagraph (A).*

*(6) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than September 1 of each year until the date on which the Pilot Program terminates under paragraph (7), the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the Pilot Program that includes the following:*

*(A) An overview of the implementation of the Pilot Program at each applicable Coast Guard clinic, including—*

*(i) the number of members of the Coast Guard who received services on site by a behavioral health technician assigned to such clinic;*

*(ii) feedback from all members of the Coast Guard empaneled for their medical care under the Pilot Program;*

*(iii) an assessment of the deployability and overall readiness of members of the applicable operational unit; and*

*(iv) an estimate of potential costs and impacts on other Coast Guard health care services of supporting the Pilot Program at such units and clinics.*

*(B) The data and analysis required under paragraph (5)(A).*

*(C) A list and detailed description of lessons learned from the Pilot Program as of the date of on which the report is submitted.*

*(D) The feasibility, estimated cost, and impacts on other Coast Guard health care services of expanding the Pilot Program to all Coast Guard clinics, and a description of the personnel, fiscal, and administrative resources that would be needed for such an expansion.*

*(7) TERMINATION.—The Pilot Program shall terminate on September 30, 2028.*

*(b) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall hire, train, and deploy not fewer than 5 additional behavioral health specialists, in addition to the personnel required under section 11412(a) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note).*

*(2) REQUIREMENT.—The Commandant shall ensure that not fewer than 35 percent of behavioral health specialists required to be deployed under paragraph (1) have experience in—*

*(A) behavioral health care related to military sexual trauma; and*

*(B) behavioral health care for the purpose of supporting members of the Coast Guard with needs for mental health care and counseling services for post-traumatic stress disorder and co-occurring disorders related to military sexual trauma.*

*(3) ACCESSIBILITY.—The support provided by the behavioral health specialists hired pursuant to paragraph (1)—*

*(A) may include care delivered via telemedicine; and*

*(B) shall be made widely available to members of the Coast Guard.*

*(4) NOTIFICATION.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives in writing if the Coast Guard has not completed hiring, training, and deploying—*

*(i) the personnel referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2); and*

*(ii) the personnel required under section 11412(a) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note).*

*(B) CONTENTS.—The notification required under subparagraph (A) shall include—*

*(i) the date of publication of the hiring opportunity for all such personnel;*

*(ii) the General Schedule grade level advertised in the publication of the hiring opportunity for all such personnel;*

*(iii) the number of personnel to whom the Coast Guard extended an offer of employment in accordance with the requirements of this section and section 11412(a) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (14 U.S.C. 504 note), and the number of such personnel who accepted or declined such offer of employment;*

*(iv) a summary of the efforts by the Coast Guard to publicize, advertise, or otherwise recruit qualified candidates in accordance with the requirements of this section and section 11412(a) of such Act; and*

*(v) any recommendations and a detailed plan to ensure full compliance with the requirements of this section and section 11412(a) of such Act, which may include special payments discussed in the report of the Government Accountability Office titled "Federal Pay: Opportunities Exist to Enhance Strategic Use of Special Payments", published on December 7, 2017 (GAO–18–91), which may be made available to help ensure full compliance with all such requirements in a timely manner.*

***SEC. 7232. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE FOR MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD ASSIGNED TO ALASKA.***

*(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commandant shall implement a policy that provides for reimbursement to eligible members of the Coast Guard for the cost of airfare for such members to travel to a place within the United States or the territories of the United States at the request of such member during the period specified in subsection (h).*

*(b) ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.—A member of the Coast Guard is eligible for a reimbursement under subsection (a) if—*

*(1) the member is assigned to a duty location in Alaska; and*

*(2) an officer in a grade above O–5 in the chain of command of the member authorizes the travel of the member.*

*(c) TREATMENT OF TIME AS LEAVE.—The time during which an eligible member is absent from duty for travel reimbursable under subsection (a) shall be treated as leave for purposes of section 704 of title 10, United States Code.*

*(d) RESTRICTION.—The Commandant shall not deny reimbursement for travel authorized under subsection (b)(2) to the respective member.*

*(e) JUSTIFICATION.—If a member requests to travel to a place that is not the home of record, or state of legal residence, of such member, the approving official under subsection (b)(2) may require a justification of the request by such member and shall not unreasonably deny such request.*

*(f) REIMBURSEMENT LIMITATION.—The rate of reimbursement for travel to a place that is not the member's home of record or state of legal residence shall be limited to the cost of travel to the member's home of record or state of legal residence using the amounts determined by the GSA City Pairs Program.*

*(g) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1, 2027, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a briefing on—*

*(1) the use and effectiveness of reimbursements under subsection (a);*

*(2) the calculation and use of the cost of living allowance for a member assigned to a duty location in Alaska; and*

*(3) the use of special pays and other allowances as incentives for cold weather proficiency or duty locations.*

*(h) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—The period specified in this subsection is the period—*

*(1) beginning on the date of enactment of this Act; and*

*(2) ending on the later of—*

*(A) December 31, 2029; or*

*(B) the date on which the authority under section 352 of title 37, United States Code, to grant assignment or special duty pay to members of the uniform services terminates under subsection (g) of such section.*

***SEC. 7233. TUITION ASSISTANCE AND ADVANCED EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM.***

*(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting through the Commandant, shall establish a tuition assistance pilot program for active-duty members of the Coast Guard, to be known as the "Tuition Assistance and Advanced Education Assistance Pilot Program for Sea Duty" (referred to in this section as the "pilot program").*

*(b) FORMAL AGREEMENT.—A member of the Coast Guard participating in the pilot program shall enter into a formal agreement with the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating that provides that, upon the successful completion of a sea duty tour by such member and beginning on the date on which the sea duty tour concludes, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall—*

*(1) reduce by one half the service obligation incurred by such member as a result of participation in the advanced education assistance program under section 2005 of title 10, United States Code, or the tuition assistance program under section 2007 of such title; and*

*(2) for a period equal to the length of the sea duty tour, increase the tuition assistance cost cap for such member to not*

*more than double the amount of the standard tuition assistance cost cap set by the Commandant for the applicable fiscal year.*

*(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the pilot program is established, and annually thereafter through the date on which the pilot program is terminated under subsection (d), the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report that—*

*(1) evaluates and compares—*

*(A) the Coast Guard's retention, recruitment, and filling of sea duty billets for all members of the Coast Guard; and*

*(B) the Coast Guard's retention, recruitment, and filling of sea duty billets for all members of the Coast Guard participating in the pilot program;*

*(2) includes the number of participants in the pilot program as of the date of the report, disaggregated by officer and enlisted billet type; and*

*(3) assesses the progress made by such participants in their respective voluntary education programs, in accordance with their degree plans, during the period described in subsection (b).*

*(d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall terminate on the date that is 6 years after the date on which the pilot program is established.*

***SEC. 7234. RECRUITMENT, RELOCATION, AND RETENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR CIVILIAN FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYED BY COAST GUARD REMOTE LOCATIONS.***

*(a) IDENTIFICATION OF REMOTE LOCATIONS.—The Commandant shall identify locations to be considered remote locations for purposes of this section, which shall include, at a minimum, each Coast Guard fire station located in an area in which members of the Coast Guard and the dependents of such members are eligible for the TRICARE Prime Remote program.*

*(b) INCENTIVE PROGRAM.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—To ensure uninterrupted operations by civilian firefighters employed by the Coast Guard in remote locations, the Commandant shall establish an incentive program for such firefighters consisting of—*

*(A) recruitment and relocation bonuses consistent with section 5753 of title 5, United States Code; and*

*(B) retention bonuses consistent with section 5754 of title 5, United States Code.*

*(2) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.—The Commandant, in coordination with the Director of the Office of Personnel and Management, shall establish eligibility criteria for the incentive program established under paragraph (1), which shall include a requirement that a firefighter described in paragraph (1) may only be eligible for the incentive program under this section if, with respect to the applicable remote location, the Commandant has made a determination that incentives are appropriate to address an identified recruitment, retention, or relocation need.*

*(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not less frequently than annually for the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-*

*mandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report that—*

*(1) details the use and effectiveness of the incentive program established under this section; and*

*(2) includes—*

*(A) the number of participants in the incentive program;*

*(B) a description of the distribution of incentives under such program; and*

*(C) a description of the impact of such program on civilian firefighter recruitment and retention by the Coast Guard in remote locations.*

***SEC. 7235. NOTIFICATION.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall provide to the appropriate committees of Congress notification as described in subsection (b)—*

*(1) not later than the date that is 10 days before the final day of each fiscal year; or*

*(2) in the case of a continuing resolution that, for a period of more than 10 days, provides appropriated funds in lieu of an appropriations Act, not later than the date that is 10 days before the final day of the period that such continuing resolution covers.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—Notification under subsection (a) shall include—*

*(1) the status of funding for the Coast Guard during the subsequent fiscal year or at the end of the continuing resolution if other appropriations measures are not enacted, as applicable;*

*(2) the status of the Coast Guard as a component of the Armed Forces;*

*(3) the number of members currently serving overseas and otherwise supporting missions related to title 10, United States Code;*

*(4) the fact that members of the Armed Forces have service requirements unlike those of other Federal employees, which require them to continue to serve even if unpaid;*

*(5) the impacts of historical shutdowns of the Federal Government on members of the Coast Guard; and*

*(6) other relevant matters, as determined by the Commandant.*

*(c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(1) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;*

*(2) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;*

*(3) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; and*

*(4) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.*

# *Subtitle D—Coast Guard Academy*

***SEC. 7241. MODIFICATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON COVERED MISCONDUCT IN COAST GUARD ACADEMY; CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF A CADET AT THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY WHO IS THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT OR RELATED OFFENSE; ROOM REASSIGNMENT.***

*(a) ASSESSMENT OF POLICY ON COVERED MISCONDUCT.—Section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in the section heading by striking "**Policy on sexual harassment and sexual violence**" and inserting "**Academy policy and report on covered misconduct**"; and*

*(2) by striking subsections (c) through (e) and inserting the following:*

*"(c) ASSESSMENT.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall direct the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy to conduct at the Coast Guard Academy during each Academy program year an assessment to determine the effectiveness of the policies of the Academy with respect to covered misconduct involving cadets or other military or civilian personnel of the Academy.*

*"(2) BIENNIAL SURVEY.—For the assessment at the Academy under paragraph (1) with respect to an Academy program year that begins in an odd-numbered calendar year, the Superintendent shall conduct a survey of cadets and other military and civilian personnel of the Academy—*

*"(A) to measure the incidence, during such program year—*

*"(i) of covered misconduct events, on or off the Academy campus, that have been reported to an official of the Academy;*

*"(ii) of covered misconduct events, on or off the Academy campus, that have not been reported to an official of the Academy; and*

*"(iii) of retaliation related to a report of a covered misconduct event, on or off the Academy campus; and*

*"(B) to assess the perceptions of the cadets and other military and civilian personnel of the Academy with respect to—*

*"(i) the Academy's policies, training, and procedures on covered misconduct involving cadets and other military and civilian personnel of the Academy;*

*"(ii) the enforcement of such policies;*

*"(iii) the incidence of covered misconduct involving cadets and other military and civilian personnel of the Academy; and*

*"(iv) any other issues relating to covered misconduct involving cadets and other military and civilian personnel of the Academy.*

*"(d) REPORT.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not earlier than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, and each March 1 thereafter through March 1, 2031, the Com-*

*mandant shall direct the Superintendent to submit to the Commandant a report on incidents of covered misconduct and retaliation for reporting of covered misconduct involving cadets or other military and civilian personnel of the Academy.*

*"(2) ELEMENTS.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—Each report required under paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

*"(i) Information and data on all incidents of covered misconduct and retaliation described in paragraph (1) reported to the Superintendent or any other official of the Academy during the preceding Academy program year (referred to in this subsection as a 'reported incident'),*

*"(ii) The number of reported incidents committed against a cadet or any other military or civilian personnel of the Academy.*

*"(iii) The number of reported incidents committed by a cadet or any other military or civilian personnel of the Academy.*

*"(iv) Information on reported incidents, in accordance with the policy prescribed under section 549G(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (10 U.S.C. 1561 note), to the maximum extent practicable.*

*"(v) The number of reported incidents that were entered into the Catch a Serial Offender system, including the number of such incidents that resulted in the identification of a potential or confirmed match.*

*"(vi) The number of reported incidents that were substantiated (referred to in this subsection as a 'substantiated reported incident').*

*"(vii) A synopsis of each substantiated reported incident that includes—*

*"(I) a brief description of the nature of the incident;*

*"(II) whether the accused cadet or other military or civilian personnel of the Academy had previously been convicted of sexual assault; and*

*"(III) whether alcohol or other controlled or prohibited substances were involved in the incident, and a description of the involvement.*

*"(viii) The type of case disposition associated with each substantiated reported incident, such as—*

*"(I) conviction and sentence by court-martial, including charges and specifications for which convicted;*

*"(II) acquittal of all charges at court-martial;*

*"(III) as appropriate, imposition of a nonjudicial punishment under section 815 of title 10 (article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);*

*"(IV) as appropriate, administrative action taken, including a description of each type of such action imposed;*

*"(V) dismissal of all charges, including a description of each reason for dismissal and the stage at which dismissal occurred; and*

*"(VI) whether the accused cadet or other military or civilian personnel of the Academy was administratively separated or, in the case of an officer, allowed to resign in lieu of court martial, and the characterization (honorable, general, or other than honorable) of the service of the military member upon separation or resignation.*

*"(ix) With respect to any incident of covered misconduct involving cadets or other military and civilian personnel of the Academy reported to the Superintendent or any other official of the Academy during the preceding Academy program year that involves a report of retaliation relating to the incident—*

*"(I) a narrative description of the retaliation claim;*

*"(II) the nature of the relationship between the complainant and the individual accused of committing the retaliation; and*

*"(III) the nature of the relationship between the individual accused of committing the covered misconduct and the individual accused of committing the retaliation.*

*"(x) With respect to any investigation of a reported incident—*

*"(I) whether the investigation is in open or completed status;*

*"(II) an identification of the investigating entity;*

*"(III) whether a referral has been made to outside law enforcement entities;*

*"(IV) in the case of an investigation that is complete, a description of the results of such an investigation and information with respect to whether the results of the investigation were provided to the complainant; and*

*"(V) whether the investigation substantiated an offense under chapter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform Code of Military Justice).*

*"(B) FORMAT.—With respect to the information and data required under subparagraph (A), the Commandant shall report such information and data separately for each type of covered misconduct offense, and shall not aggregate the information and data for multiple types of covered misconduct offenses.*

*"(3) TRENDS.—Subject to subsection (f), beginning on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, each report required under paragraph (1) shall include an analysis of trends in incidents described in paragraph (1), as applicable, since the date of enactment of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–213).*

*"(4) RESPONSE.—Each report required under paragraph (1) shall include, for the preceding Academy program year, a de-*

*scription of the policies, procedures, processes, initiatives, investigations (including overarching investigations), research, or studies implemented by the Commandant in response to any incident described in paragraph (1) involving a cadet or any other military or civilian personnel of the Academy.*

*"(5) PLAN.—Each report required under paragraph (1) shall include a plan for actions to be taken during the year following the Academy program year covered by the report to enhance the prevention of and response to incidents of covered misconduct and retaliation for reporting of covered misconduct involving cadets or other military or civilian personnel of the Academy.*

*"(6) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Each report required under paragraph (1) shall include an assessment of the adequacy of covered misconduct prevention and response carried out by the Academy during the preceding Academy program year.*

*"(7) CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.—Each report required under paragraph (1) shall include, for incidents of covered misconduct and retaliation for reporting of covered misconduct involving cadets or other military or civilian personnel of the Academy—*

*"(A) an analysis of the factors that may have contributed to such incidents;*

*"(B) an assessment of the role of such factors in contributing to such incidents during such Academy program year; and*

*"(C) recommendations for mechanisms to eliminate or reduce such contributing factors.*

*"(8) BIENNIAL SURVEY.—Each report under paragraph (1) for an Academy program year that begins in an odd-numbered calendar year shall include the results of the survey conducted under subsection (c)(2) in such Academy program year.*

*"(9) FOCUS GROUPS.—For each Academy program year with respect to which the Superintendent is not required to conduct a survey at the Academy under subsection (c)(2), the Commandant shall require focus groups to be conducted at the Academy for the purpose of ascertaining information relating to covered misconduct issues at the Academy.*

*"(10) SUBMISSION OF REPORT; BRIEFING.—*

*"(A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 270 days after the date on which the Commandant receives a report from the Superintendent under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, as an enclosure or appendix to the report required by section 5112—*

*"(i) the report of the Superintendent;*

*"(ii) the comments of the Commandant with respect to the report; and*

*"(iii) relevant information gathered during a focus group under subparagraph (A) during the Academy program year covered by the report, as applicable.*

*"(B) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Commandant submits a report under subpara-*

*graph (A), the Commandant shall provide a briefing on the report submitted under subparagraph (A) to—*

*"(i) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives; and*

*"(ii) the Secretary of Homeland Security.*

*"(e) VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY.—To the extent that information collected or reported under the authority of this section, such information shall be provided in a form that is consistent with applicable privacy protections under Federal law and does not jeopardize the confidentiality of victims.*

*"(f) CONTINUITY OF DATA AND REPORTING.—In carrying out this section, the Commandant shall ensure the continuity of data collection and reporting such that the ability to analyze trends is not compromised.*

*"(g) CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF CADET WHO IS THE VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR RELATED OFFENSE.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall provide for timely consideration of and action on a request submitted by a cadet appointed to the Coast Guard Academy who is the victim of an alleged sexual assault or other offense covered by section 920, 920c, or 930 of title 10 (article 120, 120c, or 130 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) for transfer to another military service academy or to enroll in a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program affiliated with another institution of higher education.*

*"(2) REGULATIONS.—The Commandant, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall establish policies to carry out this subsection that—*

*"(A) provide that the Superintendent shall ensure that any cadet who has been appointed to the Coast Guard Academy is informed of the right to request a transfer pursuant to this subsection, and that any formal request submitted by a cadet who alleges an offense referred to in paragraph (1) is processed as expeditiously as practicable through the chain of command for review and action by the Superintendent;*

*"(B) direct the Superintendent, in coordination with the Superintendent of the military service academy to which the cadet requests to transfer—*

*"(i) to take action on a request for transfer under this subsection not later than 5 calendar days after receiving the formal request from the cadet;*

*"(ii) to approve such request for transfer unless there are exceptional circumstances that require denial of the request;*

*"(iii) upon approval of such request for transfer, to take all necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the transfer of the cadet to the military service academy concerned as expeditiously as possible, subject to the considerations described in clause (iv); and*

*"(iv) in determining the transfer date of the cadet to the military service academy concerned, to take into account—*

*"(I) the preferences of the cadet, including any preference to delay transfer until the completion of any academic course in which the cadet is enrolled at the time of the request for transfer; and*

*"(II) the well-being of the cadet; and*

*"(C) direct the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy, in coordination with the Secretary of the military department that sponsors the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at the institution of higher education to which the cadet requests to transfer—*

*"(i) to take action on a request for transfer under this subsection not later than 5 calendar days after receiving the formal request from the cadet;*

*"(ii) subject to the cadet's acceptance for admission to the institution of higher education to which the cadet wishes to transfer, to approve such request for transfer unless there are exceptional circumstances that require denial of the request;*

*"(iii) to take all necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the cadet's enrollment in the institution of higher education to which the cadet wishes to transfer and to process the cadet for participation in the relevant Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program as expeditiously as possible, subject to the considerations described in clause (iv); and*

*"(iv) in determining the transfer date of the cadet to the institution of higher education to which the cadet wishes to transfer, to take into account—*

*"(I) the preferences of the cadet, including any preference to delay transfer until the completion of any academic course in which the cadet is enrolled at the time of the request for transfer; and*

*"(II) the well-being of the cadet.*

*"(3) REVIEW.—If the Superintendent denies a request for transfer under this subsection, the cadet may request review of the denial by the Secretary, who shall take action on such request for review not later than 5 calendar days after receipt of such request.*

*"(4) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Secretary shall ensure that all records of any request, determination, transfer, or other action under this subsection remain confidential, consistent with applicable law and regulation.*

*"(5) EFFECT OF OTHER LAW.—A cadet who transfers under this subsection may retain the cadet's appointment to the Coast Guard Academy or may be appointed to the military service academy to which the cadet transfers without regard to the limitations and requirements set forth in sections 7442, 8454, and 9442 of title 10.*

*"(6) COMMISSION AS OFFICER IN THE COAST GUARD.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon graduation, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, the United States Air*

*Force Academy, or the United States Naval Academy who transferred to that academy under this subsection is entitled to be accepted for appointment as a permanent commissioned officer in the Regular Coast Guard in the same manner as graduates of the Coast Guard Academy, as set forth in section 2101 of this title.*

*"(B) COMMISSION AS OFFICER IN OTHER ARMED FORCE.—*

*"(i) IN GENERAL.—A cadet who transfers under this subsection to the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, or the United States Naval Academy and indicates a preference pursuant to clause (ii) may be appointed as a commissioned officer in an armed force associated with the academy from which the cadet graduated.*

*"(ii) STATEMENT OF PREFERENCE.—A cadet seeking appointment as a commissioned officer in an armed force associated with the academy from which the cadet graduated under clause (i) shall, before graduating from that academy, indicate to the Commandant that the cadet has a preference for appointment to that armed force.*

*"(iii) CONSIDERATION BY COAST GUARD.—The Commandant shall consider a preference of a cadet indicated pursuant to clause (ii), but may require the cadet to serve as a permanent commissioned officer in the Regular Coast Guard instead of being appointed as a commissioned officer in an armed force associated with the academy from which the cadet graduated.*

*"(iv) TREATMENT OF SERVICE AGREEMENT.—With respect to a service agreement entered into under section 1925 of this title by a cadet who transfers under this subsection to the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, or the United States Naval Academy and is appointed as a commissioned officer in an armed force associated with that academy, the service obligation undertaken under such agreement shall be considered to be satisfied upon the completion of 5 years of active duty service in the service of such armed force.*

*"(C) SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS PROGRAM.—A cadet who transfers under this subsection to a Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program affiliated with another institution of higher education is entitled upon graduation from the Senior Reserve Officers' Training program to commission into the Coast Guard, as set forth in section 3738a of this title.*

*"(h) ROOM REASSIGNMENT.—Coast Guard Academy cadets may request room reassignment if experiencing discomfort due to Coast Guard Academy rooming assignments, consistent with policy.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 1902 and inserting the following:*

*"1902. Academy policy and report on covered misconduct.".*

***SEC. 7242. MODIFICATION OF BOARD OF VISITORS.***

*Section 1903 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by striking subsections (b) and (c) and inserting the following:*

*"(b) MEMBERSHIP.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The membership of the Board shall consist of the following:*

*"(A) The chairperson of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, or a member of such Committee designated by such chairperson.*

*"(B) The chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, or a member of such Committee designated by such chairperson.*

*"(C) 3 Senators appointed by the Vice President.*

*"(D) 4 Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*"(E) 2 Senators appointed by the Vice President, each of whom shall be selected from among members of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.*

*"(F) 2 Members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each of whom shall be selected from among members of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.*

*"(G) 6 individuals designated by the President.*

*"(2) TIMING OF APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS.—*

*"(A) SENATORS.—If any member of the Board described in paragraph (1)(C) is not appointed by the date that is 180 days after the date on which the first session of each Congress convenes, the chair and ranking member of the subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate with jurisdiction over the authorization of appropriations of the Coast Guard shall be members of the Board until the date on which the second session of such Congress adjourns sine die.*

*"(B) MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—If any member of the Board described in paragraph (1)(D) is not appointed by the date that is 180 days after the date on which the first session of each Congress convenes, the chair and ranking member of the subcommittee of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with jurisdiction over the authorization of appropriations for the Coast Guard shall be members of the Board until the date on which the second session of such Congress adjourns sine die.*

*"(C) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS OF THE SENATE.—If any member of the Board described in paragraph (1)(E) is not appointed by the date that is 180 days after the date on which the first session of each Congress convenes, the chair and ranking member of the subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate with jurisdiction over appropriations for the Coast Guard shall be members of the Board until the date on which the second session of such Congress adjourns sine die.*

*"(D) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—If any member of the Board described in paragraph (1)(F) is not appointed by the date that is 180 days after the date on which the first session of each Congress convenes, the chair and ranking member of the subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives with jurisdiction over appropriations for the Coast Guard shall be members of the Board until the date on which the second session of such Congress adjourns sine die.*

*"(3) CHAIRPERSON.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—On a biennial basis and subject to paragraph (4), the Board shall select from among the members of the Board a Member of Congress to serve as the Chair of the Board.*

*"(B) ROTATION.—A Member of the House of Representatives and a Member of the Senate shall alternately be selected as the Chair of the Board.*

*"(C) TERM.—An individual may not serve as Chairperson of the Board for consecutive terms.*

*"(4) LENGTH OF SERVICE.—*

*"(A) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—A Member of Congress designated as a member of the Board under paragraph (1) shall be designated as a member in the first session of the applicable Congress and shall serve for the duration of such Congress.*

*"(B) INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT.—Each individual designated by the President under paragraph (1)(G) shall serve as a member of the Board for 3 years, except that any such member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed by the President.*

*"(C) DEATH OR RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.—If a member of the Board dies or resigns, a successor shall be designated for any unexpired portion of the term of the member by the official who designated the member.*

*"(c) ACADEMY VISITS.—*

*"(1) ANNUAL VISIT.—The Commandant shall invite each member of the Board, and any staff designated under subsection (e)(2)(A), to visit the Coast Guard Academy at least once annually to review the operation of the Academy.*

*"(2) ADDITIONAL VISITS.—With the approval of the Secretary, the Board or any members of the Board in connection with the duties of the Board may—*

*"(A) make visits to the Academy in addition to the visits described in paragraph (1); or*

*"(B) consult with—*

*"(i) the Superintendent of the Academy; or*

*"(ii) the faculty, staff, or cadets of the Academy.*

*"(3) ACCESS.—The Commandant shall ensure that the Board or any members of the Board who visits the Academy under this paragraph is provided reasonable access to the grounds, facilities, cadets, faculty, staff, and other personnel of the Academy for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Board.";*

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1) by inserting ", including with respect to prevention of, response to, and recovery from sexual assault and sexual harassment" after "discipline"; and

(B) in paragraph (5) by inserting ", including infrastructure, living quarters, and deferred maintenance" after "equipment"; and

(3) by striking subsections (e) through (g) and inserting the following:

"(e) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—

"(1) MEETINGS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than annually, the Board shall meet at a location chosen by the Commandant, in consultation with the Board, to conduct the review required by subsection (d).

"(B) CHAIRPERSON AND CHARTER.—The Federal officer designated under subsection (g)(1)(B) shall organize a meeting of the Board for the purposes of—

"(i) selecting a Chairperson of the Board under subsection (b)(3);

"(ii) adopting an official charter for the Board, which shall establish the schedule of meetings of the Board; and

"(iii) any other matter such designated Federal officer or the Board considers appropriate.

"(C) SCHEDULING.—In scheduling a meeting of the Board, such designated Federal officer shall coordinate, to the greatest extent practicable, with the members of the Board to determine the date and time of the meeting.

"(D) NOTIFICATION.—Not less than 30 days before each scheduled meeting of the Board, such designated Federal officer shall notify each member of the Board of the time, date, and location of the meeting.

"(2) STAFF.—

"(A) DESIGNATION.—The chairperson and the ranking member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the chairperson and the ranking member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives may each designate 1 staff member of each such Committees.

"(B) ROLE.—Staff designated under subparagraph (A)—

"(i) may attend and participate in visits and carry out consultations described under subsection (c)(1) and attend and participate in meetings described under paragraph (1); and

"(ii) may not otherwise carry out duties or take actions reserved to members of the Board under this section.

"(3) ADVISORS.—If approved by the Secretary, the Board may consult with advisors in carrying out the duties of the Board under this section.

"(4) REPORTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date on which the Board conducts a meeting of the Board under

*paragraph (1), the Commandant, in consultation with the Board, shall submit a report on the actions of the Board during the meeting and the recommendations of the Board pertaining to the Academy to—*

*"(i) the Secretary;*

*"(ii) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and*

*"(iii) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.*

*"(B) PUBLICATION.—Each report submitted under this paragraph shall be published on a publicly accessible website of the Coast Guard.*

*"(f) DISCLOSURE.—The Commandant and the Superintendent of the Academy shall ensure candid and complete disclosure to the Board, consistent with applicable laws relating to disclosure of information, with respect to—*

*"(1) each issue described in subsection (d); and*

*"(2) any other issue the Board or the Commandant considers appropriate.*

*"(g) COAST GUARD SUPPORT.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall—*

*"(A) provide support to the Board, as Board considers necessary for the performance of the duties of the Board;*

*"(B) designate a Federal officer to support the performance of the duties of the Board; and*

*"(C) in cooperation with the Superintendent of the Academy, advise the Board of any institutional issues, consistent with applicable laws concerning the disclosure of information.*

*"(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Each member of the Board and each advisor consulted by the Board under subsection (e)(3) shall be reimbursed, to the extent permitted by law, by the Coast Guard for actual expenses incurred while engaged in duties as a member or advisor.*

*"(h) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the first session of each Congress convenes, the Commandant shall provide to the chairperson and ranking member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the chairperson and ranking member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and the President notification of the requirements of this section.".*

***SEC. 7243. COAST GUARD ACADEMY CADET ADVISORY BOARD.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of Chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 1907. Coast Guard Academy Cadet Advisory Board***

*"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commandant shall establish within the Coast Guard Academy an advisory board to be known as the 'Coast Guard Academy Cadet Advisory Board' (in this section referred to as the 'Advisory Board').*

*"(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Advisory Board shall be composed of not fewer than 12 cadets of the Coast Guard Academy who are enrolled*

*at the Coast Guard Academy at the time of appointment, including not fewer than 3 cadets from each class.*

*"(c) APPOINTMENT.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Cadets shall be appointed to the Advisory Board by the Provost, in consultation with the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy.*

*"(2) APPLICATION.—Cadets who are eligible for appointment to the Advisory Board shall submit an application for appointment to the Provost of the Coast Guard Academy, or a designee of the Provost, for consideration.*

*"(d) SELECTION.—The Provost shall select eligible applicants who—*

*"(1) are best suited to fulfill the duties described in subsection (g); and*

*"(2) best represent the student body makeup at the Coast Guard Academy.*

*"(e) TERM.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Appointments shall be made not later than 60 days after the date of the swearing in of a new class of cadets at the Coast Guard Academy.*

*"(2) TERM.—The term of membership of a cadet on the Advisory Board shall be 1 academic year.*

*"(f) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Board shall meet in person with the Superintendent not less frequently than twice each academic year to discuss the activities of the Advisory Board.*

*"(g) DUTIES.—The Advisory Board shall—*

*"(1) identify challenges facing Coast Guard Academy cadets relating to—*

*"(A) health and wellbeing;*

*"(B) cadet perspectives and information with respect to sexual assault, sexual harassment and sexual violence prevention, response, and recovery at the Coast Guard Academy; and*

*"(C) any other matter the Advisory Board considers important;*

*"(2) discuss and propose possible solutions to such challenges, including improvements to leadership development at the Coast Guard Academy; and*

*"(3) periodically review the efficacy of Coast Guard Academy academic, wellness, and other relevant programs and provide recommendations to the Commandant for improvement of such programs.*

*"(h) WORKING GROUPS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Board shall establish a working group composed, at least in part, of Coast Guard Academy cadets who are not current members of the Advisory Board and members of the Cadets Against Sexual Assault, or any similar successor organization, to assist the Advisory Board in carrying out the duties described in subsection (g)(1)(B).*

*"(2) OTHER WORKING GROUPS.—The Advisory Board may establish such other working groups (which may be composed, at least in part, of Coast Guard Academy cadets who are not current members of the Advisory Board) as the Advisory Board finds to be necessary to carry out duties of the Board, other*

*than the duties described in subparagraph (A) or (C) of subsection (g)(1).*

*"(i) REPORTING.—*

*"(1) COMMANDANT AND SUPERINTENDENT.—Not less frequently than once per academic semester, the Advisory Board shall submit a report or provide a briefing to the Commandant and the Superintendent on the results of the activities carried out in furtherance of the duties of the Advisory Board described in subsection (g), including recommendations for actions to be taken based on such results.*

*"(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Advisory Board shall transmit to the Commandant, through the Provost and the Superintendent, an annual report at the conclusion of each academic year, containing the information and materials presented to the Commandant, Superintendent, or both, during each brief provided during such academic year.*

*"(3) CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days after the receipt by the Commandant of a report under this subsection, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives any report or other materials provided to the Commandant and Superintendent under paragraph (1) and any other information related to the Advisory Board requested by the Committees.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1906 the following:*

*"1907. Coast Guard Academy Cadet Advisory Board.".*

***SEC. 7244. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF COAST GUARD ACADEMY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT BY COVERED FOUNDATIONS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 1908. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Academy facilities and equipment by covered foundations***

*"(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy, may authorize a covered foundation to use, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis as determined by the Secretary, facilities or equipment of the Coast Guard Academy.*

*"(b) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may not authorize any use of facilities or equipment under subsection (a) if such use may jeopardize the health, safety, or well-being of any member of the Coast Guard or cadet of the Coast Guard Academy.*

*"(c) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may only authorize the use of facilities or equipment under subsection (a) if such use—*

*"(1) is without any liability of the United States to the covered foundation;*

*"(2) does not—*

*"(A) affect the ability of any official or employee of the Coast Guard, or any member of the armed forces, to carry out any responsibility or duty in a fair and objective manner;*

*"(B) compromise the integrity or appearance of integrity of any program of the Coast Guard, or any individual involved in any such program; or*

*"(C) include the participation of any cadet of the Coast Guard Academy at an event of the covered foundation, other than participation of such a cadet in an honor guard;*

*"(3) complies with any applicable ethics regulation; and*

*"(4) has been reviewed and approved by an attorney of the Coast Guard.*

*"(d) ISSUANCE OF POLICIES.—The Secretary shall issue Coast Guard policies to carry out this section.*

*"(e) BRIEFING.—For any fiscal year in which the Secretary exercises the authority under subsection (a), not later than the last day of such fiscal year, the Commandant shall provide a briefing to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives on the number of events or activities of a covered foundation supported by such exercise of authority during the fiscal year.*

*"(f) COVERED FOUNDATION DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'covered foundation' means an organization that—*

*"(1) is a charitable, educational, or civic nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and*

*"(2) the Secretary determines operates exclusively to support—*

*"(A) recruiting activities with respect to the Coast Guard Academy;*

*"(B) parent or alumni development in support of the Coast Guard Academy;*

*"(C) academic, leadership, or character development of Coast Guard Academy cadets;*

*"(D) institutional development of the Coast Guard Academy; or*

*"(E) athletics in support of the Coast Guard Academy.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1907 the following:*

*"1908. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Academy facilities and equipment by covered foundations.".*

***SEC. 7245. POLICY ON HAZING.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 1909. Policy on hazing***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the approval of the Commandant, the Superintendent of the Academy shall issue and make available to the public written policies—*

*"(1) subject to subsection (d), defining hazing;*

*"(2) designed to prevent hazing; and*

*"(3) prescribing dismissal, suspension, or other adequate punishment for violations.*

*"(b) EFFECT OF REQUEST FOR COURT-MARTIAL.—If a cadet who is charged with violating a policy issued under subsection (a), the penalty for which is or may be dismissal from the Academy, requests*

*in writing a trial by a general court-martial, the cadet may not be dismissed for that offense except under sentence of such a court.*

*"(c) LIMITATION.—A cadet dismissed from the Academy for hazing or bullying may not be reappointed to the Corps of Cadets, and is ineligible for appointment as commissioned officer in a regular component of the Coast Guard, until the date that is 2 years after the date of the graduation of the class of the cadet.*

*"(d) DEFINITION OF HAZING.—In developing the policies under subsection (a)(1), the Superintendent shall, to the maximum extent practicable, define the term 'hazing' as the unauthorized assumption of authority by a cadet whereby another cadet suffers or is exposed to any cruelty, indignity, humiliation, hardship, or oppression, or the deprivation or abridgement of any right.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1908 the following:*

*"1909. Policy on hazing.".*

***SEC. 7246. CONCURRENT JURISDICTION AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 1910. Concurrent jurisdiction at Coast Guard Academy***

*"Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may establish concurrent jurisdiction between the Federal Government and the State of Connecticut over the lands constituting the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, as necessary to facilitate the ability of the State of Connecticut and City of New London to investigate and prosecute any crimes cognizable under Connecticut law that are committed on such Coast Guard Academy property.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 19 of title 14, United States Code, is further amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1909 the following:*

*"1910. Concurrent jurisdiction at Coast Guard Academy.".*

***SEC. 7247. STUDY ON COAST GUARD ACADEMY OVERSIGHT.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, shall enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center with relevant expertise under which such center shall conduct an assessment of the oversight and governance of the Coast Guard Academy, including—*

*(1) examining the—*

*(A) authorities regarding Coast Guard and Departmental oversight of the Coast Guard Academy, including considerations of how these may impact accreditation review at the Academy;*

*(B) roles and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of such Academy;*

*(C) Coast Guard roles and responsibilities with respect to management and facilitation of the Board of Trustees of such Academy;*

*(D) advisory functions of the Board of Trustees of such Academy; and*

*(E) membership of the Board of Trustees for the 10- year period preceding the date of the enactment of this Act, to include expertise, objectiveness, and effectiveness in conducting oversight of such Academy; and*

*(2) an analysis of the involvement of the Board of Trustees during the Operation Fouled Anchor investigation, including to what extent the Board members were informed, involved, or made decisions regarding the governance of the academy based on that investigation.*

*(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the Commandant enters into an agreement under subsection (a), the federally funded research and development center selected under such subsection shall submit to the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, the Commandant, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report that contains—*

*(1) the results of the assessment required under subsection (a); and*

*(2) recommendations to improve governance of the Coast Guard Academy and the Board of Trustees.*

***SEC. 7248. ELECTRONIC LOCKING MECHANISMS TO ENSURE COAST GUARD ACADEMY CADET ROOM SECURITY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in consultation with the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy (referred to in this section as the "Superintendent"), shall—*

*(1) install an electronic locking mechanism for each room at the Coast Guard Academy within which 1 or more Coast Guard Academy cadets reside overnight;*

*(2) test each such mechanism not less than once every 6 months for proper function and maintained in proper working order; and*

*(3) use a system that electronically records the date, time, and identity of each individual who accesses a cadet room using an electronic access token, code, card, or other electronic means, which shall be maintained in accordance with the general schedule for records retention, or a period of five years, whichever is later.*

*(b) ELECTRONIC LOCKING MECHANISMS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Each electronic locking mechanism described in subsection (a) shall be coded in a manner that provides access to a room described in such subsection only to—*

*(A) the 1 or more cadets assigned to the room; and*

*(B) such Coast Guard Academy officers, administrators, staff, or security personnel, including personnel of the Coast Guard Investigative Service, as are necessary to access the room in the event of an emergency.*

*(2) EXISTING MECHANISMS.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Superintendent shall ensure that electronic locking mechanisms installed in academic buildings of the Coast Guard Academy, Chase Hall common spaces, and in any other location at the Coast Guard Academy are maintained in proper working order.*

*(c) ACCESS POLICY INSTRUCTION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Superintendent shall promulgate a policy regarding cadet room security policies and procedures, which shall include, at a minimum—*

*(1) a prohibition on sharing with any other cadet, employee, or other individual electronic access tokens, codes, cards, or other electronic means of accessing a cadet room;*

*(2) procedures for resetting electronic locking mechanisms in the event of a lost, stolen, or otherwise compromised electronic access token, code, card, or other electronic means of accessing a cadet room;*

*(3) procedures to maintain the identity of each individual who accesses a cadet room using an electronic access token, code, card, or other electronic means, while ensuring the security of personally identifiable information and protecting the privacy of any such individual, as appropriate;*

*(4) procedures by which cadets may report to the chain of command the malfunction of an electronic locking mechanism; and*

*(5) a schedule of testing to ensure the proper functioning of electronic locking mechanisms.*

*(d) MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.—The Superintendent shall ensure that each Coast Guard Academy cadet receives, not later than 1 day after the date of the initial arrival of the cadet at the Coast Guard Academy, an initial training session, and any other training the Superintendent considers necessary, on—*

*(1) the use of electronic locking mechanisms installed under this section; and*

*(2) the policy promulgated under subsection (c).*

***SEC. 7249. REPORT ON EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SUPPORT SERVICES FACILITIES AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on existing behavioral health and wellness support services facilities at the Coast Guard Academy in which Coast Guard Academy cadets and officer candidates, respectively, may receive timely and independent behavioral health and wellness support services, including via telemedicine.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include—*

*(1) an identification of each building at the Coast Guard Academy that contains a dormitory or other overnight accommodations for cadets or officer candidates; and*

*(2)(A) an identification of additional behavioral health or wellness support services that would be beneficial to cadets and officer candidates, such as additional facilities with secure access to telemedicine;*

*(B) a description of the benefits that such services would provide to cadets and officer candidates, particularly to cadets and officer candidates who have experienced sexual assault or sexual harassment; and*

*(C) a description of the resources necessary to provide such services.*

***SEC. 7250. REQUIRED POSTING OF INFORMATION.***

*The Commandant shall ensure that, in each building at the Coast Guard Academy that contains a dormitory or other overnight accommodations for cadets or officer candidates, written information is posted in a visible location with respect to—*

*(1) the methods and means by which a cadet or officer candidate may report a crime, including harassment, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and any other offense;*

*(2) the contact information for the Coast Guard Investigative Service;*

*(3) external resources for—*

*(A) wellness support;*

*(B) work-life;*

*(C) medical services; and*

*(D) support relating to behavioral health, civil rights, sexual assault, and sexual harassment; and*

*(4) cadet and officer candidate rights with respect to reporting incidents to the Coast Guard Investigative Service, civilian authorities, the Office of the Inspector General of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, and any other applicable entity.*

***SEC. 7251. INSTALLATION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL PRIVACY ROOMS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall install or construct at the Coast Guard Academy not fewer than 2 rooms to be used for the purpose of supporting cadet and officer candidate behavioral health and other medical or other health-related services.*

*(b) STANDARDS OF ROOMS.—Each room installed or constructed under this section shall—*

*(1) be equipped—*

*(A) in a manner that ensures the protection of the privacy of cadets and officer candidates, consistent with law and policy;*

*(B) with a telephone and computer to allow for the provision of behavioral health and wellness support or other services; and*

*(C) with an accessible and private wireless internet connection for the use of personal communications devices at the discretion of the cadet or officer candidate concerned; and*

*(2) to the extent practicable and consistent with good order and discipline, be accessible to cadets and officer candidates at all times; and*

*(3) contain the written information described in section 7250, which shall be posted in a visible location.*

***SEC. 7252. REVIEW AND MODIFICATION OF COAST GUARD ACADEMY POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy (referred to in this section as the "Superintendent") shall—*

*(1) not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, commence a review of the Coast Guard Academy policy on sexual harassment and sexual violence established in accordance with section 1902 of title 14, United States Code, that includes an evaluation as to whether any long-standing Coast Guard Academy tradition, system, process, or internal policy impedes the implementation of necessary evidence-informed best practices followed by other military service academies in prevention, response, and recovery relating to sexual harassment and sexual violence; and*

*(2) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act—*

*(A) complete such review; and*

*(B) modify such policy in accordance with subsection (b).*

*(b) MODIFICATIONS TO POLICY.—In modifying the Coast Guard Academy policy on sexual harassment and sexual violence referred to in subsection (a), the Superintendent shall ensure that such policy includes the following:*

*(1) Each matter required to be specified by section 1902(b) of title 14, United States Code.*

*(2) Updates to achieve compliance with chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (Uniform Code of Military Justice).*

*(3) A description of the roles and responsibilities of staff of the Coast Guard Academy Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery program, including—*

*(A) the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator;*

*(B) the Victim Advocate Program Specialist;*

*(C) the Volunteer Victim Advocate; and*

*(D) the Primary Prevention Specialist, as established under subsection (c).*

*(4) A description of the role of the Coast Guard Investigative Service with respect to sexual harassment and sexual violence prevention, response, and recovery at the Coast Guard Academy.*

*(5) A description of the role of support staff at the Coast Guard Academy, including chaplains, with respect to sexual harassment and sexual violence prevention, response, and recovery.*

*(6) Measures to promote awareness of dating violence.*

*(7) A delineation of the relationship between—*

*(A) cadet advocacy groups organized for the prevention of, response to, and recovery from sexual harassment and sexual violence, including Cadets Against Sexual Assault; and*

*(B) the staff of the Coast Guard Academy Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery program.*

*(8) A provision that requires cadets and Coast Guard Academy personnel to participate in not fewer than one in-person training each academic year on the prevention of, responses to, and resources relating to incidents of sexual harassment and*

*sexual violence, to be provided by the staff of the Coast Guard Academy Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery program.*

*(9) The establishment, revision, or expansion, as necessary, of an anti-retaliation Superintendent's Instruction for cadets who—*

*(A) report incidents of sexual harassment or sexual violence;*

*(B) participate in cadet advocacy groups that advocate for the prevention of, response to, and recovery from sexual harassment and sexual violence; or*

*(C) seek assistance from a company officer, company senior enlisted leader, athletic coach, or other Coast Guard Academy staff member with respect to a mental health or other medical emergency.*

*(10) A provision that explains the purpose of and process for issuance of a no-contact order at the Coast Guard Academy, including a description of the manner in which such an order shall be enforced.*

*(11) A provision that explains the purpose of and process for issuance of a military protective order at the Coast Guard Academy, including a description of—*

*(A) the manner in which such an order shall be enforced; and*

*(B) the associated requirement to notify the National Criminal Information Center of the issuance of such an order.*

*(c) PRIMARY PREVENTION SPECIALIST.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Superintendent shall hire a Primary Prevention Specialist, to be located and serve at the Coast Guard Academy.*

*(d) TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO RECEIVE MEDICAL SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Superintendent shall ensure that the Academy's policy regarding a cadet who has made a restricted or unrestricted report of sexual harassment to request a leave of absence from the Coast Guard Academy is consistent with other military service academies.*

## *Subtitle E—Reports and Policies*

### *SEC. 7261. POLICY AND BRIEFING ON AVAILABILITY OF NALOXONE TO TREAT OPIOID, INCLUDING FENTANYL, OVERDOSES.*

*(a) POLICY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall update the policy of the Coast Guard regarding the use of medication to treat drug overdoses, including the use of drugs or devices approved, cleared, or otherwise legally marketed under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose.*

*(b) AVAILABILITY.—The updated policy required under subsection (a) shall require opioid overdose reversal medications be available—*

*(1) at each Coast Guard clinic;*

*(2) at each independently located Coast Guard unit;*

*(3) onboard each Coast Guard cutter; and*

*(4) for response to known or suspected opioid overdoses, such as fentanyl, at other appropriate Coast Guard installations and facilities and onboard other Coast Guard assets.*

*(c) PARTICIPATION IN TRACKING SYSTEM.—Not later than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment of this Act or the date on which the tracking system established under section 706 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note) is established, the Commandant shall ensure the participation of the Coast Guard in the such tracking system.*

*(d) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later than 1 year after the earlier of the date of enactment of this Act or the date on which the tracking system established under section 706 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note) is established, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service in the Navy and the Secretary of Defense shall finalize a memorandum of understanding to facilitate Coast Guard access such tracking system.*

*(e) BRIEFING.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a briefing on the use, by members and personnel of the Coast Guard at Coast Guard facilities, onboard Coast Guard assets, and during Coast Guard operations, of—*

*(A) opioid overdose reversal medications; and*

*(B) opioids, including fentanyl.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The briefing required under paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

*(A) A description of—*

*(i) the progress made in the implementation of the updated policy required under subsection (a);*

*(ii) the prevalence and incidence of the illegal use of fentanyl and other controlled substances in the Coast Guard during the 5-year period preceding the briefing;*

*(iii) processes of the Coast Guard to mitigate substance abuse in the Coast Guard, particularly with respect to fentanyl; and*

*(iv) the status of the memorandum of understanding required under subsection (d).*

*(B) For the 5-year period preceding the briefing, a review of instances in which naloxone or other similar medication was used to treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses at a Coast Guard facility, onboard a Coast Guard asset, or during a Coast Guard operation.*

*(f) PRIVACY.—In carrying out the requirements of this section, the Commandant shall ensure compliance with all applicable privacy law, including section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Privacy Act"), and the privacy regulations promulgated under section 264(c) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d–2 note).*

*(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of the availability requirement under subsection (b), with respect to a Coast Guard in-*

*stallation comprised of multiple Coast Guard facilities or units, opioid overdose reversal medications available at a single Coast Guard facility within the installation shall be considered to be available to all Coast Guard facilities or units on the installation if appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure access, at all times during operations, to the opioid overdose reversal medications contained within such single Coast Guard facility.*

***SEC. 7262. POLICY ON METHODS TO REDUCE INCENTIVES FOR ILLICIT MARITIME DRUG TRAFFICKING.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in consultation with the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Defense, shall develop a policy, consistent with the Constitution of the United States, as well as domestic and international law, to address, disincentivize, and interdict illicit trafficking by sea of controlled substances (and precursors of controlled substances) being transported to produce illicit synthetic drugs.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—In developing the policy required under subsection (a), the Commandant shall—*

*(1) include a requirement that, to the maximum extent practicable, a vessel unlawfully transporting a controlled substance or precursors of a controlled substance being transported to produce illicit synthetic drugs, be seized or appropriately disposed of consistent with domestic and international law, as well as any international agreements to which the United States is a party; and*

*(2) aim to reduce incentives for illicit maritime drug trafficking on a global scale, including in the Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Indo-Pacific region, the Caribbean, and the Middle East.*

*(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall brief the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Homeland Security, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on—*

*(1) the policy developed pursuant to subsection (a); and*

*(2) additional resources necessary to implement the policy required under subsection (a) and methods recommended under subparagraph (A).*

***SEC. 7263. PLAN FOR JOINT AND INTEGRATED MARITIME OPERATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TAIWAN COAST GUARD ADMINISTRATION.***

*(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to require a plan to increase joint and integrated training opportunities for the United States Coast Guard and the Taiwan Coast Guard Administration.*

*(b) PLAN.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, shall com-*

*plete a plan to expand opportunities for additional joint and integrated training activities for the United States Coast Guard and the Taiwan Coast Guard Administration.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

*(A) The estimated costs for fiscal years 2026 through 2030—*

*(i) to deploy United States Coast Guard mobile training teams to Taiwan to meaningfully enhance the maritime security, law enforcement, and deterrence capabilities of Taiwan; and*

*(ii) to accommodate the participation of an increased number of members of the Taiwan Coast Guard Administration in United States Coast Guard-led maritime training courses, including associated training costs for such members, such as costs for lodging, meals and incidental expenses, travel, training of personnel, and instructional materials.*

*(B) A strategy for increasing the number of seats, as practicable, for members of the Taiwan Coast Guard Administration at each of the following United States Coast Guard training courses:*

*(i) The International Maritime Officers Course.*

*(ii) The International Leadership and Management Seminar.*

*(iii) The International Crisis Command and Control Course.*

*(iv) The International Maritime Domain Awareness School.*

*(v) The International Maritime Search and Rescue Planning School.*

*(vi) The International Command Center School.*

*(C) An assessment of—*

*(i) the degree to which integrated and joint United States Coast Guard and Taiwan Coast Guard Administration maritime training would assist in—*

*(I) preventing, detecting, and suppressing illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing operations in the South China Sea and surrounding waters; and*

*(II) supporting counter-illicit drug trafficking operations in the South China Sea and surrounding waters; and*

*(ii) whether the frequency of United States Coast Guard training team visits to Taiwan should be increased to enhance the maritime security, law enforcement, and deterrence capabilities of Taiwan.*

*(3) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the date on which the plan required under paragraph (1) is completed, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a briefing on the contents of the plan.*

***SEC. 7264. AIDS TO NAVIGATION.***

*(a) DISCONTINUANCE OF AID TO NAVIGATION.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(A) by redesignating the second section 548 as section 551; and*

*(B) by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 552. Discontinuance of aid to navigation***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall establish a process for the discontinuance of an aid to navigation (other than a seasonal or temporary aid) established, maintained, or operated by the Coast Guard.*

*"(b) REQUIREMENT.—The process established under subsection (a) shall include procedures—*

*"(1) to notify the public of any discontinuance of an aid to navigation described in that subsection; and*

*"(2) to safeguard against any discontinuation that may compromise the safety of mariners or the public or hinder maritime operational readiness, including with respect to food security and maritime transportation.*

*"(c) CONSULTATION.—In establishing a process under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with and consider any recommendations of—*

*"(1) the Navigation Safety Advisory Council; and*

*"(2) with respect to aids to navigation established, maintained, or operated by the Coast Guard and located in the coastal or inland waterways of a State, the public of such State and relevant stakeholders, including—*

*"(A) State agencies;*

*"(B) State, local, and Tribal law enforcement, fire, and emergency response agencies;*

*"(C) Indian Tribes;*

*"(D) port;*

*"(E) pilots;*

*"(F) harbormasters;*

*"(G) commercial and recreational fishermen, including fishing associations;*

*"(H) ferry operators;*

*"(I) marina operators;*

*"(J) recreational boaters;*

*"(K) passenger vessel operators; and*

*"(L) coastal residents.*

*"(d) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the process is established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives of such process.".*

*(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(A) by striking the item relating to the second section 548; and*

*(B) by adding at the end the following:*

*"551. Marking anchorage grounds by Commandant of the Coast Guard.*
*"552. Discontinuance of aid to navigation.".*

*(b) REPORT ON CONDITION OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION ON THE MISSOURI RIVER.—*

*(1) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the condition of dayboards and the placement of buoys on the Missouri River.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph (1) shall include—*

*(A) a list of the most recent date on which each dayboard and buoy was serviced by the Coast Guard;*

*(B) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard to systematically service each dayboard and buoy on the Missouri River; and*

*(C) assigned points of contact.*

*(c) REPORT ON CONDITION OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION.—*

*(1) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Executive Director of the Committee on Marine Transportation System shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the condition of dayboards and the placement of buoys in Coast Guard Northeast District, and Coast Guard Northwest District.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The report under paragraph (1) shall include—*

*(A) a list of the most recent date on which each dayboard and buoy was serviced by the Coast Guard;*

*(B) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard to systematically service each buoy located in the Coast Guard Northeast District;*

*(C) an overview of the plan of the Coast Guard to systematically service each buoy located in the Coast Guard Northwest District; and*

*(D) assigned points of contact.*

*(3) LIMITATION.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant may not remove the aids to navigation covered in paragraph (1), unless there is an imminent threat to life or safety, until a period of 180 days has elapsed following the date on which the Commandant submits the report required under paragraph (1).*

*(4) STUDY ON RELIANCE ON AIDS TO NAVIGATION.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—The Executive Director of the Committee of Marine Transportation System Commandant shall conduct a study on the extent to which physical aids to navigation, including buoys and dayboards, are relied upon by maritime users in the Missouri River, Coast Guard Northeast District, and Coast Guard Northwest District.*

*(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In the study conducted under subparagraph (A), the Commandant shall include the following:*

*(i) An analysis of the extent to which physical aids to navigation serve as primary navigational references for operators of vessels that lack electronic or satellite-based systems, including small commercial vessels, recreational boats, sailboats, and skiffs.*

*(ii) An assessment of the role physical aids to navigation play in supporting safe vessel operation during outages, disruptions, or inaccuracies in electronic or satellite-based navigation systems.*

*(iii) An assessment of mariner perspectives on the availability, visibility, and reliability of physical aids to navigation, based on input from recreational boaters, commercial fishermen, pilot associations, port authorities, and other relevant waterway users.*

*(iv) A summary of reported incidents or near-miss events from the past five years in which the presence or absence of physical aids to navigation played a contributory role in navigational outcomes, including collisions, groundings, or deviations from intended routes.*

*(v) Recommendations for enhancing navigational safety for mariners who rely exclusively on, or supplement electronic systems with, traditional visual aids to navigation.*

*(vi) A cost–benefit analysis of the continued maintenance of physical aids to navigation, and the projected consequences of their removal, including—*

*(I) an estimate of the potential increase in maritime accidents, search and rescue operations, environmental incidents, and Coast Guard response missions that could result from the reduction or removal of physical aids to navigation;*

*(II) a comparison of the anticipated costs associated with such increased Coast Guard response operations to the ongoing costs of maintaining and servicing buoys and dayboards, particularly in high-traffic areas or locations with limited access to electronic navigation systems;*

*(III) an assessment of the role physical aids to navigation play in preventing incidents involving vessels with limited or no reliance on GPS or electronic systems; and*

*(IV) an assessment of the indirect costs and operational impacts associated with the removal of physical aids to navigation, including increased risk of vessel groundings, prolonged Coast Guard response times, and diminished mariner trust in navigational infrastructure.*

*(C) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Executive Director of the Committee on Marine Transportation shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-*

*frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate the results of the study conducted under subparagraph (A).*

*(d) REPEAL.—Section 210 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (14 U.S.C. 541 note) is repealed.*

***SEC. 7265. STUDY AND GAP ANALYSIS WITH RESPECT TO COAST GUARD AIR STATION CORPUS CHRISTI AVIATION HANGER.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall commence a study and gap analysis with respect to the aviation hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi and the capacity of such hangar to accommodate the aircraft currently assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi and any aircraft anticipated to be so assigned in the future.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The study and gap analysis required by subsection (a) shall include the following:*

*(1) An identification of hangar infrastructure requirements needed—*

*(A) to meet mission requirements for all aircraft currently assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi; and*

*(B) to accommodate the assignment of an additional HC–144 Ocean Sentry aircraft to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi.*

*(2) An assessment as to whether the aviation hangar at Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi is sufficient to accommodate all rotary-wing assets assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi.*

*(3) In the case of an assessment that such hangar is insufficient to accommodate all such rotary-wing assets, a description of the facility modifications that would be required to do so.*

*(4) An assessment of the facility modifications of such hangar that would be required to accommodate all aircraft assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi upon completion of the transition from the MH–65 rotary-wing aircraft to the MH–60T rotary-wing aircraft.*

*(5) An evaluation with respect to which fixed-wing assets assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi should be enclosed in such hangar so as to most effectively mitigate the effects of corrosion while meeting mission requirements.*

*(6) An evaluation as to whether, and to what extent, the storage of fixed-wing assets outside such hangar would compromise the material condition and safety of such assets.*

*(7) An evaluation of the extent to which any material condition and safety issue identified under paragraph (6) may be mitigated through the use of gust locks, chocks, tie-downs, or related equipment.*

*(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the commencement of the study and gap analysis required under subsection (a), the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the results of the study and gap analysis.*

***SEC. 7266. REPORT ON IMPACTS OF JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS ON MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD WHO RELY ON FERRY SYSTEMS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the impacts of the Joint Travel Regulations on members of the Coast Guard who are commuting, on permanent change of station travel, or on other official travel to or from locations served by ferry systems.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include an analysis of the impacts on such members of the Coast Guard of the following policies under the Joint Travel Regulations:*

*(1) The one-vehicle shipping policy.*

*(2) The unavailability of reimbursement of costs incurred by such members due to ferry schedule unavailability, sailing cancellations, and other sailing delays during commuting, permanent change of station travel, or other official travel.*

*(3) The unavailability of local infrastructure to support vehicles or goods shipped to duty stations in locations outside the contiguous United States that are not connected by the road system, including locations served by the Alaska Marine Highway System.*

*(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and*

*(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.*

*(2) JOINT TRAVEL REGULATIONS.—The term "Joint Travel Regulations", with respect to official travel, means the terms, rates, conditions, and regulations maintained under section 464 of title 37, United States Code.*

***SEC. 7267. REPORT ON JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS PROGRAM.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:*

*(1) A description of the standards and criteria prescribed by the Coast Guard for educational institution participation in the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.*

*(2) With respect to each educational institution offering a Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program—*

*(A) a description of—*

*(i) the training and course of military instruction provided to students;*

*(ii) the facilities and drill areas used for the program;*

*(iii) the type and amount of Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program resources provided by the Coast Guard;*

*(iv) the type and amount of Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program resources provided by the educational institution; and*

*(v) any other matter relating to program requirements the Commandant considers appropriate;*

*(B) an assessment as to whether the educational institution is located in an educationally and economically deprived area (as described in section 2031 of title 10, United States Code);*

*(C) beginning with the year in which the program was established at the educational institution, the number and disaggregated demographics of students who have participated in the program; and*

*(D) an assessment of the participants in the program, including—*

*(i) the performance of the participants in the program;*

*(ii) the number of participants in the program who express an intent to pursue a commission or enlistment in the Coast Guard; and*

*(iii) a description of any other factor or matter considered by the Commandant to be important in assessing the success of program participants at the educational institution.*

*(3) With respect to any unit of the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps suspended or placed on probation pursuant to section 2031(h) of title 10, United States Code—*

*(A) a description of the unit;*

*(B) the reason for such suspension or placement on probation;*

*(C) the year the unit was so suspended or placed on probation; and*

*(D) with respect to any unit that was reinstated after previously being suspended or placed on probation, a justification for the reinstatement of such unit.*

*(4) A description of the resources and personnel required to maintain, implement, and provide oversight for the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at each participating educational institution and within the Coast Guard, including the funding provided to each such educational institution, disaggregated by educational institution and year.*

*(5) A recommendation with respect to—*

*(A) whether the number of educational institutions participating in the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program should be increased; and*

*(B) in the case of a recommendation that such number should be increased, additional recommendations relating to such an increase, including—*

*(i) the number of additional educational institutions that should be included in the program;*

*(ii) the locations of such institutions;*

*(iii) any additional authorities or resources necessary for such an increase; and*

*(iv) any other matter the Commandant considers appropriate.*

*(6) Any other matter the Commandant considers necessary in order to provide a full assessment of the effectiveness of the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.*

***SEC. 7268. REPORT ON AND EXPANSION OF COAST GUARD JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS PROGRAM.***

*(a) REPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the status of the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Program.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

*(A) A review and timeline of Coast Guard outreach efforts in Coast Guard districts that do not have a Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Program.*

*(B) A review and timeline of Coast Guard outreach efforts in Coast Guard districts in which there are multiple Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Programs.*

*(C) Policy recommendations regarding future expansion of the Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officers' Training Program.*

*(b) EXPANSION.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on December 31, 2026, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall maintain at all times a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program with not fewer than 20 such programs.*

*(2) COST ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall provide Congress with an estimate of the costs associated with implementing this subsection.*

***SEC. 7269. ANNUAL REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAMINATION KITS.***

*(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 11272(c) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 4066) is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (5)—*

*(A) by striking "House" and inserting "House of Representatives"; and*

*(B) by striking "vessel" and inserting "Coast Guard vessel";*

(2) by transferring paragraph (5) to appear as subsection (b) of section 564 of the title 14, United States Code; and

(3) by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (5).

(b) BRIEFING.—The Commandant shall brief the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate regarding the cost incurred by the Coast Guard to meet the requirements of section 564 of title 14, United States Code, as amended by this section, during—

(1) fiscal year 2024 and fiscal year 2025, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) fiscal year 2026, not later than November 1, 2026.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 564(a)(2) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking the comma after "paragraph (1)".

**SEC. 7270. REPORT ON COAST GUARD PERSONNEL SKILLS.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report that includes the following:

(1) An analysis of the skills and experience of Coast Guard personnel, particularly such personnel with backgrounds in engineering, navigation, heavy equipment operation, and maintenance, that are directly transferable to the dredging industry.

(2) A plan for developing and implementing targeted outreach and recruitment strategies to connect separating or retiring Coast Guard personnel with employment opportunities, including registered apprentice programs, in the dredging industry.

(3) An evaluation of the potential for establishing programs to recognize the skills of Coast Guard personnel for the merchant mariner credentials necessary for employment in the dredging industry.

(4) A description of any existing or planned coordination with employers, relevant labor organizations, and other relevant agencies to facilitate the transition of Coast Guard personnel into the dredging industry.

**SEC. 7271. REPORT ON COAST GUARD SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter through fiscal year 2030, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report detailing the search and rescue operations at impacted Coast Guard facilities and of the assets assigned to such facilities that contains the following:

(1) The number, location of, and assets assigned to impacted Coast Guard facilities.

(2) The number of active Coast Guard facilities operating as scheduled mission stations and the assets assigned to such stations.

*(3) The steps taken to implement the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office report titled "Coast Guard Actions Needed to Close Stations Identified as Overlapping and Unnecessarily Duplicative", and issued in October 2017 (2017 GAO Report 18-9).*

*(4) Whether the impacted Coast Guard facilities were identified as overlapping or unnecessarily duplicative in any previous Coast Guard report, including the cost savings and efficiencies identified with closing that the impacted Coast Guard facility.*

*(5) Beginning in fiscal year 2021 and accounted for annually thereafter through fiscal 2030—*

*(A) the number of search and rescue, watch stander, and other personnel at each impacted Coast Guard facility and the personnel allowance list associated with each assignment year to such location beginning in 2021;*

*(B) the average response time for all search and rescue operations at each impacted Coast Guard facility;*

*(C) each of the number of lives lost, saved, and assisted during search and rescue operations at each impacted Coast Guard facility and by each asset assigned to the that facility; and*

*(D) the number of vessel safety checks administered by an impacted Coast Guard facility or asset assigned to that facility.*

*(6) The number of search and rescue incidents, including ice rescues, in which a facility or asset assigned to such facility responded to a search and rescue incident in an area previously covered by an impacted Coast Guard facility but was unable to fulfill the mission, including—*

*(A) the distance traveled to the destination of each incident; and*

*(B) the duration time traveled to reach the destination of each incident to include if total response time exceeded two-hours from time of notification of the Coast Guard until the time of arrival on scene, including 30 minutes of preparation time (a total of 90 minutes from underway to on-scene).*

*(7) A description of active and past first responder cooperative agreements made between each impacted Coast Guard facility and local law enforcement or first responders related to search and rescue operations.*

*(8) The area of responsibility covered by each impacted Coast Guard facility, including a map overview of each area of responsibility.*

*(9) Any other metrics determined to be relevant by the Commandant to convey the changes to search and rescue operations at impacted Coast Guard facilities.*

*(b) DEFINITION OF IMPACTED COAST GUARD FACILITY.—In this section, the term "impacted Coast Guard facility" means a facility or station that was designated as a schedule mission station or closed under either the Assignment Year 2024 Force Alignment Initiative or the Assignment Year 2025 Force Alignment Initiative.*

***SEC. 7272. REPORT ON EAST ROCKAWAY INLET NAVIGATION.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee*

*on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the navigable waterway of the East Rockaway Inlet located on Long Island, New York.*

*(b) CONTENTS.—The report under subsection (a) shall include—*

*(1) an evaluation of potential hazards to navigation present in the East Rockaway Inlet;*

*(2) a map of current and future aids to navigation in the East Rockaway Inlet;*

*(3) an evaluation of the effects of the current channel hazards on commercial navigation and safety;*

*(4) recommendations on addressing hazards to navigation present in the East Rockaway Inlet; and*

*(5) recommendations on updates to the necessary to aids navigation in order to maintain safety.*

***SEC. 7273. RESPONSIBLE PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND TRACKING.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall provide to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a list of all lighthouses owned or operated by the Lighthouse Service on July 1, 1939, when the service was incorporated into the Coast Guard.*

*(b) CONTENTS.—In providing the list under subsection (a), the Commandant shall—*

*(1) display which lighthouses—*

*(A) are still owned and operated by the Coast Guard;*

*(B) are still owned, but not operated by the Coast Guard;*

*(C) have been divested—*

*(i) by statute and the recipient of such lighthouses;*

*(ii) through Federal government surplus processes and the recipient of such lighthouses;*

*(iii) under the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 470w–7 et seq.) and the recipient of such lighthouses;*

*(iv) through other means and the recipient of such lighthouses; and*

*(2) provide any other information about the retention or disposition of lighthouses owned or formerly owned by the Coast Guard which the Commandant determines relevant so the Committees can understand the obligations of the Coast Guard with respect to such lighthouses or information which the Commandant otherwise determines relevant.*

***SEC. 7274. STUDY ON EFFECTS OF OCEANOGRAPHIC, WEATHER, AND COASTAL CONDITIONS ON COAST GUARD MISSIONS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy, shall conduct a study that—*

*(1) determines the extent to which the Coast Guard missions described in section 201(a) of title 14, United States Code, are affected by oceanographic, weather, coastal conditions and ice coverage; and*

*(2) assesses the adequacy of preparedness of Coast Guard installations for the conditions described in paragraph (1).*

*(b) REPORT.—The Commandant shall submit a report to Congress that includes—*

*(1) the findings of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a); and*

*(2) recommended modifications to the Coast Guard Academy curriculum—*

*(A) to better educate cadets on such findings; and*

*(B) ensure that research related to such findings is accessible and available for training and educational purposes.*

***SEC. 7275. PARENTAL LEAVE SURGE STAFFING PROGRAM.***

*Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall update Coast Guard policy with respect to the parental leave surge staffing program (or a successor program) to ensure that, to the maximum extent practicable, surge staffing is provided to backfill Public Health Service officers detailed to the Coast Guard who are on parental leave so as to ensure the continuation of healthcare, pharmacy, and related services for members of the Coast Guard.*

***SEC. 7276. MODIFICATION OF STRATEGY TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE AT REMOTE UNITS.***

*Section 11419 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 4126) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a), by striking "this Act" and all that follows through "strategy" and inserting "the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2026, the Commandant shall develop a detailed written strategy";*

*(2) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (8); and*

*(B) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:*

*"(7) A detailed written action plan and timeline for implementing improvements to the quality of life for members of the Coast Guard at remote units.";*

*(3) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively;*

*(4) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:*

*"(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Commandant shall make the strategy developed under subsection (a) available to the public on an internet website of the Coast Guard.*

*"(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Commandant shall oversee the implementation of the strategy developed under subsection (a), including the action plan described in paragraph (7) of that subsection."; and*

*(5) by amending subsection (e), as redesignated, to read as follows:*

*"(e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the strategy developed under subsection (a) is completed, and annually thereafter for 3 years, the Commandant shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with a briefing, in person and in writing, on—*

*"(1) the elements of the strategy;*

*"(2) the status of the implementation of the action plan described in subsection (a)(7);*

*"(3) the timeline for implementation of each of the elements of such action plan; and*

*"(4) any barriers to the implementation of such action plan.".*

***SEC. 7277. RETENTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code is amended by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 511. Retention of certain records***

*"(a) COAST GUARD MESSAGE BOARD.—The Commandant shall designate as a record of the Coast Guard, and ensure the longest possible retention approved by the National Archives and Records Administration of, each message placed on Coast Guard message board on or after the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act on a publicly available website to the maximum extent possible, in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and other applicable laws.*

*"(b) COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION.—The Commandant shall designate as a temporary record of the Coast Guard, and ensure the retention for a period not less than 15 years of or the retention approved by the National Archives & Records Administration, each Commandant Instruction Manual and Coast Guard Academy Superintendent Instruction Manual, including all versions thereof, in effect on or after the date that is 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

*"(c) COST-BENEFIT REVIEW.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Commandant shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that—*

*"(1) identifies all current recurrent requirements for reports to Congress applicable to the Coast Guard;*

*"(2) estimates the total annual cost and staff hours required for compliance with such requirements; and*

*"(3) provides recommendations to Congress for sunset, consolidation, or automation of such requirements to improve efficiency, consistent applicable laws.*

*"(d) DEFINITIONS.—*

*"(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—CST and T&I*

*"(2) COAST GUARD MESSAGE BOARD.—The term 'Coast Guard message board' means the Coast Guard official platform for disseminating time-sensitive or service-wide administrative information to Coast Guard personnel, including the publishing of official general messages including ALCOAST, ALCGPSC, ALCGENL, and similar formats that provide timely policy updates, operational guidance, or announcements to the field.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 510 the following:*

*"511. Retention of certain records.".*

***SEC. 7278. TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF RESTROOM FACILITIES FOR TRAINING CENTER CAPE MAY MEDICAL FACILITY.***

*Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall require and install additional temporary restroom facilities, as necessary, to provide relief for recruits being processed at the Training Center Cape May medical facility.*

***SEC. 7279. CHILDHOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM.***

*(a) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The Commandant shall review memoranda of understanding between the other armed forces and entities which provide children's advocacy center services to such armed forces.*

*(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall provide to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a recommendation on whether the Commandant should enter into a memorandum of understanding similar to such memoranda of understanding entered into by the other armed forces for the provisions of child advocacy center services, or take other actions to track incidents and respond to such incidents described in subsection (a).*

# *TITLE LXXIII—SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION*

## *Subtitle A—Merchant Mariner Credentials*

***SECTION 7301. MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIALING.***

*(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2101 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by redesignating paragraphs (20) through (56) as paragraphs (21), (22), (24), (25), (26), (27), (28), (29), (30), (31), (32), (33), (34), (35), (36), (37), (38), (39), (40), (41), (42), (43), (44), (45), (46), (47), (48), (49), (50), (51), (52), (53), (54), (55), (56), (57), and (58), respectively;*

*(2) by inserting after paragraph (19) the following:*

*"(20) 'merchant mariner credential' means a merchant mariner license, certificate, or document that the Secretary is authorized to issue pursuant to this title."; and*

*(3) by inserting after paragraph (22), as so redesignated, the following:*

*"(23) 'nautical school program' means a program that—*

*"(A) offers a comprehensive program of training that includes substantial sea service on nautical school vessels or merchant vessels of the United States primarily to train individuals for service in the merchant marine; and*

*"(B) is approved by the Secretary for purposes of section 7315, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary.".*

*(b) NONCITIZENSHIP NATIONALITY.—*

*(1) CITIZENSHIP OR NONCITIZEN NATIONALITY.—Section 7102 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(A) in the section heading by inserting "**or noncitizen nationality**" after "**Citizenship**"; and*

*(B) by inserting "or noncitizen nationals (as such term is described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))" after "citizens".*

*(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 7304 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(i) in the section heading by inserting "**or noncitizen nationality**" after "**Citizenship**"; and*

*(ii) by inserting "or noncitizen national (as such term is described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))" after "citizen".*

*(B) CITIZENSHIP AND NAVY RESERVE REQUIREMENTS.—Section 8103 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(i) in the section heading by inserting "**or noncitizen nationality**" after "**Citizenship**";*

*(ii) in subsection (a) by inserting "or noncitizen national" after "citizen";*

*(iii) in subsection (b)—*

*(I) in paragraph (1)(A)(i) by inserting "or noncitizen national" after "citizen";*

*(II) in paragraph (3) by inserting "or noncitizen nationality" after "citizenship"; and*

*(III) in paragraph (3)(C) by inserting "or noncitizen nationals" after "citizens";*

*(iv) in subsection (c) by inserting "or noncitizen nationals" after "citizens";*

*(v) in subsection (d)—*

*(I) in paragraph (1) by inserting "or noncitizen nationals" after "citizens"; and*

*(II) in paragraph (2) by inserting "or noncitizen national" after "citizen" each place it appears;*

*(vi) in subsection (e) by inserting "or noncitizen national" after "citizen" each place it appears;*

*(vii) in subsection (i)(1)(A) by inserting "or noncitizen national" after "citizen";*

*(viii) in subsection (k)—*

*(I) in paragraph (1)(A) by inserting "or noncitizen national" after "citizen"; and*

*(II) in paragraph (2)—*

*(aa) by striking "Not more than" and inserting the following:*

*"(A) Not more than"; and*

*(bb) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), for the period beginning on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025 and ending on December 31, 2065, not more than 50 percent of the unlicensed seamen on a vessel described in paragraph (1) may be aliens referred to in subparagraph (B) or (C) of such paragraph."; and*

*(ix) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(l) NONCITIZEN NATIONAL DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'noncitizen national' means an individual described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408).".*

*(C) COMMAND OF DOCUMENTED VESSELS.—Section 12131(a) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or noncitizen national (as such term is described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))" after "citizen".*

*(D) INVALIDATION OF CERTIFICATES OF DOCUMENTATION.—Section 12135(2) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or noncitizen national (as such term is described in section 308 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1408))" after "citizen".*

*(3) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—The analysis for chapter 71 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 7102 and inserting the following:*

*"7102. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality.".*

*(B) SECTION 7304.—The analysis for chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 7304 and inserting the following:*

*"7304. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality notation on merchant mariners' documents.".*

*(C) SECTION 8103.—The analysis for chapter 81 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 8103 and inserting the following:*

*"8103. Citizenship or noncitizen nationality and Navy Reserve requirements.".*

*(c) EXAMINATIONS.—Section 7116 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (c).*

*(d) MERCHANT MARINERS DOCUMENTS.—Chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by amending section 7306 to read as follows:*

***"§ 7306. General requirements and classifications for members of deck departments***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may issue a merchant mariner credential, to members of the deck department in the following classes:*

*"(1) Able Seaman-Unlimited.*
*"(2) Able Seaman-Limited.*
*"(3) Able Seaman-Special.*
*"(4) Able Seaman-Offshore Supply Vessels.*
*"(5) Able Seaman-Sail.*
*"(6) Able Seaman-Fishing Industry.*
*"(7) Ordinary Seaman.*

*"(b) CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.—The Secretary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued under subsection (a) based on—*

*"(1) the tonnage and means of propulsion of vessels;*
*"(2) the waters on which vessels are to be operated; or*
*"(3) other appropriate standards.*

*"(c) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify for a credential under this section, an applicant shall provide satisfactory proof that the applicant—*

*"(1) is at least 18 years of age;*

*"(2) has the service required by the applicable section of this part;*

*"(3) is qualified professionally as demonstrated by an applicable examination or educational requirements;*

*"(4) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and physical condition to perform the seafarer's duties; and*

*"(5) has satisfied any additional requirements established by the Secretary, including career patterns and service appropriate to the particular service, industry, or job functions the individual is engaged.";*

*(2) in section 7307 by striking "3 years" and inserting "18 months";*

*(3) in section 7308 by striking "18 months" and inserting "12 months";*

*(4) in section 7309 by striking "12 months" and inserting "6 months";*

*(5) in section 7313—*

*(A) in subsection (b) by striking "and coal passer"; and*

*(B) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:*

*"(c) CLASSIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS.—The Secretary may classify the merchant mariner credential issued under subsection (a) based on—*

*"(1) the tonnage and means of propulsion of vessels;*

*"(2) the waters on which vessels are to be operated; or*

*"(3) other appropriate standards.*

*"(d) QUALIFICATIONS.—To qualify for a credential under this section, an applicant shall provide satisfactory proof that the applicant—*

*"(1) is at least 18 years of age;*

*"(2) has a minimum of 6-months service in the related entry rating;*

*"(3) is qualified professionally as demonstrated by an applicable examination or educational requirements; and*

*"(4) is qualified as to sight, hearing, and physical condition to perform the member's duties."; and*

*(6) by amending section 7315 to read as follows:*

***"§ 7315. Training***

*"(a) NAUTICAL SCHOOL PROGRAM.—Graduation from a nautical school program may be substituted for the sea service requirements under sections 7307 through 7311a and 7313 of this title.*

*"(b) OTHER APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS.—The satisfactory completion of a training program approved by the Secretary may be substituted for not more than one-half of the sea service requirements under sections 7307 through 7311a and 7313 of this title in accordance with subsection (c).*

*"(c) TRAINING DAYS.—For purposes of subsection (b), training days undertaken in connection with training programs approved by the Secretary may be substituted for days of required sea service under sections 7307 through 7311a and 7313 of this title as follows:*

*"(1) Each shore-based training day in the form of classroom lectures may be substituted for 2 days of sea service requirements.*

*"(2) Each training day of laboratory training, practical demonstrations, and other similar training, may be substituted for 4 days of sea service requirements.*

*"(3) Each training day of full mission simulator training may be substituted for 6 days of sea service requirements.*

*"(4) Each training day underway on a vessel while enrolled in an approved training program may be substituted for 1½ days of sea service requirements, as long as—*

*"(A) the structured training provided while underway on a vessel is—*

*"(i) acceptable to the Secretary as part of the approved training program; and*

*"(ii) fully completed by the individual; and*

*"(B) the tonnage of such vessel is appropriate to the endorsement being sought.*

*"(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term 'training day' means a day that consists of not less than 7 hours of training.".*

*(e) IMPLEMENTATION.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall implement the requirements under subsection (c) of section 7306 of title 46, United States Code (as amended by this section), without regard to chapters 5 and 6 of title 5, United States Code, and Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601 note).*

*(2) SECTION 7315.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall implement the requirements of section 7315 of title 46, United States Code, as amended by this subsection, without regard to chapters 5 and 6 of title 5, United States Code, and Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 (5 U.S.C. 601 note) and 14094 (88 Fed. Reg. 21879).*

*(f) REPEAL.—Section 7314 of title 46, United States Code, and the item relating to such section in the analysis for chapter 73 of such title, are repealed.*

*(g) AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 75.—Chapter 75 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in section 7507 by adding at the end the following:*

*"(d) RENEWAL.—With respect to any renewal of an active merchant mariner credential issued under this part that is not an extension under subsection (a) or (b), such credential shall begin the day after the expiration of the active credential of the credential holder.";*

*(2) in section 7510(c)—*

*(A) in the subsection heading by striking "EXAM REVIEW" and inserting "WORKING GROUP";*

*(B) in paragraph (1)—*

*(i) by striking "90 days" and inserting "180 days";*

*(ii) by striking "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2016" and insert "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025";*

*(iii) by striking "new questions for inclusion in" and inserting "questions, content, and relevancy of";*

*(iv) by redesignating subparagraphs (E), (F), and (G) as subparagraphs (G), (H), and (I), respectively; and*

*(v) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following:*

*"(E) at least 2 individuals that have taken and passed the examination in the 5 years before the commissioning of the working group;*

*"(F) at least 1 representative from the United States Merchant Marine Academy;";*

*(C) in paragraph (4)—*

*(i) in the paragraph heading by striking "BASELINE REVIEW" and inserting "REVIEW";*

*(ii) in subparagraph (A)—*

*(I) by striking "Within 1 year" and inserting "Not later than 270 days";*

*(II) by striking "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2016" and inserting "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025";*

*(III) by striking "Secretary" and inserting "Commandant";*

*(IV) by redesignating clauses (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) as clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), and (vii), respectively;*

*(V) in clause (iv), as so redesignated, by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;*

*(VI) by inserting before clause (ii) the following:*

*"(i) industry standards, practices, and technology to be considered in the Merchant Mariner Credentialing Examination;"; and*

*(VII) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:*

*"(v) the relevancy of examination topics and contents;*

*"(vi) any redundancy of core competencies between the Merchant Mariner Credentialing Examination and Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchingkeeping competencies; and"; and*

*(iii) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:*

*"(B) REPORT TO COMMANDANT.—Upon completion of the review under this paragraph, a report shall be provided to the Commandant which shall include findings of the review with recommendations for updates to the Merchant Marine Credentialling Examination.";*

*(D) by striking paragraphs (3), (5), and (8);*

*(E) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (9) as paragraphs (5) and (8), respectively; and*

*(F) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:*

*"(3) MEETING OF WORKING GROUP.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall convene the working group annually or at the creation of new examination questions, whichever occurs sooner.*

*"(B) REMOTE PARTICIPATION.—The Commandant shall allow any member of the working group to participate remotely if the member of the working group does not have the means to participate in person.*

*"(4) USE OF QUESTIONS.—The Commandant may not use questions developed for use in the Merchant Mariner*

*Credentialing Examination until such questions are reviewed and approved by the working group.";*

*(3) in section 7511(a)—*

*(A) in paragraph (1) by striking "or";*

*(B) in paragraph (2) by striking "State, local, or Tribal law" and inserting "Federal, State, local, or Tribal law";*

*(C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and*

*(D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:*

*"(2) section 920 or 920b of title 10 (article 120 and 120b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice); or"; and*

*(4) by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 7512. Requirements of electronic merchant mariner credentialing system***

*"(a) DEFINITION OF MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL.—In this section, the term 'merchant mariner credential' means a merchant mariner license, certificate, or document that the Secretary is authorized to issue pursuant to this title.*

*"(b) NECESSARY CONSIDERATIONS.—In implementing any electronic merchant mariner credentialing system for purposes of this chapter, the Secretary shall consider how to allow, to the maximum extent practicable—*

*"(1) the electronic submission of the components of merchant mariner credential applications (such as sea service documentation, professional qualifications, course completion certificates, safety and suitability documents, and medical records) and course approval requests;*

*"(2) the direct electronic and secure submission of—*

*"(A) sea service verification documentation from employers;*

*"(B) course completion certificates from training providers; and*

*"(C) necessary documentation from other stakeholders; and*

*"(3) the electronic processing and evaluation of information for the issuance of merchant mariner credentials and course approvals, including the capability for the Secretary to complete remote evaluation of information submitted through the system.*

*"(c) ACCESS TO DATA.—The Secretary shall ensure that the Maritime Administration and other Federal agencies, as authorized by the Secretary, have access to anonymized and aggregated data from the electronic system described in subsection (b) and that such data include, at a minimum—*

*"(1) the total amount of sea service for individuals with a valid merchant mariner credential;*

*"(2) the number of mariners with valid merchant mariner credentials for each rating, including the capability to filter data based on credential endorsements;*

*"(3) demographic information including age, gender, and region or address;*

*"(4) the estimated times for the Coast Guard to process merchant mariner credential applications, mariner medical certificates, and course approvals;*

*"(5) the number of providers approved to provide training for purposes of this part and, for each such training provider, the number of classes taken by individuals with, or applying for, a merchant mariner credential; and*

*"(6) if applicable, the branch of the uniformed services (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10) and duty status of applicants for a merchant mariner credential.*

*"(d) PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall collect the information required under subsection (b) in a manner that protects the privacy rights of individuals who are the subjects of such information.".*

*(h) PLAN.—*

*(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 270 days after the completion of the review under paragraph (4) of subsection (c), the Commandant shall develop a plan to update and modernize the Merchant Mariner Credentialing Examination and implement the recommendations developed by the review under such paragraph.*

*(2) CONTENTS.—The plan developed under paragraph (1) shall not diminish demonstrated competency standards and shall include—*

*(A) the elimination of redundant topics between the Merchant Mariner Credentialing Examination and other examinations required to obtain a Merchant Mariner Credential;*

*(B) the elimination or updating of outdated topics, contents, core competencies, or questions covered by the Merchant Mariner Credentialing Examination;*

*(C) the modernization of testing procedures consistent with contemporary procedures for standardized testing administration and evaluation; and*

*(D) the development of methods to analyze examination data related to the effectiveness of questions in determining competency.*

*(3) COORDINATION.—In developing the plan under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall develop such plan in consultation with the working group and individuals with expertise in modern best practices for relevant standardized testing.*

*(4) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Coast Guard shall provide to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a briefing on the review and plan developed under this subsection.*

*(i) AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 77.—Section 7702(d)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subparagraph (B) by redesignating clauses (i) through (iv) as subclauses (I) through (IV), respectively (and by conforming the margins accordingly);*

*(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively (and by conforming the margins accordingly);*

*(3) by striking "an individual if—" and inserting the following: " 'an individual—*

*"(A) if—";*

*(4) in subparagraph (A)(ii)(IV), as so redesignated, by striking the period at the end and inserting "; or"; and*

*(5) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(B) if there is probable cause to believe that the individual has violated company policy and is a security risk that poses a threat to other individuals on the vessel.".*

*(j) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—*

*(1) CHAPTER 73.—The analysis for chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 7306 and inserting the following:*

*"7306. General requirements and classifications for members of deck departments.".*

*(2) CHAPTER 75.—The analysis for chapter 75 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"7512. Requirements of electronic merchant mariner credentialing system.".*

*(k) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

*(1) TITLE 46.—Title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(A) in section 2101(48)(B), as redesignated by subsection (a), by striking "; and" and inserting "; or";*

*(B) in section 2113(3) by striking "section 2101(53)(A)" and inserting "section 2101(55)(A)";*

*(C) in section 3202(a)(1)(A) by striking "section 2101(29)(A)" and inserting "section 2101(31)(A)";*

*(D) in section 3507(k)(1) by striking "section 2101(31)" and inserting "section 2101(33)";*

*(E) in section 4105(d) by striking "section 2101(53)(A)" and inserting "section 2101(55)(A)";*

*(F) in section 12119(a)(3) by striking "section 2101(26)" and inserting "section 2101(28)"; and*

*(G) in section 51706(c)(6)(C)(ii) by striking "section 2101(24)" and inserting "section 2101(26)".*

*(2) OTHER LAWS.—*

*(A) Section 3(3) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1802(3)) is amended by striking "2101(30) of title 46" and inserting "2101 of title 46".*

*(B) Section 1992(d)(7) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking "section 2101(31) of title 46" and inserting "section 2101 of title 46".*

*(C) Section 311(a)(26)(D) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(a)(26)(D)) is amended by striking "section 2101(23)" and inserting "section 2101".*

*(D) Section 1101 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "Section 2101(23)" and inserting "Section 2101(24)".*

***SEC. 7302. NONOPERATING INDIVIDUAL.***

*Section 8313(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) is amended by striking "2025" and inserting "2027".*

# Subtitle B—Vessel Safety

***SEC. 7311. GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATIONS OF A VESSEL.***

*Section 2302(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

*"(b) GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OPERATION.—*

*"(1) MISDEMEANOR.—A person operating a vessel in a grossly negligent manner that endangers the life, limb, or property of a person commits a class A misdemeanor.*

*"(2) FELONY.—A person operating a vessel in a grossly negligent manner that results in serious bodily injury, as defined in section 1365(h)(3) of title 18—*

*"(A) commits a class E felony; and*

*"(B) may be assessed a civil penalty of not more than $35,000.".*

***SEC. 7312. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN EXAMINATION SCHEDULE.***

*(a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 3714 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)(1) by striking "The Secretary" and inserting "Except as provided in subsection (c), the Secretary";*

*(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d); and*

*(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:*

*"(c) PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN EXAMINATION SCHEDULE.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to examinations of foreign vessels to which this chapter applies, and subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary may adopt a performance-driven examination schedule to which such vessels are to be examined and the frequency with which such examinations occur, including the frequency of examinations for each vessel. Such schedule shall be consistent with the Secretary's assessment of the safety performance of such vessels, including each vessel participating in the performance-driven examination schedule, in accordance with paragraph (2).*

*"(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing an examination schedule under paragraph (1) and subject to paragraph (3), with respect to each vessel in determining eligibility to participate in the performance based examination schedule—*

*"(A) the Secretary shall consider—*

*"(i) certificate of compliance and examination history, to include those conducted by foreign countries;*

*"(ii) history of violations, vessel detentions, incidents, and casualties;*

*"(iii) history of notices of violation issued by the Coast Guard;*

*"(iv) safety related information provided by the flag state of the vessel;*

*"(v) owner and operator history;*

*"(vi) historical classification society data, which may include relevant surveys;*

*"(vii) cargo-specific documentation;*

*"(viii) data from port state control safety exams; and*

*"(ix) relevant repair and maintenance history; and*

*"(B) the Secretary may consider—*

*"(i) data from relevant vessel quality assurance and risk assessment programs including Quality Shipping for the 21st Century (QUALSHIP 21);*

*"(ii) data from industry inspection regimes;*

*"(iii) data from vessel self assessments submitted to the International Maritime Organization or other maritime organizations; and*

*"(iv) other safety relevant data or information as determined by the Secretary.*

*"(3) ELIGIBILITY.—In developing an examination schedule under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall not consider a vessel eligible to take part in a performance-driven examination schedule under paragraph (1) if, within the last 36 months, the vessel has—*

*"(A) been detained by the Coast Guard;*

*"(B) a record of a violation issued by the Coast Guard against the owners or operators with a finding of proved; or*

*"(C) suffered a marine casualty that, as determined by the Secretary, involves the safe operation of the vessel and overall performance of the vessel.*

*"(4) RESTRICTIONS.—The Secretary may not adopt a performance-driven examination schedule under paragraph (1) until the Secretary has—*

*"(A) conducted the assessment recommended in the Government Accountability Office report submitted under section 8254(a) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283);*

*"(B) concluded through such assessment that a performance-driven examination schedule provides not less than the level of safety provided by the annual examinations required under subsection (a)(1); and*

*"(C) provided the results of such assessment to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.".*

*(b) CAREER INCENTIVE PAY FOR MARINE INSPECTORS.—Subsection (a) of section 11237 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (37 U.S.C. 352 note) is amended as follows:*

*"(a) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSIGNMENT PAY OR SPECIAL DUTY PAY.—For the purposes of addressing an identified shortage of marine inspectors, the Secretary may provide assignment pay or special duty pay under section 352 of title 37, United States Code, to a member of the Coast Guard serving in a prevention position that—*

*"(1) is assigned in support of or is serving as a marine inspector pursuant to section 312 of title 14, United States Code; and*

*"(2) is assigned to a billet that is difficult to fill due to geographic location, requisite experience or certifications, or lack of sufficient candidates, as determined by the Commandant, in an effort to address inspector workforce gaps.".*

*(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually for 2 years after the date on which*

*an implementation of a performance-driven examination schedule program under section 3714(c) of title 46, United States Code, the Commandant shall brief the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives on—*

*(1) the status of utilizing the performance-driven examination schedule program, including the quantity of examinations conducted and duration between examinations for each individual vessel examined under the performance-driven examination schedule;*

*(2) an overview of the size of the Coast Guard marine inspector workforce, including any personnel shortages assessed by the Coast Guard, for inspectors that conduct inspections under section 3714 of such title; and*

*(3) recommendations for the inspection, governance, or oversight of vessels inspected under section 3714 of such title.*

***SEC. 7313. FISHING SAFETY TRAINING AND RESEARCH.***

*Section 4502 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (i)(4) by striking "fiscal year 2023" and inserting " each of fiscal years 2026, and 2027"; and*

*(2) in subsection (j)(4) by striking "fiscal year 2023" and inserting "each of fiscal years 2026, and 2027.".*

***SEC. 7314. DESIGNATING PILOTAGE WATERS FOR THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 9302(a)(1)(A) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking "in waters" and inserting "in the Straits of Mackinac and in all other waters".*

*(b) DEFINITION OF THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC.—Section 9302 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(g) DEFINITION OF THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC.—In this section, the term 'Straits of Mackinac' includes all of the United States navigable waters bounded by longitudes 84 degrees 20 minutes west and 85 degrees 10 minutes west and latitudes 45 degrees 39 minutes north and 45 degrees 54 minutes north, including Gray's Reef Passage, the South Channel, and Round Island Passage, and approaches thereto.".*

***SEC. 7315. REQUIREMENT TO REPORT SEXUAL OFFENSES.***

*Section 10104 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)(1) by striking "harassment, sexual harassment, or sexual assault in violation of employer policy or law" and inserting "sexual harassment or sexual assault in violation of employer policy or law or harassment"; and*

*(2) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(h) HARASSMENT DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'harassment' means—*

*"(1)(A) unwelcome remarks about an individual's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or other physical or physiological attribute, or other unwelcome verbal or physical conduct towards an individual based on 1 or more of those categories, as prohibited by any Federal law, including—*

*"(i) title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.);*

*"(ii) the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (29 U.S.C. 621 et seq.);*

*"(iii) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.); and*

*"(iv) title II of the Genetic Information Nondisclosure Act (42 U.S.C. 2000ff et seq.); and*

*"(B)(i) submission to such remarks or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment, pay, career, benefits, or entitlements of an individual; or*

*"(ii) submission to or rejection of such remarks or conduct by an individual is used as the basis for decisions affecting that individual's job, pay, career, benefits, or entitlements; or*

*"(iii) such remarks or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance; and*

*"(C) such remarks or conduct are so severe or pervasive that a reasonable person would perceive, and the alleged harassed individual does perceive, the environment as hostile or offensive.*

*"(i) RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to impede the ability of the responsible entity of the vessel to take immediate personnel action in response to an incident described in subsection (a)(1) to preserve the safety and security of individuals on the vessel.*

*"(j) EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Coast Guard, after consultation with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (referred to in this subsection as the 'Commission'), shall—*

*"(1) develop and disseminate informational guidance to seafarers, vessel owners and operators, employers of seafarers, and other relevant stakeholders, which shall—*

*"(A) describe, in general terms—*

*"(i) the purpose, functions, and powers of the Commission;*

*"(ii) the role of the Commission in addressing employment discrimination complaints; and*

*"(B) identify the publicly available websites and contact information for the Commission; and*

*"(2) make available trainings or other presentations to inform seafarers of employment and anti-discrimination rights under the laws administered by the Coast Guard and the Commission.".*

***SEC. 7316. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FISHING VESSELS AND FISH TENDER VESSELS.***

*(a) EXCEPTIONS TO REGULATIONS FOR TOWING VESSELS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting through the relevant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, may grant temporary waivers from the towing vessel requirements of chapters 33 and 89 of*

*title 46, United States Code, including the regulations issued under such chapters, for fishing vessels and fish tender vessels.*

*(2) APPLICATION.—A temporary waiver issued under paragraph (1) shall be issued at the discretion of the relevant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection to a fishing vessel or fish tender vessel that—*

*(A) performs towing operations of net pens, and associated work platforms, to or from aquaculture or hatchery worksites;*

*(B) is less than 200 gross tons;*

*(C) does not tow a net pen, or associated work platform, that is carrying cargo or hazardous material, including oil, on board;*

*(D) is operating shoreward of the Boundary Line in either—*

*(i) Southeast Alaska; or*

*(ii) Prince William Sound; and*

*(E) complies with all applicable laws for its use in the usual purpose for which it is normally and substantially operated, including any applicable inspection requirements under section 3301 of title 46, United States Code, and exemptions under section 3302 of such title.*

*(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—*

*(A) REQUEST PROCESS.—The owner or operator of a fishing vessel or fish tender vessel seeking a waiver under paragraph (1) shall submit a request to the relevant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.*

*(B) CONTENTS.—The request submitted under subparagraph (A) shall include—*

*(i) a description of the intended towing operations;*

*(ii) the time periods and frequency of the intended towing operations;*

*(iii) the location of the intended operations;*

*(iv) a description of the manning of the fishing vessel or fish tender vessel during the intended operations; and*

*(v) any additional safety, operational, or other relevant information requested by the relevant Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.*

*(4) POLICY.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may issue policy to facilitate the implementation of this subsection.*

*(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:*

*(A) BOUNDARY LINE.—The term "Boundary Line" has the meaning given such term in section 103 of title 46, United States Code.*

*(B) FISHING VESSEL.—The term "fishing vessel" has the meaning given such term in section 2101 of title 46, United States Code.*

*(C) FISH TENDER VESSEL.—The term "fish tender vessel" has the meaning given such term in section 2101 of title 46, United States Code.*

*(D) OFFICER IN CHARGE, MARINE INSPECTION.—The term "Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection" has the meaning*

*given such term in section 3305 of title 46, United States Code.*

*(E) PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND.—The term "Prince William Sound" means all State and Federal waters within Prince William Sound, Alaska, including the approach to Hinchenbrook Entrance out to, and encompassing, Seal Rocks.*

*(F) SOUTHEAST ALASKA.—The term "Southeast Alaska" means the area along the coast of the State of Alaska from latitude 54 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds North to 60 degrees 18 minutes 24 seconds North.*

*(6) SUNSET.—The authorities under this section shall expire on January 1, 2027.*

*(b) LOAD LINES.—Section 11325(a) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat. 4095) is amended by striking "3" and inserting "5".*

***SEC. 7317. STUDY OF AMPHIBIOUS VESSELS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall conduct a study to determine the applicability of current safety regulations that apply to commercial amphibious vessels.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under subsection (a) shall include the following:*

*(1) An overview and analysis that identifies safety regulations that apply to commercial amphibious vessels.*

*(2) An evaluation of whether safety gaps and risks exist associated with the application of regulations identified in paragraph (1) to the operation of commercial amphibious vessels.*

*(3) An evaluation of whether aspects of the regulations established in section 11502 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (46 U.S.C. 3306 note) should apply to amphibious commercial vessels.*

*(4) Recommendations on potential regulations that should apply to commercial amphibious vessels.*

*(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report containing the findings, conclusions, and recommendations from the study required under subsection (a).*

*(d) DEFINITION OF AMPHIBIOUS VESSEL.—In this section, the term "amphibious vessel" means a vessel which is operating as a small passenger vessel in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, as defined in section 2.38 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation), and is operating as a motor vehicle as defined in section 216 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7550) and that is not a DUKW amphibious passenger vessel as defined in section 11502 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (46 U.S.C. 3306 note).*

***SEC. 7318. ST. LUCIE RIVER RAILROAD BRIDGE.***

*Regarding Docket Number USCG–2022–0222, before adopting a final rule, the Commandant shall conduct an independent boat traffic study at mile 7.4 of the St. Lucie River.*

# Subtitle C—Ports

***SEC. 7321. PORTS AND WATERWAYS SAFETY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8343 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (46 U.S.C. 70034 note) is amended—*

*(1) by striking "2-year pilot program" and inserting "pilot program";*

*(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d); and*

*(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:*

*"(c) AUTHORIZATION.—The pilot program under subsection (a) is authorized for fiscal years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, and 2032.".*

*(b) VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 70001 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(A) in subsection (f)(3)(A)—*

*(i) in clause (vi), by inserting "ice cover," after "weather,"; and*

*(ii) in clause (vii), by striking "Weather data, in coordination with" and inserting "Weather data and information, in coordination with the Administrator of"; and*

*(B) in subsection (j)(2)(A)—*

*(i) in clause (vi), by inserting "ice cover," after "weather,"; and*

*(ii) in clause (vii), by striking "Weather data, in coordination with" and inserting "Weather data and information, in coordination with the Administrator of".*

*(2) STAFFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress—*

*(A) an up-to-date analysis of vessel traffic service center staffing levels compared to the standards for such staffing levels provided in the most recent Vessel Traffic Services National Standards for Operating published by the Commandant of the Coast Guard;*

*(B) a plan to, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, fill any shortfalls in vessel traffic service center staffing levels compared to such standards; and*

*(C) a plan to ensure that vessel traffic service centers are adequately staffed to manage local variances under section 70001(c) of title 46, United States Code, and other risk factors which may include weather, ice conditions, and other effects on vessel traffic and waters under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard.*

*(3) REPORT ON TRANSITION TO FIBER AND SATELLITE DATA COVERAGE.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit a detailed report to the appropriate committees of Congress on a plan to transition cameras and other data collection sources used for Vessel Traffic Services to fiber or satellite connection, as appropriate.*

*(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:*

*(A) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(i) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and*

*(ii) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.*

*(B) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.*

*(C) VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE CENTER.—The term "vessel traffic service center" has the meaning given such term in section 70001(n) of title 46, United States Code.*

*(c) WATERFRONT SAFETY.—Section 70011(a) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1) by inserting ", including damage or destruction resulting from cyber incidents, transnational organized crime, or foreign state threats" after "adjacent to such waters"; and*

*(2) in paragraph (2) by inserting "or harm resulting from cyber incidents, transnational organized crime, or foreign state threats" after "loss".*

*(d) FACILITY VISIT BY STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.—Section 70011(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (3) by striking "and" at the end;*

*(2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and*

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

*"(5) prohibiting a representative of a government of country that the Secretary of State has determined has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism under section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371) from visiting a facility for which a facility security plan is required under section 70103(c).".*

*(e) GREAT LAKES SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY NAVIGATION.—Section 70032 of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

***"§ 70032. Delegation of ports and waterways authorities in Saint Lawrence Seaway***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the authority granted to the Secretary under sections 70001, 70002, 70003, 70004, and 70011 may not be delegated with respect to the Saint Lawrence Seaway to any agency other than the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Any other authority granted the Secretary under subchapters I through III and this subchapter shall be delegated by the Secretary to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation to the extent the Secretary determines such delegation is necessary for the proper operation of the Saint Lawrence Seaway.*

*"(b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, after consultation with the Secretary or the head of an agency to which the Secretary has delegated the authorities in subsection (a), may—*

*"(1) issue and enforce special orders in accordance with section 70002;*

*"(2) establish water or waterfront safety zones, or other measures, for limited, controlled, or conditional access and activity when necessary for the protection of any vessel structure, waters, or shore area, as permitted in section 70011(b)(3); and*

*"(3) take actions for port, harbor, and coastal facility security in accordance with section 70116.".*

*(f) REGULATION OF ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT OF VESSELS DURING NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—Section 70051 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or cyber incidents, or transnational organized crime, or foreign state threats," after "threatened war, or invasion, or insurrection, or subversive activity,".*

*(g) GREAT LAKES AND SAINT LAWRENCE RIVER COOPERATIVE VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue or amend such regulations as are necessary to address any applicable arrangements with the Canadian Coast Guard regarding vessel traffic services cooperation and vessel traffic management data exchanges within the Saint Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes.*

*(h) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 700 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 70032 and inserting the following:*

*"70032. Delegation of ports and waterways authorities in Saint Lawrence Seaway.".*

***SEC. 7322. STUDY ON BERING STRAIT VESSEL TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE POSTURE AT PORTS OF THE UNITED STATES.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the United States Committee on the Marine Transportation System, in coordination with the Commandant shall—*

*(1) complete an analysis regarding commercial vessel traffic that transits through the Bering Strait and projections for the growth of such traffic during the 10-year period beginning after such date of enactment; and*

*(2) assess the adequacy of emergency response capabilities and infrastructure at the ports of the United States that are in proximity to the vessel traffic that transits the Bering Strait, including the port facilities at Point Spencer, Alaska, Nome, Alaska, and Kotzebue, Alaska, to—*

*(A) address future navigation safety risks; and*

*(B) conduct emergency maritime response operations in the Arctic environment.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under subsection (a) shall include the following:*

*(1) An analysis of the volume and types of domestic and international commercial vessel traffic through the Bering Strait and the projected growth of such traffic, including—*

*(A) oil and gas tankers, cargo vessels, barges, fishing vessels, and cruise lines, both domestic and international;*

*(B) projected growth of such traffic through the Bering Strait;*

*(C) the seasonality of vessel transits of the Bering Strait; and*

*(D) a summation of the sizes, ages, and the country of registration or documentation of such vessels transiting the Arctic, including oil and product tankers either documented in transit to or from Russia or China or owned or operated by a Russian or Chinese entity.*

*(2) An assessment of the state and adequacy of vessel traffic services and oil spill and emergency response capabilities in the vicinity of the Bering Strait and its southern and northern approaches in the Chukchi Sea and the Bering Sea.*

*(3) A risk assessment of the projected growth in commercial vessel traffic in the Bering Strait and potential of increased frequency in the number of maritime accidents, including spill events, and the potential impacts to the Arctic maritime environment and Native Alaskan village communities in the vicinity of the vessel traffic in Western Alaska, including the Bering Strait.*

*(4) An evaluation of the extent to which Point Spencer can serve as a port of refuge and as a staging, logistics, and operations center from which to conduct and support maritime emergency and spill response activities.*

*(5) Recommendations for practical actions that can be taken by Congress, Federal agencies, the State of Alaska, vessel carriers and operators, the marine salvage and emergency response industry, and other relevant stakeholders to mitigate risks identified in the study carried out under this section.*

*(c) CONSULTATION.—In the preparation of the study under this section, the United States Committee on the Marine Transportation System shall consult with—*

*(1) the Maritime Administration;*

*(2) the Coast Guard;*

*(3) the Army Corps of Engineers;*

*(4) the Department of State;*

*(5) the National Transportation Safety Board;*

*(6) the Government of Canada, as appropriate;*

*(7) the Port Coordination Council for the Port of Point Spencer;*

*(8) State and local governments;*

*(9) other maritime industry participants, including carriers, shippers, ports, labor, fishing, or other entities; and*

*(10) nongovernmental entities with relevant expertise monitoring and characterizing vessel traffic or the environment in the Arctic.*

*(d) TRIBAL CONSULTATION.—In addition to the entities described in subsection (c), in preparing the study under this section, the Secretary of Transportation shall consult with Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Corporations, and Alaska Native communities.*

*(e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after initiating the study under this section, the United States Committee on the Marine Transportation System shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-*

*resentatives a report on the findings and recommendations of the study.*

*(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) ARCTIC.—The term "Arctic" has the meaning given such term in section 112 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).*

*(2) PORT COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR THE PORT OF POINT SPENCER.—The term "Port Coordination Council for the Port of Point Spencer" means the Council established under section 541 of Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114–120).*

***SEC. 7323. IMPROVING VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE MONITORING.***

*(a) PROXIMITY OF ANCHORAGES TO PIPELINES.—*

*(1) IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRUCTURING PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall implement the November 2021 proposed plan of the Vessel Traffic Service Los Angeles-Long Beach for restructuring the Federal anchorages in San Pedro Bay described on page 54 of the Report of the National Transportation Safety Board titled "Anchor Strike of Underwater Pipeline and Eventual Crude Oil Release", and issued January 2, 2024.*

*(2) STUDY.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall conduct a study to identify any anchorage grounds other than the San Pedro Bay Federal anchorages in which the distance between the center of an approved anchorage ground and a pipeline is less than 1 mile.*

*(3) REPORT.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the results of the study required under paragraph (2).*

*(B) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report and prior to submission, the Commandant shall consult with mariner and waterways users, including ocean-going commercial shipping, commercial fishermen, pilot associations, port authorities, and recreational boaters on the impact and feasibility of removing any already established anchorage grounds.*

*(C) CONTENTS.—The report under subparagraph (A) shall include—*

*(i) a list of the anchorage grounds described under paragraph (2);*

*(ii) whether it is possible to move each such anchorage ground to provide a minimum distance of 1 mile; and*

*(iii) a recommendation of whether to move any such anchorage ground and explanation for the recommendation.*

*(b) PROXIMITY TO PIPELINE ALERTS.—*

*(1) AUDIBLE AND VISUAL ALARMS.—The Commandant shall consult with the providers of vessel monitoring systems to add to the monitoring systems for vessel traffic services audible and*

*visual alarms that alert the watchstander when an anchored vessel is encroaching on a pipeline.*

*(2) NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall develop procedures for all vessel traffic services to notify pipeline and utility operators following potential incursions on submerged pipelines within the vessel traffic service area of responsibility.*

*(3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually for the subsequent 3 years, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the implementation of paragraphs (1) and (2).*

***SEC. 7324. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ONBOARD VESSELS.***

*Section 70503(a) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking "While on board a covered vessel, an" and inserting "An";*

*(2) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:*

*"(1) manufacture or distribute, possess with intent to manufacture or distribute, or place or cause to be placed with intent to manufacture or distribute a controlled substance on board a covered vessel;";*

*(3) in paragraph (2) by inserting "on board a covered vessel" before the semicolon; and*

*(4) in paragraph (3) by inserting "while on board a covered vessel" after "such individual".*

***SEC. 7325. CYBER-INCIDENT TRAINING.***

*Section 70103(c) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(9) The Secretary may conduct no-notice exercises in Captain of the Port Zones (as described in part 3 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025) involving a facility or vessel required to maintain a security plan under this subsection.".*

***SEC. 7326. NAVIGATIONAL PROTOCOLS.***

*The Commandant, in consultation with the Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall examine and provide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a detailed written briefing to not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act regarding the navigational protocols used by foreign allied nations governing vessel operations in fog or other low-visibility conditions, and how such nations employ advanced navigation technologies and vessel traffic services, including remote sensing, LiDAR, vessel tracking technologies, data analytics and machine-learning tools, and uncrewed systems to monitor visibility and improve safety and efficiency of vessels operations, including an assessment of the types of data collected through such technologies and the methods used to communicate that information.*

***SEC. 7327. ANCHORAGES.***

*Section 8437 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) is amended—*

*(1) by striking subsections (d) and (e);*

*(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d); and*

*(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:*

*"(c) PROHIBITION.—The Commandant shall prohibit any vessel anchoring on the reach of the Hudson River described in subsection (a) unless such anchoring is within any anchorage established before January 1, 2021.".*

## *Subtitle D—Matters Involving Uncrewed Systems*

***SEC. 7331. PILOT PROGRAM FOR GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT OF SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYSTEMS.***

*(a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that is 2 years after such date of enactment, small uncrewed maritime systems owned, operated, or chartered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or that are performing specified oceanographic surveys on behalf of and pursuant to a contract or other written agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, shall not be subject to any vessel inspection, design, operations, navigation, credentialing, or training requirement, law, or regulation, that the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration determines will harm real-time operational extreme weather oceanographic and atmospheric data collection and predictions.*

*(b) OTHER AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, acting through the Commandant, if there is an immediate safety or security concern regarding small uncrewed maritime systems.*

*(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYSTEMS.—The term "small uncrewed maritime systems" means unmanned maritime systems (as defined in section 2 of the CENOTE Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C. 4101)), that—*

*(A) are not greater than 35 feet overall in length;*

*(B) are operated remotely or autonomously; and*

*(C) exclusively perform oceanographic surveys or scientific research.*

*(2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term "uncrewed system"—*

*(A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea, or aircraft system and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the uncrewed system) that are required for the operator to operate the system safely and efficiently; and*

*(B) includes an unmanned aircraft system (as such term is defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code).*

*(d) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section may be construed to repeal, replace, or preclude application of chapter 551 of title 46, United States Code.*

***SEC. 7332. COAST GUARD TRAINING COURSE.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—For the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that is 3 years after such date of enactment, the Commandant, or such other individual or organization as the Commandant considers appropriate, shall develop a training course on small uncrewed maritime systems and offer such training course at least once each year for Coast Guard personnel working with or regulating small uncrewed maritime systems.*

*(b) COURSE SUBJECT MATTER.—In developing the training course under subsection (a), the Commandant or other individual or organization shall—*

*(1) provide an overview and introduction to small uncrewed maritime systems, including examples of those used by the Federal Government, in academic settings, and in commercial sectors;*

*(2) address the benefits and disadvantages of use of small uncrewed maritime systems;*

*(3) address safe navigation of small uncrewed maritime systems, including measures to ensure collision avoidance;*

*(4) address the ability of small uncrewed maritime systems to communicate with and alert other vessels in the vicinity;*

*(5) address the ability of small uncrewed maritime systems to respond to system alarms and failures to ensure control commensurate with the risk posed by the systems;*

*(6) provide present and future capabilities of small uncrewed maritime systems; and*

*(7) provide an overview of the role of the International Maritime Organization in the governance of small uncrewed maritime systems.*

*(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) SMALL UNCREWED MARITIME SYSTEMS.—The term "small uncrewed maritime systems" means unmanned maritime systems (as defined in section 2 of the CENOTE Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C. 4101)), that—*

*(A) are not greater than 35 feet overall in length;*

*(B) are operated remotely or autonomously; and*

*(C) exclusively perform oceanographic surveys or scientific research.*

*(2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term "uncrewed system"—*

*(A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea, or aircraft system and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the uncrewed system) that are required for the operator to operate the system safely and efficiently; and*

*(B) includes an unmanned aircraft system (as such term is defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code).*

***SEC. 7333. NOAA MEMBERSHIP ON AUTONOMOUS VESSEL POLICY COUNCIL.***

*Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, with the concurrence of the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, shall establish the permanent membership of a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration employee to the Automated and Autonomous Vessel Policy Council of the Coast Guard, or its successor body.*

***SEC. 7334. TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAM.***

*Section 319(b) of title 14, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1) by striking "2 or more" and inserting "up to 4"; and*

*(2) in paragraph (3) by inserting "in person or in writing" after "a briefing".*

***SEC. 7335. UNCREWED SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES REPORT.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—*

*(1) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report that outlines a plan for establishing an uncrewed systems capabilities office within the Coast Guard responsible for the acquisition and development of uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system technologies and to expand the capabilities of the Coast Guard with respect to such technologies.*

*(2) CONTENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

*(A) A management strategy for the acquisition, development, and deployment of uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system technologies.*

*(B) A service-wide coordination strategy to synchronize and integrate efforts across the Coast Guard in order to—*

*(i) support the primary duties of the Coast Guard pursuant to section 102 of title 14, United States Code; and*

*(ii) pursue expanded research, development, testing, and evaluation opportunities and funding to expand and accelerate identification and transition of uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system technologies.*

*(C) The identification of contracting and acquisition authorities needed to expedite the development and deployment of uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system technologies.*

*(D) A detailed list of commercially available uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system technologies with capabilities determined to be useful for the Coast Guard.*

*(E) A cross-agency collaboration plan to engage with the Department of Defense and other relevant agencies to identify common requirements and opportunities to partner in acquiring, contracting, and sustaining uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system capabilities.*

*(F) Opportunities to obtain and share uncrewed system data from government and commercial sources to improve maritime domain awareness.*

*(G) The development of a concept of operations for a data system that supports and integrates uncrewed system and counter-uncrewed system technologies with key enablers, including enterprise communications networks, data storage and management, artificial intelligence and machine learning tools, and information sharing and dissemination capabilities.*

*(b) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for a period of 3 years, the Commandant, in coordination with the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Executive Director of the Office of Naval Research, the Director of the National Science Foundation, and the Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, shall brief the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, on the future operation and governance of small uncrewed maritime systems.*

*(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) COUNTER-UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term "counter-uncrewed system"—*

*(A) means a system or device capable of lawfully and safely disabling, disrupting, or seizing control of an uncrewed system; and*

*(B) includes a counter-UAS system (as such term is defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code).*

*(2) UNCREWED SYSTEM.—The term "uncrewed system"—*

*(A) means an uncrewed surface, undersea, or aircraft system and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the uncrewed system) that are required for the operator to operate the system safely and efficiently; and*

*(B) includes an unmanned aircraft system (as such term is defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code).*

***SEC. 7336. MEDIUM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS CAPABILITIES STUDY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of expanding the National Security Cutter's medium unmanned aircraft system capabilities to medium endurance cutters and Offshore Patrol Cutters.*

*(b) REPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a written report that contains the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).*

*(2) CONTENTS.—In submitting the report under paragraph (1), the Commandant shall determine—*

*(A) the feasibility of equipping Offshore Patrol Cutters and medium endurance cutters with medium unmanned aircraft systems;*

*(B) the missions capabilities that would be strengthened by the use of such systems; and*

*(V) projected procurement and operational costs for acquiring such systems.*

***SEC. 7337. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES REPORT ON UNCREWED SYSTEMS AND USE OF DATA.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall seek to enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences under which the Academy shall prepare an assessment of available uncrewed, autonomous, or remotely-controlled maritime domain awareness technologies for use by the Coast Guard.*

*(b) ASSESSMENT.—In carrying out the assessment under subsection (a), the National Academy of Sciences shall—*

*(1) describe the potential benefits and limitations of current and emerging uncrewed autonomous, or remotely controlled systems used in the maritime domain for—*

*(A) ocean observation;*

*(B) vessel monitoring and identification;*

*(C) weather observation;*

*(D) search and rescue operations;*

*(E) to the extent practicable for consideration by the Academy, intelligence gathering, surveillance, and reconnaissance; and*

*(F) communications;*

*(2) assess how technologies described in paragraph (1) can help prioritize Federal investment by examining—*

*(A) affordability, including acquisition, operations, maintenance, and lifecycle costs;*

*(B) reliability;*

*(C) versatility;*

*(D) efficiency; and*

*(E) estimated service life and persistence of effort;*

*(3) analyze whether the use of new and emerging maritime domain awareness technologies can be used to—*

*(A) effectively carry out Coast Guard missions at lower costs and reduced manpower needs;*

*(B) expand the scope and range of Coast Guard maritime domain awareness; and*

*(C) allow the Coast Guard to more efficiently and effectively allocate Coast Guard vessels, aircraft, and personnel;*

*(4) evaluate the extent to which such systems have moved from the research and development phase to effective operations since the National Academy of Sciences published the study titled "Leveraging Unmanned Systems for Coast Guard Missions" and issued in 2020; and*

*(5) identify adjustments that would be necessary in Coast Guard authorities, policies, procedures, and protocols to incorporate uncrewed technologies to enhance efficiency.*

*(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year after entering into an arrangement under subsection (a), the National Academy of*

*Sciences shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate the assessment prepared under this section.*

*(d) USE OF INFORMATION.—In formulating costs pursuant to subsection (b), the National Academy of Sciences may utilize information from other Coast Guard reports, assessments, or analyses regarding existing Coast Guard manpower requirements or other reports, assessments, or analyses for the acquisition of unmanned, autonomous, or remotely-controlled technologies by the Federal Government.*

***SEC. 7338. UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

***"§ 565. Use of unmanned aircraft systems***

*"With respect to any unmanned aircraft system procured by the Coast Guard, the Commandant shall ensure that such system be used to support the primary duties of the Coast Guard pursuant to section 102.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"565. Use of unmanned aircraft systems.".*

## *Subtitle E—Other Matters*

***SEC. 7341. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFICATES.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Title IX of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–282) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

***"SEC. 904. INFORMATION ON TYPE APPROVAL CERTIFICATES.***

*"Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall, upon request by any State, the District of Columbia, any Indian Tribe, or any territory of the United States, provide all data possessed by the Coast Guard for a ballast water management system with a type approval certificate approved by the Coast Guard pursuant to subpart 162.060 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025 pertaining to—*

*"(1) challenge water (as defined in section 162.060–3 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025) quality characteristics;*

*"(2) post-treatment water quality characteristics;*

*"(3) challenge water (as defined in section 162.060–3 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025) biologic organism concentrations data; and*

*"(4) post-treatment water biologic organism concentrations data.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–*

282) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 903 the following:

"Sec. 904. Information on type approval certificates.".

**SEC. 7342. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504(a)) is amended by striking the first sentence and inserting "Notwithstanding section 888(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 468(b)), the Secretary shall have the authority to issue regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Act, in accordance with the provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to subsection (a) thereof.".

(b) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—Section 5 of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1504) is amended by striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:

"(f) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—

"(1) DEFINITION OF LEAD AGENCY.—In this subsection, the term 'lead agency' has the meaning given the term in section 111 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4336e).

"(2) LEAD AGENCY.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—For all applications, the Maritime Administration shall be the Federal lead agency for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

"(B) EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE.—Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) in accordance with subparagraph (A) shall fulfill the requirement of the Federal lead agency in carrying out the responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) pursuant to this Act.".

(c) REGULATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall transfer the authorities provided to the Coast Guard in part 148 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act), except as provided in paragraph (2), to the Secretary of Transportation.

(2) RETENTION OF AUTHORITY.—The Commandant shall retain responsibility for authorities pertaining to design, construction, equipment, and operation of deepwater ports and navigational safety.

(3) UPDATES TO AUTHORITY.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall issue such regulations as are necessary to reflect the updates to authorities prescribed by this subsection.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section, or the amendments made by this section, may be construed to limit the authorities of other governmental agencies previously delegated authorities of the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) or any other law.

(e) APPLICATIONS.—Nothing in this section, or the amendments made by this section, shall apply to any application submitted before the date of enactment of this Act.

***SEC. 7343. AMENDMENTS TO PASSENGER VESSEL SECURITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.***

*(a) MAINTENANCE OF SUPPLIES THAT PREVENT SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.—Section 3507(d)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by inserting "(taking into consideration the length of the voyage and the number of passengers and crewmembers that the vessel can accommodate)" after "a sexual assault".*

*(b) CREW ACCESS TO PASSENGER STATEROOMS; PROCEDURES AND RESTRICTIONS.—Section 3507(f) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1)—*

*(A) in subparagraph (A) by striking "and" at the end; and*

*(B) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:*

*"(C) a system that electronically records the date, time, and identity of each crew member accessing each passenger stateroom; and"; and*

*(2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:*

*"(2) ensure that the procedures and restrictions are—*

*"(A) fully and properly implemented;*

*"(B) reviewed annually; and*

*"(C) updated as necessary.".*

***SEC. 7344. EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH A CETACEAN DESK FOR PUGET SOUND REGION.***

*Section 11304(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (16 U.S.C. 1390 note) is amended by striking "4 years" and inserting "6 years".*

***SEC. 7345. SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF USE OF DEVICES BROADCASTING ON AIS FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING FISHING GEAR.***

*Section 11320 of the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–263) is amended by striking "during the period" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "until December 31, 2029.".*

***SEC. 7346. CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES.***

*Section 3316(d) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by amending paragraph (2)(B)(i) to read as follows:*

*"(i) the government of the foreign country in which the foreign society is headquartered—*

*"(I) delegates that authority to the American Bureau of Shipping; or*

*"(II) does not delegate that authority to any classification society; or"; and*

*(2) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(5) CLARIFICATION ON AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this subsection authorizes the Secretary to make a delegation under paragraph (2) to a classification society from the People's Republic of China.".*

***SEC. 7347. ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSEL REMOVALS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in the chapter heading by striking "**BARGES**" and inserting "**VESSELS**";*

(2) by inserting before section 4701 the following:

"SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES"; AND

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"SUBCHAPTER II—NON-BARGE VESSELS

**"§ 4710. Definitions**

"In this subchapter:

"(1) ABANDON.—The term 'abandon' means to moor, strand, wreck, sink, or leave a covered vessel unattended for longer than 45 days.

"(2) COVERED VESSEL.—The term 'covered vessel' means a vessel that is not a barge to which subchapter I applies.

"(3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term 'Indian Tribe' has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

"(4) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term 'Native Hawaiian organization' has the meaning given such term in section 6207 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7517) except the term includes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

**"§ 4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited**

"(a) IN GENERAL.—An owner or operator of a covered vessel may not abandon such vessel on the navigable waters of the United States.

"(b) DETERMINATION OF ABANDONMENT.—

"(1) NOTIFICATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a covered vessel that appears to be abandoned, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall—

"(i) attempt to identify the owner using the vessel registration number, hull identification number, or any other information that can be reasonably inferred or gathered; and

"(ii) notify such owner—

"(I) of the penalty described in subsection (c); and

"(II) that the vessel will be removed at the expense of the owner if the Commandant determines that the vessel is abandoned and the owner does not remove or account for the vessel.

"(B) FORM.—The Commandant shall provide the notice required under subparagraph (A)—

"(i) if the owner can be identified, via certified mail or other appropriate forms determined by the Commandant; or

"(ii) if the owner cannot be identified, via an announcement in a local publication and on a website maintained by the Coast Guard.

"(2) DETERMINATION.—The Commandant shall make a determination not earlier than 45 days after the date on which the Commandant provides the notification required under para-

*graph (1) of whether a covered vessel described in such paragraph is abandoned.*

*"(c) PENALTY.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may assess a civil penalty of not more than $500 against an owner or operator of a covered vessel determined to be abandoned under subsection (b) for a violation of subsection (a).*

*"(2) LIABILITY IN REM.—The owner or operator of a covered vessel shall also be liable in rem for a penalty imposed under paragraph (1).*

*"(3) LIMITATION.—The Commandant shall not assess a penalty if the Commandant determines the vessel was abandoned due to major extenuating circumstances of the owner or operator of the vessel, including long term medical incapacitation of the owner or operator.*

*"(d) VESSELS NOT ABANDONED.—The Commandant may not determine that a covered vessel is abandoned under this section if—*

*"(1) such vessel is located at a federally approved or State approved mooring area;*

*"(2) such vessel is located on private property with the permission of the owner of such property;*

*"(3) the owner or operator of such vessel provides a notification to the Commandant that—*

*"(A) indicates the location of the vessel;*

*"(B) indicates that the vessel is not abandoned; and*

*"(C) contains documentation proving that the vessel is allowed to be in such location; or*

*"(4) the Commandant determines that such an abandonment determination would not be in the public interest.*

***"§ 4712. Inventory of abandoned vessels***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Commandant, in consultation with the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and relevant State agencies, shall establish and maintain a national inventory of covered vessels that are abandoned.*

*"(b) CONTENTS.—The inventory established and maintained under subsection (a) shall include data on each vessel, including geographic information system data related to the location of each such vessel.*

*"(c) PUBLICATION.—The Commandant shall make the inventory established under subsection (a) publicly available on a website of the Coast Guard.*

*"(d) REPORTING OF POTENTIALLY ABANDONED VESSELS.—In carrying out this section, the Commandant shall develop a process by which—*

*"(1) a State, Indian Tribe, Native Hawaiian organization, or person may report a covered vessel that may be abandoned to the Commandant for potential inclusion in the inventory established under subsection (a);*

*"(2) the Commandant shall review any such report and add such vessel to the inventory if the Commandant determines that the reported vessel is abandoned pursuant to section 4711.*

*"(e) CLARIFICATION.—Except in a response action carried out under section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321) or in the case of imminent threat to life and safety, the Commandant shall not be responsible for removing any covered vessels listed on the inventory established and maintained under subsection (a).".*

*(b) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, and the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, shall issue regulations with respect to the procedures for determining that a vessel is abandoned for the purposes of subchapter II of chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code (as added by this section).*

*(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in section 4701—*

*(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking "chapter" and inserting "subchapter"; and*

*(B) in paragraph (2) by striking "chapter" and inserting "subchapter";*

*(2) in section 4703 by striking "chapter" and inserting "subchapter";*

*(3) in section 4704 by striking "chapter" each place it appears and inserting "subchapter"; and*

*(4) in section 4705 by striking "chapter" and inserting "subchapter".*

*(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The analysis for chapter 47 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by inserting before the item relating to section 4701 the following:*

*"SUBCHAPTER I—BARGES"; AND*

*(2) by adding at the end the following:*

*"SUBCHAPTER II—NON-BARGE VESSELS*

*"4710. Definitions.*
*"4711. Abandonment of vessels prohibited.*
*"4712. Inventory of abandoned vessels.".*

***SEC. 7348. OFFSHORE OPERATIONS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3702(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking "offshore drilling or production facilities in the oil industry" and inserting "exploration, development, or production of offshore drilling or production facilities in the oil industry and non-mineral energy production"; and*

*(2) in paragraph (2) by striking "oil exploitation" and inserting "exploration, development, or production of offshore energy resources".*

*(b) OIL FUEL TANK PROTECTION.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall amend section 125.115(b) of title*

*46, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on such date of enactment), to reflect the amendment made in subsection (a).*

*(2) APPLICATION.—If the Commandant fails to amend the section described in paragraph (1) by the date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, then, in lieu of the application of such section, the Secretary shall allow vessels to which section 3702 of title 46, United States Code, applies to transfer fuel from the fuel supply tanks of such vessel to offshore facilities in support of exploration, development, or production of offshore energy resources.*

*(c) OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ACTIVITIES.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall amend section G6.3.a of the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Manual, Volume II titled "Materiel Inspection: Outer Continental Shelf Activities", issued September 20, 2021 (COMDTINST M16000.76) (as in effect on such date of enactment), to reflect the amendment made in subsection (a).*

*(2) APPLICATION.—If the Commandant fails to amend the section described in paragraph (1) by the date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, then the Secretary shall in lieu of such section not apply section 3702 of title 46, United States Code, to a documented vessel transferring fuel from the fuel supply tanks of such vessel to an offshore facility if such vessel is not a tanker and is in the service of exploration, development, or production of offshore energy resources.*

***SEC. 7349. PORT ACCESS ROUTES.***

*(a) REGULATION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall issue a regulation for nearshore and offshore shipping safety fairways, to include a minimum appropriate width of not less than the width proposed in the proposed rule of the Coast Guard titled "Shipping Safety Fairways Along the Atlantic Coast", issued on January 19, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 3587).*

*(b) EXCEPTION.—The minimum appropriate width under subsection (a) shall not apply to connector, cutacross, or cutoff fairways, Traffic Separation Schemes, or precautionary areas.*

*(c) APPLICABILITY.—In issuing the regulation under subsection (a), the Secretary shall apply the regulation to the geographic area covered by the proposed rule of the Coast Guard titled "Shipping Safety Fairways Along the Atlantic Coast", issued on January 19, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 3587).*

*(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The regulation issued under subsection (a) shall take effect on December 31, 2026.*

# *TITLE LXXIV—OIL POLLUTION RESPONSE*

***SEC. 7401. VESSEL RESPONSE PLANS.***

*(a) SALVAGE AND MARINE FIREFIGHTING RESPONSE CAPABILITY.—Section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(10) SALVAGE AND MARINE FIREFIGHTING RESPONSE CAPABILITY.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting through the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating unless otherwise delegated by the President, may require—*

*"(i) periodic inspection of vessels and salvage equipment, firefighting equipment, and other major marine casualty response equipment on or associated with vessels;*

*"(ii) periodic verification of capabilities to appropriately, and in a timely manner, respond to a marine casualty, including—*

*"(I) drills, with or without prior notice;*

*"(II) review of contracts and relevant third-party agreements;*

*"(III) testing of equipment;*

*"(IV) review of training; and*

*"(V) other evaluations of marine casualty response capabilities, as determined appropriate by the President; and*

*"(iii) carrying of appropriate response equipment for responding to a marine casualty that employs the best technology economically feasible and that is compatible with the safe operation of the vessel.*

*"(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:*

*"(i) MARINE CASUALTY.—The term 'marine casualty' means a marine casualty that is required to be reported pursuant to paragraph (3), (4), or (5) of section 6101 of title 46, United States Code.*

*"(ii) SALVAGE EQUIPMENT.—The term 'salvage equipment' means any equipment that is capable of being used to assist a vessel in potential or actual danger in order to prevent loss of life, damage or destruction of the vessel or its cargo, or release of its contents into the marine environment.".*

*(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on—*

*(A) the state of marine firefighting authorities, jurisdiction, and plan review; and*

*(B) other considerations with respect to fires at waterfront facilities (including vessel fires) and vessel fires on the navigable waters (as such term is defined in section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362)).*

*(2) CONTENTS.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall—*

*(A) examine—*

*(i) collaboration among Federal and non-Federal entities for purposes of reducing the risks to local communities of fires described in paragraph (1);*

*(ii) the prevalence and frequency of such fires; and*

*(iii) the extent to which firefighters and marine firefighters are aware of the dangers of lithium-ion battery fires, including lithium-ion batteries used for vehicles, and how to respond to such fires;*

*(B) review methods of documenting and sharing best practices throughout the maritime community for responding to vessel fires; and*

*(C) make recommendations for—*

*(i) preparing for, responding to, and training for such fires;*

*(ii) clarifying roles and responsibilities of Federal and non-Federal entities in preparing for, responding to, and training for such fires; and*

*(iii) other topics for consideration.*

***SEC. 7402. USE OF MARINE CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS.***

*Section 6308 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a) by striking "initiated" and inserting "conducted"; and*

*(2) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(e) For purposes of this section, an administrative proceeding conducted by the United States includes proceedings under section 7701 and claims adjudicated under section 1013 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2713).".*

***SEC. 7403. TIMING OF REVIEW.***

*Section 1017 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2717) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(g) TIMING OF REVIEW.—Before the date of completion of a removal action, no person may bring an action under this Act, section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321), or chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, challenging any decision relating to such removal action that is made by an on-scene coordinator appointed under the National Contingency Plan.".*

***SEC. 7404. ONLINE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Response Center shall submit to Congress a plan to design, fund, and staff the National Response Center to develop and maintain a web-based application by which the National Response Center may receive notifications of oil discharges or releases of hazardous substances.*

*(b) DEVELOPMENT OF APPLICATION.—Not later than 2 years after the date on which the plan is submitted under subsection (a), the National Response Center shall—*

*(1) complete development of the application described in such subsection; and*

*(2) allow notifications described in such subsection that are required under Federal law or regulation to be made online using such application.*

*(c) USE OF APPLICATION.—In carrying out subsection (b), the National Response Center may not require the notification of an oil*

*discharge or release of a hazardous substance to be made using the application developed under such subsection.*

***SEC. 7405. INVESTMENT.***

*Section 350 of Public Law 106–113 (43 U.S.C. 1474b note) is amended—*

*(1) by striking paragraph (5);*

*(2) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), and (7) as subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), respectively, and indenting the subsections appropriately;*

*(3) in paragraph (1)—*

*(A) by striking "(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to the provisions of paragraphs (5) and (7)" and inserting the following:*

*"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*"(1) CONSENT DECREE.—The term 'Consent Decree' means the consent decree issued in United States v. Exxon Corporation, et al. (No. A91–082 CIV) and State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et al. (No. A91–083 CIV).*

*"(2) FUND.—The term 'Fund' means the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund established pursuant to title I of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992 (43 U.S.C. 1474b).*

*"(3) OUTSIDE ACCOUNT.—The term 'outside account' means any account outside the United States Treasury.*

*"(4) TRUSTEE.—The term 'Trustee' means a Federal or State natural resource trustee for the Exxon Valdez oil spill.*

*"(b) DEPOSITS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to subsection (g)";*

*(4) in subsection (b)(1) (as so designated)—*

*(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking "issued in United States v. Exxon Corporation, et al. (No. A91–082 CIV) and State of Alaska v. Exxon Corporation, et al. (No. A91–083 CIV) (hereafter referred to as the 'Consent Decree'),";*

*(B) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:*

*"(A) the Fund;*

*"(B) an outside account; or"; and*

*(C) in the undesignated matter following subparagraph (C)—*

*(i) by striking "the Federal and State natural resource trustees for the Exxon Valdez oil spill ('trustees')" and inserting "the Trustees"; and*

*(ii) by striking "Any funds" and inserting the following:*

*"(2) REQUIREMENT FOR DEPOSITS IN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTS.—Any funds";*

*(5) in subsection (c) (as redesignated by paragraph (2)) by striking "(C) Joint" and inserting the following:*

*"(c) TRANSFERS.—Any joint";*

*(6) in subsection (d) (as redesignated by paragraph (2)) by striking "(D) The transfer" and inserting the following:*

*"(d) NO EFFECT ON JURISDICTION.—The transfer";*

(7) in subsection (e) (as redesignated by paragraph (2))—

(A) by striking "(E) Nothing herein shall affect" and inserting the following:

"(e) EFFECT ON OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this section affects"; and

(B) by striking "trustees" and inserting "Trustees";

(8) in subsection (f) (as redesignated by paragraph (2))—

(A) by striking "(F) The Federal trustees and the State trustees" and inserting the following:

"(f) GRANTS.—The Trustees"; and

(B) by striking "this program" and inserting "this section, prioritizing the issuance of grants to facilitate habitat protection and habitat restoration programs"; and

(9) in subsection (g) (as redesignated by paragraph (2))—

(A) in the second sentence, by striking "Upon the expiration of the authorities granted in this section all" and inserting the following:

"(2) RETURN OF FUNDS.—On expiration of the authority provided in this section, all"; and

(B) by striking "(G) The authority" and inserting the following:

"(g) EXPIRATION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The authority".

**SEC. 7406. ADDITIONAL RESPONSE ASSETS.**

(a) EXEMPTION AND REQUIREMENTS.—Section 3302 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(o) ADDITIONAL RESPONSE ASSETS.—

"(1) VESSELS EXEMPT FROM INSPECTION.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a qualified vessel engaged in a qualified oil spill response shall not be subject to inspection if the qualified vessel—

"(A) has—

"(i) an agreement by contract or other approved means with an oil spill removal organization to support a response plan under section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)), including training and exercises related to oil spill response activities; or

"(ii) been approved by the Secretary to respond to a discharge of oil or to participate in training and exercises related to oil spill response activities;

"(B) is normally and substantially involved in activities other than, and not adapted to, spill response;

"(C) complies with all applicable laws for the use of such vessel in the activities for which such vessel is normally and substantially operated, including any inspection requirement under this title for such use; and

"(D) has at least 1 person aboard possessing certifications for, or who are in training for, applicable hazardous waste operations and emergency response.

"(2) ALLOWANCES.—A qualified vessel under paragraph (1) may—

"(A) unless otherwise inspected as a towing vessel under this title, tow only—

"(i) another vessel or a device, including a bladder, designed to carry oil or oil residues with the capacity of less than 250 barrels; or

"(ii) oil spill response equipment, including boom, skimmers, or other response equipment;

"(B) carry—

"(i) temporary storage containers on board for recovered oil or oil-contaminated materials collected during an oil spill response, including bags, drums, and totes as approved by the Secretary;

"(ii) oil spill response equipment; or

"(iii) no more than 6 passengers for hire in support of a response plan under Section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)) approved by the Secretary unless the vessel has been inspected under paragraph (4) or (8) of section 3301 or is authorized by the Secretary to carry more than 6 passengers for hire;

"(C) if the qualified vessel is a tank vessel, be used for storage of recovered oil;

"(D) conduct any other operation, or engage in training or exercises, in support of a response plan under section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)) approved by the Secretary.

"(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

"(A) QUALIFIED VESSEL.—The term 'qualified vessel' means a vessel operating in Coast Guard District Arctic.

"(B) QUALIFIED OIL SPILL.—The term 'qualified oil spill' means an oil spill occurring in waters subject to the jurisdiction of Coast Guard District Arctic.".

(b) REPEAL.—Section 11316 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263), and the items relating to such section in the table of contents in sections 2(b) and 11001(b) of such Act, are repealed.

(c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall nullify or invalidate the authorities and responsibilities prescribed in section 50.10-10 of title 46, Code of Federal Regulations, for the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

***SEC. 7407. INTERNATIONAL MARITIME OIL SPILL RESPONSE.***

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall, in coordination with other Federal agencies, as appropriate, review and update the Canada-US Joint Maritime Pollution Contingency Plan.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Commandant shall—

(1) review each geographic annex within the contingency plan;

(2) for each geographic area covered by the plan—

(A) analyze the vessel traffic patterns, including the types of vessels transiting the area, and assess the risks of a pollution incident;

(B) assess the risks of a pollution incident; and

(C) update the plan based on such analysis and assessment;

*(3) determine if any of the areas should be expanded or modified, and update the plan accordingly to include future risk projections; and*

*(4) evaluate the coverage and gaps of response assets on each side of the United States-Canada border and the manner in which such assets may be able to aid in implementing such plan.*

*(c) EXERCISES.—The Commandant, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall conduct a joint training exercise not less than once a year to determine emergency response capabilities and identify other types of support necessary to effectuate a successful oil spill response, in accordance with the Canada-US Joint Maritime Pollution Contingency Plan, including any update to such Plan carried out pursuant to subsection (a).*

# *TITLE LXXV—SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT RESPONSE*

## *Subtitle A—Accountability Implementation*

***SEC. 7501. INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF COAST GUARD REFORMS.***

*(a) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall report to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the efforts of the Coast Guard to mitigate cases of sexual assault and sexual harassment within the service.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall—*

*(A) evaluate—*

*(i) the efforts of the Commandant to implement the directed actions from enclosure 1 of the memorandum titled "Commandant's Directed Actions—Accountability and Transparency" dated November 27, 2023;*

*(ii) whether the Commandant met the reporting requirements under section 5112 of title 14, United States Code; and*

*(iii) the effectiveness of the actions of the Coast Guard, including efforts outside of the actions described in the memorandum titled "Commandant's Directed Actions—Accountability and Transparency" dated November 27, 2023, to mitigate instances of sexual assault and sexual harassment and improve the enforcement relating to such instances within the Coast Guard, and how the Coast Guard is overcoming challenges in implementing such actions;*

*(B) make recommendations to the Commandant for improvements to the efforts of the service to mitigate instances of sexual assault and sexual harassment and improve the*

*enforcement relating to such instances within the Coast Guard; and*

*(C) make recommendations to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate to mitigate instances of sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Coast Guard and improve the enforcement relating to such instances within the Coast Guard, including proposed changes to any legislative authorities.*

*(b) REPORT BY COMMANDANT.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Comptroller General completes all actions under subsection (a), the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a detailed written report that includes the following:*

*(1) A plan for Coast Guard implementation, including interim milestones and timeframes, of any recommendation made by the Comptroller General under subsection (a)(2)(B) with which the Commandant concurs.*

*(2) With respect to any recommendation made under subsection (a)(2)(B) with which the Commandant does not concur, an explanation of the detailed reasons why the Commandant does not concur.*

***SEC. 7502. COAST GUARD IMPLEMENTATION OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ON ADDRESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE MILITARY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall review the report of the Independent Review Commission titled "Hard Truths and the Duty to Change: Recommendations from the Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault in the Military" referred to in the memorandum of the Department of Defense titled "Memorandum for Senior Pentagon Leadership Commanders of the Combatant Commands Defense Agency and DoD Field Activity Directors", dated September 22, 2021, (relating to commencing Department of Defense actions and implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Review Commission to address sexual assault and sexual harassment in the military).*

*(b) STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN.—On completion of the review required under subsection (a), and not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a written and detailed strategy and a written and detailed action plan that—*

*(1)(A) identifies any recommendation set forth in the report by the Independent Review Commission described in subsection (a) that addresses a matter that is not within the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard, does not apply to the Coast Guard, or otherwise would not be beneficial to members of the Coast Guard, as determined by the Commandant; and*

*(B) includes a brief rationale for such determination; and*

*(2) with respect to each recommendation set forth in such report that is not identified under paragraph (1), includes—*

*(A)(i) a detailed action plan for implementation of the recommendation;*

*(ii) a description of changes the Commandant will make to associated Coast Guard policies so as to enable the implementation of the recommendation;*

*(iii) an estimated timeline for implementation of the recommendation;*

*(iv) the estimated cost of the implementation;*

*(v) legislative proposals for such implementation, as appropriate; and*

*(vi) any other information the Commandant considers appropriate; or*

*(B) in the case of such a recommendation that the Commandant is unable to implement, an explanation of the reason the recommendation cannot be implemented.*

*(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter through 2028, the Commandant shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with a briefing on the status of the implementation of this section and any modification to the strategy and plan submitted under subsection (b).*

## *Subtitle B—Misconduct*

***SEC. 7511. COVERED MISCONDUCT.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"SUBCHAPTER III—COVERED MISCONDUCT*

***"§ 2531. Comprehensive policy and procedures on retention and access to evidence and records relating to sexual misconduct and other misconduct***

*"(a) ISSUANCE OF POLICY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Secretary, in consultation with the Office of the Inspector General of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating and the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, shall issue a comprehensive policy for the Coast Guard on the retention of and access to evidence and records relating to covered misconduct involving members of the Coast Guard.*

*"(b) OBJECTIVES.—The comprehensive policy required by subsection (a) shall revise existing policies and procedures, including systems of records, as necessary to ensure preservation of such evidence and records for periods sufficient—*

*"(1) to ensure that members of the Coast Guard who were victims of covered misconduct are able to pursue claims for veterans benefits;*

*"(2) to support administrative processes, criminal proceedings, and civil litigation conducted by military or civil authorities; and*

*"(3) for such other purposes relating to the documentation of an incident of covered misconduct in the Coast Guard as the Secretary considers appropriate.*

*"(c) ELEMENTS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—In developing the comprehensive policy required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall, at a minimum—*

*"(A) identify records relating to an incident of covered misconduct that shall be retained;*

*"(B) with respect to records relating to covered misconduct involving members of the Coast Guard that are not records of the Coast Guard, identify such records known to or in the possession of the Coast Guard, and set forth procedures for Coast Guard coordination with the custodian of such records for proper retention of the records;*

*"(C) set forth criteria for the collection and retention of records relating to covered misconduct involving members of the Coast Guard;*

*"(D) identify physical evidence and nondocumentary forms of evidence relating to covered misconduct that shall be retained;*

*"(E) set forth the period for which evidence and records relating to covered misconduct involving members of the Coast Guard, including Coast Guard Form 6095, shall be retained, except that—*

*"(i) any physical or forensic evidence relating to rape or sexual assault, as described in sections 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), shall be retained not less than 50 years, and for other covered misconduct not less than the statute of limitations of the alleged offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice; and*

*"(ii) documentary evidence relating to rape or sexual assault, as described in sections 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), shall be retained not less than 50 years;*

*"(F) consider locations in which such records shall be stored;*

*"(G) identify media and methods that may be used to preserve and ensure access to such records, including electronic systems of records;*

*"(H) ensure the protection of privacy of—*

*"(i) individuals named in records and status of records under section 552 of title 5 (commonly referred to as the 'Freedom of Information Act') and section 552a of title 5 (commonly referred to as the 'Privacy Act'); and*

*"(ii) individuals named in restricted reporting cases;*

*"(I) designate the 1 or more positions within the Coast Guard that shall have the responsibility for such record retention by the Coast Guard;*

*"(J) require education and training for members and civilian employees of the Coast Guard on record retention requirements under this section;*

*"(K) set forth criteria for access to such records relating to covered misconduct involving members of the Coast Guard, including whether the consent of the victim should be required, by—*

*"(i) victims of covered misconduct;*

*"(ii) law enforcement authorities;*

*"(iii) the Department of Veterans Affairs; and*

*"(iv) other individuals and entities, including alleged assailants;*

*"(L) require uniform collection of data on—*

*"(i) the incidence of covered misconduct in the Coast Guard; and*

*"(ii) disciplinary actions taken in substantiated cases of covered misconduct in the Coast Guard; and*

*"(M) set forth standards for communications with, and notifications to, victims, consistent with—*

*"(i) the requirements of any applicable Department of Defense policy; and*

*"(ii) to the extent practicable, any applicable policy of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.*

*"(2) RETENTION OF CERTAIN FORMS AND EVIDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH RESTRICTED REPORTS AND UNRESTRICTED REPORTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—The comprehensive policy required by subsection (a) shall require all unique or original copies of Coast Guard Form 6095 filed in connection with a restricted or unrestricted report on an alleged incident of rape or sexual assault, as described in sections 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), involving a member of the Coast Guard to be retained for the longer of—*

*"(i) 50 years commencing on the date of signature of the covered person on Coast Guard Form 6095; or*

*"(ii) the time provided for the retention of such form in connection with unrestricted and restricted reports on incidents of sexual assault involving members of the Coast Guard under Coast Guard policy.*

*"(B) PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIALITY.—Any Coast Guard form retained under subparagraph (A) shall be retained in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the member of the Coast Guard concerned in accordance with Coast Guard policy.*

*"(3) RETENTION OF CASE NOTES IN INVESTIGATIONS OF COVERED MISCONDUCT INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD.—*

*"(A) REQUIRED RETENTION OF ALL INVESTIGATIVE RECORDS.—The comprehensive policy required by subsection (a) shall require, for all criminal investigations relating to an alleged incident of covered misconduct involv-*

*ing a member of the Coast Guard, the retention of all elements of the case file.*

*"(B) ELEMENTS.—The elements of the case file to be retained under subparagraph (A) shall include, at a minimum—*

*"(i) the case activity record;*

*"(ii) the case review record;*

*"(iii) investigative plans; and*

*"(iv) all case notes made by any investigating agent.*

*"(C) RETENTION PERIOD.—All elements of the case file shall be retained for not less than 50 years for cases involving rape or sexual assault, as described in sections 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), and not less than the statute of limitations of the alleged offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for other covered misconduct, and no element of any such case file may be destroyed until the expiration of such period.*

*"(4) RETURN OF PERSONAL PROPERTY UPON COMPLETION OF RELATED PROCEEDINGS IN UNRESTRICTED REPORTING CASES.—Notwithstanding the records and evidence retention requirements described in paragraphs (1)(E) and (2), personal property retained as evidence in connection with an incident of rape or sexual assault, as described in sections 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), involving a member of the Coast Guard may be returned to the rightful owner of such property after the conclusion of all legal, adverse action, and administrative proceedings related to such incident, as determined by the Commandant.*

*"(5) RETURN OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN RESTRICTED REPORTING CASES.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prescribe procedures under which a victim who files a restricted report of an incident of sexual assault may request, at any time, the return of any personal property of the victim obtained as part of the sexual assault forensic examination.*

*"(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The procedures required by subparagraph (A) shall ensure that—*

*"(i) a request by a victim for the return of personal property described under subparagraph (A) may be made on a confidential basis and without affecting the restricted nature of the restricted report; and*

*"(ii) at the time of the filing of the restricted report, a Special Victims' Counsel, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, or Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate—*

*"(I) informs the victim that the victim may request the return of personal property as described in such subparagraph; and*

*"(II) advises the victim that such a request for the return of personal property may negatively impact a subsequent case adjudication if the victim later decides to convert the restricted report to an unrestricted report.*

*"(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except with respect to personal property returned to a victim under this paragraph, nothing in this paragraph may be construed to affect the requirement to retain a sexual assault forensic examination kit for the period specified in paragraph (2).*

*"(6) VICTIM ACCESS TO RECORDS.—With respect to victim access to records after all final disposition actions and any appeals have been completed, as applicable, the comprehensive policy required by subsection (a) shall provide that, to the maximum extent practicable, and in such a manner that will not jeopardize an active investigation or an active case—*

*"(A) a victim of covered misconduct in a case in which either the victim or alleged perpetrator is a covered person shall have access to all records that are directly related to the victim's case, or related to the victim themselves, in accordance with the policy issued under subsection (a) and subject to required protections under sections 552 and 552a of title 5;*

*"(B) a victim of covered misconduct who requests access to records under section 552 or 552a of title 5 concerning the victim's case shall be determined to have a compelling need, and the records request shall be processed under expedited processing procedures, if in the request for such records the victim indicates that the records concerned are related to the covered misconduct case;*

*"(C) in applying sections 552 and 552a of title 5 to the redaction of information related to a records request by a victim of covered misconduct made under such sections after all final disposition actions and any appeals have been completed—*

*"(i) any such redaction shall be applied to the minimum extent possible so as to ensure the provision of the maximum amount of unredacted information to the victim that is permissible by law; and*

*"(ii) any such redaction shall not be applied to—*

*"(I) receipt by the victim of the victim's own statement; or*

*"(II) the victim's information from an investigation; and*

*"(D) in the case of such a records request for which the timelines for expedited processing are not met, the Commandant shall provide to the Secretary, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives in person and in writing a briefing that explains the reasons for the denial or the delay in processing, as applicable.*

*"(d) DEFINITION OF COVERED PERSON.—In this section, the term 'covered person' includes—*

*"(1) a member of the Coast Guard on active duty;*

*"(2) a member of the Coast Guard Reserve with respect to crimes investigated by or reported to the Secretary on any date on which such member is in a military status under section 802 of title 10 (article 2 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);*

*"(3) a former member of the Coast Guard with respect to crimes investigated by or reported to the Secretary; and*

*"(4) in the case of an investigation of covered misconduct conducted by, or an incident of covered misconduct reported to, the Coast Guard involving a civilian employee of the Coast Guard, any such civilian employee of the Coast Guard.*

*"(e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section authorizes or requires, or shall be construed to authorize or require, the discovery, inspection, or production of reports, memoranda, or other internal documents or work product generated by counsel, an attorney for the Government, or their assistants or representatives.*

***"§ 2532. Requirement to maintain certain records***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall maintain all work product related to documenting a disposition decision on an investigation by the Coast Guard Investigative Service or other law enforcement entity investigating a Coast Guard member accused of an offense against chapter 47 of title 10.*

*"(b) RECORD RETENTION PERIOD.—Work product documents and the case action summary described in subsection (c) shall be maintained for a period of not less than 7 years from the date of the disposition decision.*

*"(c) CASE ACTION SUMMARY.—Upon a final disposition action for cases described in subsection (a), except for offenses of wrongful use or possession of a controlled substance under section 912a of title 10 (article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), where the member accused is an officer of pay grade O–4 and below or an enlisted member of pay grade E–7 and below, a convening authority shall sign a case action summary that includes the following:*

*"(1) The disposition actions.*

*"(2) The name and command of the referral authority.*

*"(3) Records documenting when a referral authority consulted with a staff judge advocate or special trial counsel, as applicable, before a disposition action was taken, to include the recommendation of the staff judge advocate or special trial counsel.*

*"(4) A reference section listing the materials reviewed in making a disposition decision.*

*"(5) The Coast Guard Investigative Service report of investigation.*

*"(6) The completed Coast Guard Investigative Service report of adjudication included as an enclosure.*

*"(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term 'work product' includes—*

*"(1) a prosecution memorandum;*

*"(2) emails, notes, and other correspondence related to a disposition decision; and*

*"(3) the contents described in paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (c).*

*"(e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section authorizes or requires, or shall be construed to authorize or require, the discovery, inspection, or production of reports, memoranda, or other internal documents or work product generated by counsel, an attorney for the Government, or their assistants or representatives.*

***"§ 2533. Covered misconduct in Coast Guard***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 each year, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on incidents of covered misconduct involving members of the Coast Guard, including recruits and officer candidates, and claims of retaliation related to the reporting of any such incident.*

*"(b) CONTINUITY OF DATA AND REPORTING.—In carrying out this section, the Commandant shall ensure the continuity of data collection and reporting such that the ability to analyze trends is not compromised.*

*"(c) CONTENTS.—*

*"(1) INCIDENTS INVOLVING MEMBERS.—*

*"(A) INFORMATION AND DATA.—*

*"(i) IN GENERAL.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall include, for the preceding calendar year, information and data on—*

*"(I) incidents of covered misconduct; and*

*"(II) incidents of retaliation against a member of the Coast Guard related to the reporting of covered misconduct, disaggregated by type of retaliation claim.*

*"(ii) INCLUSIONS.—The information and data on the incidents described in clause (i) shall include the following:*

*"(I) All incidents of covered misconduct and retaliation described in clause (i) reported to the Commandant or any other official of the Coast Guard during the preceding calendar year (referred to in this subsection as a 'reported incident').*

*"(II) The number of reported incidents committed against members of the Coast Guard.*

*"(III) The number of reported incidents committed by members of the Coast Guard.*

*"(IV) Information on reported incidents, in accordance with the policy prescribed under section 549G(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (10 U.S.C. 1561 note), to the maximum extent practicable.*

*"(V) The number of reported incidents that were entered into the Catch a Serial Offender system, including the number of such incidents that resulted in the identification of a potential or confirmed match.*

*"(VI) The number of reported incidents that were substantiated (referred to in this subsection as a 'substantiated reported incident').*

*"(VII) A synopsis of each substantiated reported incident that includes—*

*"(aa) a brief description of the nature of the incident;*

*"(bb) whether the accused member has previously been convicted of sexual assault; and*

*"(cc) whether alcohol or other controlled or prohibited substances were involved in the incident, and a description of the involvement.*

*"(VIII) The type of case disposition associated with each substantiated reported incident, such as—*

*"(aa) conviction and sentence by court-martial, including charges and specifications for which convicted;*

*"(bb) acquittal of all charges at court-martial;*

*"(cc) as appropriate, imposition of a nonjudicial punishment under section 815 of title 10 (article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);*

*"(dd) as appropriate, administrative action taken, including a description of each type of such action imposed;*

*"(ee) dismissal of all charges, including a description of each reason for dismissal and the stage at which dismissal occurred; and*

*"(ff) whether the accused member was administratively separated or, in the case of an officer, allowed to resign in lieu of court-martial, and the characterization (honorable, general, or other than honorable) of the service of the member upon separation or resignation.*

*"(IX) With respect to any incident of covered misconduct reported to the Commandant or any other official of the Coast Guard during the preceding calendar year that involves a report of retaliation relating to the incident—*

*"(aa) a narrative description of the retaliation claim;*

*"(bb) the nature of the relationship between the complainant and the individual accused of committing the retaliation; and*

*"(cc) the nature of the relationship between the individual accused of committing the covered misconduct and the individual accused of committing the retaliation.*

*"(X) The disposition of or action taken by the Coast Guard or any other Federal, State, local, or Tribal entity with respect to a substantiated reported incident.*

*"(XI) With respect to any investigation of a reported incident—*

*"(aa) the status of the investigation or information relating to any referral to outside law enforcement entities;*

*"(bb) the official or office of the Coast Guard that received the complaint;*

*"(cc) a description of the results of such an investigation or information with respect to*

*whether the results of the investigation were provided to the complainant; or*

*"(dd) whether the investigation substantiated an offense under chapter 47 of title 10 (the Uniform Code of Military Justice).*

*"(iii) FORMAT.—With respect to the information and data required under clause (i), the Commandant shall report such information and data separately for each type of covered misconduct offense, and shall not aggregate the information and data for multiple types of covered misconduct offenses.*

*"(B) TRENDS.—Subject to subsection (b), beginning on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, each report required by subsection (a) shall include, for the preceding calendar year, an analysis or assessment of trends in the occurrence, as applicable, of incidents described in subparagraph (A)(i), since the date of enactment of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–213).*

*"(C) RESPONSE.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall include, for the preceding calendar year, a description of the policies, procedures, processes, initiatives, investigations (including overarching investigations), research, or studies implemented by the Commandant in response to any incident described in subparagraph (A)(i) involving a member of the Coast Guard.*

*"(D) PLAN.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall include a plan for actions to be taken during the year following the year covered by the report to enhance the prevention of and response to incidents described in subparagraph (A)(i) involving members of the Coast Guard.*

*"(E) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall include an assessment of the adequacy of covered misconduct prevention and response activities related to incidents described in subparagraph (A)(i) carried out by the Coast Guard during the preceding calendar year.*

*"(F) CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall include, for incidents described in subparagraph (A)(i)—*

*"(i) an analysis of the factors that may have contributed to such incidents;*

*"(ii) an assessment of the role of such factors in contributing to such incidents during such year; and*

*"(iii) recommendations for mechanisms to eliminate or reduce such contributing factors.*

*"(2) INCIDENTS INVOLVING RECRUITS AND OFFICER CANDIDATES.—*

*"(A) INFORMATION AND DATA.—*

*"(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), each report required under subsection (a) shall include, as a separate appendix or enclosure, for the preceding calendar year, information and data on—*

*"(I) incidents of covered misconduct involving a recruit of the Coast Guard at Training Center Cape May or an officer candidate at the Coast Guard Officer Candidate School; and*

*"(II) incidents of retaliation against such a recruit or officer candidate related to the reporting of covered misconduct, disaggregated by type of retaliation claim.*

*"(ii) INCLUSIONS.—*

*"(I) IN GENERAL.—The information and data on the incidents described in clause (i) shall include the following:*

*"(aa) All incidents of covered misconduct and retaliation described in clause (i) reported to the Commandant or any other official of the Coast Guard during the preceding calendar year (referred to in this subsection as a 'reported incident').*

*"(bb) The number of reported incidents committed against recruits and officer candidates described in clause (i)(I).*

*"(cc) The number of reported incidents committed by such recruits and officer candidates.*

*"(dd) Information on reported incidents, in accordance with the policy prescribed under section 549G(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (10 U.S.C. 1561 note), to the maximum extent practicable.*

*"(ee)(AA) The number of reported incidents that were entered into the Catch a Serial Offender system.*

*"(BB) Of such reported incidents entered into such system, the number that resulted in the identification of a potential or confirmed match.*

*"(ff) The number of reported incidents that were substantiated (referred to in this subsection as a 'substantiated reported incident').*

*"(gg) A synopsis of each substantiated reported incident that includes—*

*"(AA) a brief description of the nature of the incident; and*

*"(BB) whether alcohol or other controlled or prohibited substances were involved in the incident, and a description of the involvement.*

*"(hh) The type of case disposition associated with each substantiated reported incident, such as—*

*"(AA) conviction and sentence by court-martial, including charges and specifications for which convicted;*

*"(BB) acquittal of all charges at court-martial;*

*"(CC) as appropriate, imposition of a nonjudicial punishment under section 815 of title 10 (article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);*

*"(DD) as appropriate, administrative action taken, including a description of each type of such action imposed;*

*"(EE) dismissal of all charges, including a description of each reason for dismissal and the stage at which dismissal occurred; and*

*"(FF) whether the accused member was administratively separated or, in the case of an officer, allowed to resign in lieu of court-martial, and the characterization (honorable, general, or other than honorable) of the service of the member upon separation or resignation.*

*"(ii) With respect to any incident of covered misconduct involving recruits or officer candidates reported to the Commandant or any other official of the Coast Guard during the preceding calendar year that involves a report of retaliation relating to the incident—*

*"(AA) a narrative description of the retaliation claim;*

*"(BB) the nature of the relationship between the complainant and the individual accused of committing the retaliation; and*

*"(CC) the nature of the relationship between the individual accused of committing the covered misconduct and the individual accused of committing the retaliation.*

*"(jj) The disposition of or action taken by the Coast Guard or any other Federal, State, local, or Tribal entity with respect to a substantiated reported incident.*

*"(kk) With respect to any investigation of a reported incident—*

*"(AA) the status of the investigation or information relating to any referral to outside law enforcement entities;*

*"(BB) the official or office of the Coast Guard that received the complaint;*

*"(CC) a description of the results of such an investigation or information with respect to whether the results of the investigation were provided to the complainant; or*

*"(DD) whether the investigation substantiated an offense under chapter 47 of*

*title 10 (the Uniform Code of Military Justice).*

*"(II) FORMAT.—With respect to the information and data required under clause (i), the Commandant shall report such information and data separately for each type of covered misconduct offense, and shall not aggregate the information and data for multiple types of covered misconduct offenses.*

*"(B) TRENDS.—Subject to subsection (b), beginning on the date of enactment of Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, each report required by subsection (a) shall include, for the preceding calendar year, an analysis or assessment of trends in the occurrence, as applicable, of incidents described in subparagraph (A)(i), since the date of enactment of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–213).*

*"(C) RESPONSE.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall include, for the preceding calendar year, a description of the policies, procedures, processes, initiatives, investigations (including overarching investigations), research, or studies implemented by the Commandant in response to any incident described in subparagraph (A)(i) involving—*

*"(i) a recruit of the Coast Guard at Training Center Cape May; or*

*"(ii) an officer candidate at the Coast Guard Officer Candidate School.*

*"(D) PLAN.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall include a written and detailed plan for actions to be taken during the year following the year covered by the report to enhance the prevention of and response to incidents described in subparagraph (A)(i) involving a recruit of the Coast Guard at Training Center Cape May or an officer candidate at the Coast Guard Officer Candidate School.*

*"(E) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall include an assessment of the adequacy of covered misconduct prevention and response activities related to incidents described in subparagraph (A)(i) of this paragraph carried out by the Coast Guard during the preceding calendar year.*

*"(F) CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall include, for incidents described in subparagraph (A)(i)—*

*"(i) an analysis of the factors that may have contributed to such incidents;*

*"(ii) an assessment of the role of such factors in contributing to such incidents during such year; and*

*"(iii) recommendations for mechanisms to eliminate or reduce such contributing factors.*

*"(3) IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY REVIEW DIRECTED ACTIONS.—Each report required under subsection (a) submitted during the 5-year period beginning on March 1, 2025, shall include information on the*

*implementation by the Commandant of the directed actions described in the memorandum of the Coast Guard titled 'Commandant's Directed Actions—Accountability and Transparency', issued on November 27, 2023, including—*

*"(A) a description of actions taken to address each directed action during the year covered by the report;*

*"(B) the implementation status of each directed action;*

*"(C) in the case of any directed action that has not been implemented—*

*"(i) a detailed action plan for implementation of the recommendation;*

*"(ii) an estimated timeline for implementation of the recommendation;*

*"(iii) description of changes the Commandant intends to make to associated Coast Guard policies so as to enable the implementation of the recommendation; and*

*"(iv) any other information the Commandant considers appropriate;*

*"(D) a description of the metrics and milestones used to measure completion, accountability, and effectiveness of each directed action;*

*"(E) a description of any additional actions the Commandant is taking to mitigate instances of covered misconduct within the Coast Guard;*

*"(F) any legislative change proposal necessary to implement the directed actions; and*

*"(G) a detailed list of funding necessary to implement the directed actions in a timely and effective manner, including a list of personnel needed for such implementation.*

*"(d) VICTIM CONFIDENTIALITY.—To the extent that information collected under the authority of this section is reported or otherwise made available to the public, such information shall be provided in a form that is consistent with applicable privacy protections under Federal law and does not jeopardize the confidentiality of victims.*

*"(e) SUBSTANTIATED DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'substantiated' has the meaning given the term under section 1631(c) of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (10 U.S.C. 1561 note).*

***"§ 2534. Review of discharge characterization***

*"(a) DOWNGRADE.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The decision to conduct a case review under this section shall be at the discretion of the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.*

*"(2) BOARD OF REVIEW.—In addition to the requirements of section 1553 of title 10, a board of review for a former member of the Coast Guard established pursuant to such section and under part 51 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025), may upon a motion of the board and subject to review by the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, downgrade an honorable discharge to a general (under honorable conditions) discharge upon a finding that a former member of the Coast Guard, while serving on ac-*

*tive duty as a member of the armed forces, committed sexual assault or sexual harassment in violation of section 920, 920b, or 934 of title 10 (article 120, 120b, or 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice).*

*"(3) EVIDENCE.—Any downgrade under paragraph (2) shall be supported by clear and convincing evidence.*

*"(4) LIMITATION.—The review board under paragraph (2) may not downgrade a discharge of a former member of the Coast Guard if the same action described in paragraph (2) was considered prior to separation from active duty by an administrative board in determining the characterization of discharge as otherwise provided by law and in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.*

*"(b) PROCEDURAL RIGHTS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—A review by a board established under section 1553 of title 10 and under part 51 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025), shall be based on the records of the Coast Guard, and with respect to a member who also served in another one of the armed forces, the records of the armed forces concerned and such other evidence as may be presented to the board.*

*"(2) EVIDENCE BY WITNESS.—A witness may present evidence to the board in person or by affidavit.*

*"(3) APPEARANCE BEFORE BOARD.—A person who requests a review under this section may appear before the board in person or by counsel or an accredited representative of an organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under chapter 59 of title 38.*

*"(4) NOTIFICATION.—A former member of the Coast Guard who is subject to a downgrade in discharge characterization review under subsection (a) shall be notified in writing of such proceedings, afforded the right to obtain copies of records and documents relevant to the proceedings, and the right to appear before the board in person or by counsel or an accredited representative of an organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under chapter 59 of title 38.*

***"§ 2535. Safe-to-Report policy for Coast Guard***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Commandant shall, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, establish and maintain a detailed and publicly available safe-to-report policy described in subsection (b) that applies with respect to all members of the Coast Guard (including members of the reserve and auxiliary components of the Coast Guard), cadets at the Coast Guard Academy, and any other individual undergoing training at an accession point of the Coast Guard.*

*"(b) SAFE-TO-REPORT POLICY.—The safe-to-report policy described in this subsection is a policy that—*

*"(1) prescribes the handling of minor collateral misconduct, involving a member of the Coast Guard who is the alleged victim or reporting witness of a sexual assault; and*

*"(2) applies to all such individuals, regardless of—*

*"(A) to whom the victim makes the allegation or who receives the victim's report of sexual assault; or*

*"(B) whether the report, investigation, or prosecution is handled by military or civilian authorities.*

*"(c) MITIGATING AND AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES.—In issuing the policy under subsection (a), the Commandant shall specify mitigating circumstances that decrease the gravity of minor collateral misconduct or the impact of such misconduct on good order and discipline and aggravating circumstances that increase the gravity of minor collateral misconduct or the impact of such misconduct on good order and discipline for purposes of the safe-to-report policy.*

*"(d) TRACKING OF COLLATERAL MISCONDUCT INCIDENTS.—In conjunction with the issuance of the policy under subsection (a), the Commandant shall develop and implement a process to anonymously track incidents of minor collateral misconduct that are subject to the safe-to-report policy.*

*"(e) MINOR COLLATERAL MISCONDUCT DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'minor collateral misconduct' means any minor misconduct that is potentially punishable under chapter 47 of title 10 that—*

*"(1) is committed close in time to or during a sexual assault and directly related to the incident that formed the basis of the allegation of sexual assault allegation;*

*"(2) is discovered as a direct result of the report of sexual assault or the ensuing investigation into such sexual assault; and*

*"(3) does not involve aggravating circumstances (as specified in the policy issued under subsection (a)) that increase the gravity of the minor misconduct or the impact of such misconduct on good order and discipline.*

### *"§ 2536. Notification of changes to Uniform Code of Military Justice or Manual for Courts Martial relating to covered misconduct*

*"Beginning on March 30, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commandant shall provide a detailed written notification to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with respect to each of the following:*

*"(1) Whether the Uniform Code of Military Justice (chapter 47 of title 10) has been amended—*

*"(A) to add any sex-related offense as a new article; or*

*"(B) to remove an article relating to covered misconduct described in any of paragraphs (1) through (7) of section 301.*

*"(2) Whether the Manual for Courts Martial has been modified—*

*"(A) to add any sex-related offense as an offense described under an article of the Uniform Code of Military Justice; or*

*"(B) to remove as an offense described under an article of the Uniform Code of Military Justice covered misconduct described in any of paragraphs (1) through (7) of section 301.*

***"§ 2537. Accountability and transparency relating to allegations of misconduct against senior leaders***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Secretary shall establish a publicly available, written policy to improve oversight, investigations, accountability, and public transparency regarding alleged misconduct of senior leaders of the Coast Guard.*

*"(b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required by subsection (a)—*

*"(1) shall require that—*

*"(A) any allegation of alleged misconduct made against a senior leader of the Coast Guard shall be reported to the Office of the Inspector General of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating not later than 72 hours after the allegation is reported to the Coast Guard or the department in which the Coast Guard is operating; and*

*"(B) the Inspector General of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall notify the head of the Coast Guard office in which the senior leader is serving with respect to the receipt of such allegation, or, in a case where the senior leader is the head of such Coast Guard office, the next in the chain of command, as appropriate, except in a case in which the Inspector General determines that such notification would risk impairing an ongoing investigation, would unnecessarily compromise the anonymity of the individual making the allegation, or would otherwise be inappropriate; and*

*"(2) to the extent practicable, shall be consistent with Department of Defense directives, including Department of Defense Directive 5505.06.*

*"(c) FIRST RIGHT TO EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATION.—The Inspector General of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating—*

*"(1) shall have the first right to investigate an allegation described in subsection (b)(1)(A); and*

*"(2) in cases with concurrent jurisdiction involving an allegation described in subsection (b)(1)(A), may investigate such an allegation to the exclusion of any other Coast Guard criminal or administrative investigation if the Inspector General determines that an exclusive investigation is necessary to maintain the integrity of the investigation.*

*"(d) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY AND BROAD DISSEMINATION.—The policy established under subsection (a) shall be made available to the public and incorporated into training and curricula across the Coast Guard at all levels to ensure broad understanding of the policy among members and personnel of the Coast Guard.*

*"(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*"(1) ALLEGED MISCONDUCT.—The term 'alleged misconduct'—*

*"(A) means a credible allegation that, if proven, would constitute a violation of—*

*"(i) a provision of criminal law, including the Uniform Code of Military Justice (chapter 47 of title 10); or*

*"(ii) a recognized standard, such as the Department of Defense Joint Ethics Regulation or other Federal regulation, including any other Department of Defense*

*regulation and any Department of Homeland Security regulation; or*

*"(B) could reasonably be expected to be of significance to the Secretary or the Inspector General of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, particularly in a case in which there is an element of misuse of position or of unauthorized personal benefit to the senior official, a family member, or an associate.*

*"(2) SENIOR LEADER OF THE COAST GUARD.—The term 'senior leader of the Coast Guard' means—*

*"(A) an active duty, retired, or reserve officer of the Coast Guard in the grade of O–7 or higher;*

*"(B) an officer of the Coast Guard selected for promotion to the grade of O–7;*

*"(C) a current or former civilian member of the Senior Executive Service (career reserved) employed by the Coast Guard; or*

*"(D) any civilian member of the Coast Guard whose position is deemed equivalent to that of a member of the Senior Executive Service (career reserved), as determined by the Office of the Inspector General of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.*

***"§ 2538. Inclusion and command review of information on covered misconduct in personnel service records***

*"(a) INFORMATION ON REPORTS ON COVERED MISCONDUCT.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—If a complaint of covered misconduct is made against a member of the Coast Guard and the member is convicted by court-martial or receives nonjudicial punishment or punitive administrative action for such covered misconduct, a notation to that effect shall be placed in the personnel service record of the member, regardless of the grade of the member.*

*"(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the inclusion of information in personnel service records under paragraph (1) is to alert supervisors and commanders to any member of their command who has received a court-martial conviction, nonjudicial punishment, or punitive administrative action for covered misconduct in order—*

*"(A) to reduce the likelihood that repeat offenses will escape the notice of supervisors and commanders; and*

*"(B) to help inform commissioning or promotability of the member;*

*"(3) LIMITATION ON PLACEMENT.—A notation under paragraph (1) may not be placed in the restricted section of the personnel service record of a member.*

*"(4) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to prohibit or limit the capacity of a member of the Coast Guard to challenge or appeal the placement of a notation, or location of placement of a notation, in the personnel service record of the member in accordance with procedures otherwise applicable to such challenges or appeals.*

*"(b) COMMAND REVIEW OF HISTORY OF COVERED MISCONDUCT.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Under policy to be prescribed by the Secretary, the commanding officer of a unit or facility to which a*

*covered member is assigned or transferred shall review the history of covered misconduct as documented in the personnel service record of a covered member in order to become familiar with such history of the covered member.*

*"(2) COVERED MEMBER DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term 'covered member' means a member of the Coast Guard who, at the time of assignment or transfer as described in paragraph (1), has a history of 1 or more covered misconduct offenses as documented in the personnel service record of such member or such other records or files as the Commandant shall specify in the policy prescribed under subparagraph (A).*

*"(c) REVIEW OF PERSONNEL SERVICE RECORD TO DETERMINE SUITABILITY FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.—Under policy to be prescribed by the Secretary, the Commandant shall establish procedures that are consistent with the law, policies, and practices of the Department of Defense in effect on the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025 to consider and review the personnel service record of a former member of the Armed Forces to determine the suitability of the individual for civilian employment in the Coast Guard.*

***"§ 2539. Covered misconduct defined***

*"In this title, the term 'covered misconduct' means—*

*"(1) rape and sexual assault, as described in sections 920(a) and 920(b) of title 10 (articles 120(a) and 120(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);*

*"(2) sexual harassment, as described in Executive Order 14062 dated January 26, 2022, and enumerated under section 934 of title 10 (article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);*

*"(3) abusive sexual contact and aggravated sexual contact, as described in sections 920(c) and 920(d) of title 10 (articles 120(c) and 120(d) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);*

*"(4) wrongful broadcast, dissemination, or creation of content as described in sections 917 and 920c of title 10 (articles 117a and 120c of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);*

*"(5) the child pornography offenses as described in section 934 of title 10 (article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice);*

*"(6) rape and sexual assault of a child, other sexual misconduct, and stalking, as described in sections 920b, 920c(a), and 930 of title 10 (articles 120b, 120c, and 130 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice); and*

*"(7) domestic violence, as described in section 928b of title 10 (article 128b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice).".*

*(b) RULEMAKING.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall initiate a rulemaking to implement section 2534.*

*(2) DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS.—The regulations issued under paragraph (1) shall take effect not later than 180 days after the date on which the Commandant promulgates a final rule pursuant to such paragraph.*

*(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 25 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"Subtitle III—Covered Misconduct*

*"2531. Comprehensive policy and procedures on retention and access to evidence and records relating to sexual misconduct and other misconduct.*
*"2532. Requirement to maintain certain records.*
*"2533. Covered misconduct in Coast Guard.*
*"2534. Review of discharge characterization.*
*"2535. Safe-to-Report policy for Coast Guard.*
*"2536. Notification of changes to Uniform Code of Military Justice or Manual for Courts Martial relating to covered misconduct.*
*"2537. Accountability and transparency relating to allegations of misconduct against senior leaders.*
*"2538. Inclusion and command review of information on covered misconduct in personnel service records.*
*"2539. Covered misconduct defined.".*

***SEC. 7512. POLICY RELATING TO CARE AND SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF COVERED MISCONDUCT.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall issue Coast Guard policy relating to the care and support of members of the Coast Guard who are alleged victims covered misconduct.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The policy required by subsection (a) shall require, to the maximum extent practicable, that—*

*(1) a member of the Coast Guard who is an alleged victim of covered misconduct and discloses such covered misconduct to the appropriate individual of the Coast Guard responsible for providing victim care and support—*

*(A) shall receive care and support from such individual; and*

*(B) such individual shall not deny or unreasonably delay providing care and support; and*

*(2) in the case of such an alleged victim to whom care and support cannot be provided by the appropriate individual contacted by the alleged victim based on programmatic eligibility criteria or any other reason that affects the ability of such appropriate individual to provide care and support (such as being stationed at a remote unit or serving on a vessel currently underway) the alleged victim shall receive, with the permission of the alleged victim—*

*(A) an in-person introduction to appropriate service providers, for which the alleged victim is physically present, which shall occur at the discretion of the alleged victim; and*

*(B) access to follow-up services from the appropriate 1 or more service providers.*

*(c) APPLICABILITY.—The policy issued under subsection (a) shall apply to—*

*(1) all Coast Guard personnel responsible for the care and support of victims of covered misconduct; and*

*(2) any other Coast Guard personnel the Commandant considers appropriate.*

*(d) REVISION OF POLICY RELATING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall issue or revise*

*any Coast Guard policy or process described in paragraph (2) so as to define the term "intimate partner" to have the meaning given such term in section 930 of title 10, United States Code.*

*(2) POLICY OR PROCESS DESCRIBED.—A policy or process referred to in paragraph (1) is a policy or process which is—*

*(A) related to domestic abuse;*

*(B) written; and*

*(C) publicly available.*

*(e) TRAINING.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—All Coast Guard personnel responsible for the care and support of members of the Coast Guard who are alleged victims of covered misconduct shall receive training in accordance with professional standards of practice to ensure that such alleged victims receive adequate care that is consistent with the policy issued under subsection (a).*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The training required by paragraph (1)—*

*(A) shall include—*

*(i) instructions on specific procedures for implementing the policy issued under subsection (a); and*

*(ii) information on resources and personnel critical for the implementation of such policy; and*

*(B) to the maximum extent practicable, shall be provided in person.*

*(f) COVERED MISCONDUCT.—In this section, the term "covered misconduct" shall have the meaning given such term in section 2539 of title 14, United States Code.*

***SEC. 7513. FLAG OFFICER REVIEW OF, AND CONCURRENCE IN, SEPARATION OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE REPORTED COVERED MISCONDUCT.***

*(a) POLICY TO REQUIRE REVIEW OF CERTAIN PROPOSED INVOLUNTARY SEPARATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall establish, with respect to any proposed involuntary separation under chapter 59 of title 10, United States Code, a Coast Guard policy to review the circumstances of, and grounds for, such a proposed involuntary separation of any member of the Coast Guard who—*

*(1) made a restricted or unrestricted report of covered misconduct;*

*(2) within 2 years after making such a report, is recommended for involuntary separation from the Coast Guard; and*

*(3) requests the review on the grounds that the member believes the recommendation for involuntary separation from the Coast Guard was initiated in retaliation for making the report.*

*(b) RECUSAL.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The policy established under subsection (a) shall set forth a process for the recusal of commanding officers and the flag officer described in subsection (c)(2) from making initial or subsequent decisions on proposed separations or from reviewing proposed separations.*

*(2) CRITERIA.—The recusal process established under paragraph (1) shall specify criteria for recusal, including mandatory recusal from making a decision on a proposed separation, and from reviewing a proposed separation, if the commanding offi-*

*cer or the flag officer described in subsection (c)(2) was, at any time—*

*(A) the subject of a complaint of any form of assault, harassment, or retaliation, filed by the member of the Coast Guard described in subsection (a) who is the subject of a proposed involuntary separation or whose proposed separation is under review; or*

*(B) associated with the individual suspected or accused of perpetrating the incident of covered misconduct reported by such member.*

*(c) CONCURRENCE OF FLAG OFFICER REQUIRED.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The policy established under subsection (a) shall require the concurrence of the flag officer described in paragraph (2) in order to separate the member of the Coast Guard described in such subsection.*

*(2) FLAG OFFICER DESCRIBED.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the flag officer described in this paragraph is—*

*(i) the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support or the successor Vice Admiral that oversees personnel policy; or*

*(ii) a designee of the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support (or the successor Vice Admiral that oversees personnel policy) who is in a grade not lower than O–7.*

*(B) CHAIN OF COMMAND EXCEPTION.—In the case of a member of the Coast Guard described in subsection (a) who is in the immediate chain of command of the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support or the successor Vice Admiral that oversees personnel policy or the designee of the Deputy Commandant for Mission Support or the successor Vice Admiral that oversees personnel policy, the flag officer described in this paragraph is a flag officer outside the chain of command of such member, as determined by the Commandant consistent with the policy established under subsection (a).*

*(d) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—Any member of the Coast Guard who has made a report of covered misconduct and who receives a proposal for involuntary separation shall be notified at the time of such proposal of the right of the member to a review under this section.*

*(e) COVERED MISCONDUCT DEFINED.—In this section, the term "covered misconduct" shall have the meaning given such term in section 2539 of title 14, United States Code.*

***SEC. 7514. POLICY AND PROGRAM TO EXPAND PREVENTION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall develop and issue a comprehensive policy for the Coast Guard to reinvigorate the prevention of misconduct involving members and civilians of the Coast Guard that contains the policy elements described in section 1561 of title 10, United States Code.*

*(b) PROGRAMS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the issuance of the policy required under paragraph (1), the Com-*

*mandant shall develop and implement for the Coast Guard a program to reinvigorate the prevention of misconduct involving members and civilians of the Coast Guard.*

***SEC. 7515. TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE.***

*(a) MODIFICATION OF CURRICULUM.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall revise the curriculum of the Coast Guard with respect to covered misconduct prevention and response training—*

*(A) to include—*

*(i) information on procedures and responsibilities with respect to reporting requirements, investigations, survivor health and safety (including expedited transfers, no-contact orders, military and civilian protective orders, and temporary separations), and whistleblower protections;*

*(ii) information on Department of Veterans Affairs resources available to veterans, active-duty personnel, and reserve personnel;*

*(iii) information on the right of any member of the Coast Guard to seek legal resources outside the Coast Guard;*

*(iv) general information regarding the availability of legal resources provided by civilian legal services organizations, presented in an organized and consistent manner that does not endorse any particular legal services organization; and*

*(v) information on the capability, operations, reporting structure, and requirements with respect to the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard; and*

*(B) to address the workforce training recommendations set forth in the memorandum of the Coast Guard titled "Commandant's Directed Actions—Accountability and Transparency", issued on November 27, 2023.*

*(2) COLLABORATION.—In revising the curriculum under this subsection, the Commandant shall solicit input from individuals outside the Coast Guard who are experts in sexual assault and sexual harassment prevention and response training.*

*(b) COVERED MISCONDUCT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE TRAINING AND EDUCATION.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall ensure that all members and civilian employees of the Coast Guard are provided with annual covered misconduct prevention and response training and education for the purpose of strengthening individual knowledge, skills, and capacity relating to the prevention of and response to covered misconduct.*

*(2) SCOPE.—The training and education referred to in paragraph (1)—*

*(A) shall be provided as part of—*

*(i) initial entry and accession training;*

*(ii) annual refresher training;*

*(iii) initial and recurring training courses for covered first responders;*

*(iv) new and prospective commanding officer and executive officer training; and*

*(v) specialized leadership training; and*

*(B) shall be tailored for specific leadership levels, positions, pay grades, and roles.*

*(3) CONTENT.—The training and education referred to in paragraph (1) shall include the information described in subsection (a)(1)(A).*

*(c) COVERED FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall ensure that—*

*(A) training for covered first responders includes the covered misconduct prevention and response training described in subsection (b); and*

*(B) such covered misconduct prevention and response training is provided to covered first responders on a recurring basis.*

*(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the information described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the initial and recurring covered misconduct prevention and response training for covered first responders shall include information on procedures and responsibilities with respect to—*

*(A) the provision of care to a victim of covered misconduct, in accordance with professional standards or practice, that accounts for trauma experienced by the victim and associated symptoms or events that may exacerbate such trauma; and*

*(B) the manner in which such a victim may receive such care.*

*(d) TRAINING FOR PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall ensure that training for prospective commanders and executive officers at all levels of command includes the covered misconduct prevention and response training described in subsection (b).*

*(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In addition to the information described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the covered misconduct prevention and response training for prospective commanding officers and executive officers shall be—*

*(A) tailored to the responsibilities and leadership requirements of members of the Coast Guard as they are assigned to command positions; and*

*(B) revised, as necessary, to include information on—*

*(i) fostering a command climate—*

*(I) that does not tolerate covered misconduct;*

*(II) in which individuals assigned to the command are encouraged to intervene to prevent potential incidents of covered misconduct; and*

*(III) that encourages victims of covered misconduct to report any incident of covered misconduct;*

*(ii) the possible variations in the effect of trauma on individuals who have experienced covered misconduct;*

*(iii) potential differences in the procedures and responsibilities, Department of Veterans Affairs resources, and legal resources described in subsection (a)(1)(A) depending on the operating environment in which an incident of covered misconduct occurred;*

*(iv) the investigation of alleged incidents of covered misconduct, including training on understanding evidentiary standards;*

*(v) available disciplinary options, including administrative action and deferral of discipline for collateral misconduct, and examples of disciplinary options in civilian jurisdictions; and*

*(vi) the capability, operations, reporting structure, and requirements with respect to the Chief Prosecutor of the Coast Guard.*

*(e) ENTRY AND ACCESSION TRAININGS.—*

*(1) INITIAL TRAINING.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall provide for the inclusion of an initial covered misconduct prevention and response training module in the training for each new member of the Coast Guard, which shall be provided not later than 14 duty days after the date of accession.*

*(B) REQUIREMENT.—In addition to the information described in subsection (a)(1)(A), the initial training module referred to in subparagraph (A) shall include a comprehensive explanation of Coast Guard—*

*(i) policy with respect to covered misconduct; and*

*(ii) procedures for reporting covered misconduct.*

*(2) SUBSEQUENT TRAINING.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall provide for the inclusion of a detailed covered misconduct prevention and response training module in the training for each new member of the Coast Guard, which shall be provided not later than 60 duty days after the date on which the initial training module described in paragraph (1)(A) is provided.*

*(B) CONTENT.—The detailed training module referred to in subparagraph (A) shall include the information described in subsection (a)(1)(A).*

*(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) COVERED FIRST RESPONDER.—The term "covered first responder" includes sexual assault response coordinators, victim advocates, Coast Guard medical officers, Coast Guard security forces, Coast Guard Investigative Service agents, judge advocates, special victims' counsel, chaplains, and related personnel.*

*(2) COVERED MISCONDUCT.—The term "covered misconduct" has the meaning given such term in section 2539 of title 14, United States Code.*

## Subtitle C—Other Matters

***SEC. 7521. COMPLAINTS OF RETALIATION BY VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND RELATED PERSONS.***

*Section 1562a of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) by striking "The Secretary of Defense shall" and inserting the following:*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall"; and*

*(B) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(2) COAST GUARD.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall designate the Commandant of the Coast Guard to be responsible for carrying out the requirements of this section with respect to members of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy.";*

*(2) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by inserting "and the Commandant of the Coast Guard" after "Secretary";*

*(B) in paragraph (8) by inserting before the period at the end "or with respect to the Coast Guard, the component designated by the Commandant of the Coast Guard"; and*

*(C) in paragraph (4) by striking "Department of Defense"; and*

*(3) in subsection (c)(2)—*

*(A) in subparagraph (A) by inserting ", the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security," before "or any other inspector general";*

*(B) in subparagraph (D) by striking "military" and inserting "armed force"; and*

*(C) in subparagraph (E) by inserting "or department in which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service in the Navy for members of the Coast Guard" after "Department of Defense".*

***SEC. 7522. DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES ON MILITARY PROTECTIVE ORDERS.***

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall issue updated written detailed policies of the Coast Guard relating to military protective orders that are consistent with the law and policies of the Department of Defense.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The policies developed under paragraph (1) shall require—*

*(A) that any denial of a request for a military protective order shall include a written explanation for the denial, which shall be—*

*(i) forwarded to the next flag officer in the chain of command of the commanding officer or other approving authority who denied the request; and*

*(ii) provided to the member who submitted the request; and*

*(B) the recusal of an approving authority from participating in the granting or denying of a military protective order, if such authority was, at any time—*

*(i) the subject of a complaint of any form of assault, harassment, or retaliation filed by the member requesting the military protective order or the member who is the subject of the military protective order; or*

*(ii) associated with the member requesting the military protective order or the member who is the subject of the military protective order in a manner that presents as an actual or apparent conflict of interest.*

*(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—The Commandant shall develop a policy to ensure that sexual assault response coordinators, victim advocates, and other appropriate personnel shall inform victims of the process by which the victim may request an expedited transfer, a no-contact order, or a military or civilian protective order.*

***SEC. 7523. ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL VICTIM CAPABILITIES TO RESPOND TO ALLEGATIONS OF CERTAIN SPECIAL VICTIM OFFENSES.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 573 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (10 U.S.C. 1561 note) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) by inserting "or the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service in the Navy" after "Secretary of Defense"; and*

*(B) by striking "Secretary of each military department" and inserting "Secretary concerned";*

*(2) in subsection (b) by striking "or Air Force Office of Special Investigations" and inserting ", Air Force Office of Special Investigations, or Coast Guard Investigative Services";*

*(3) in subsection (c) by inserting "or the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service in the Navy" after "Secretary of Defense";*

*(4) in subsection (d)—*

*(A) in paragraph (1)—*

*(i) by inserting "or the Commandant of the Coast Guard" after "Secretary of a military department"; and*

*(ii) by inserting "or the Coast Guard" after "within the military department";*

*(B) in paragraph (2) by inserting "or the Coast Guard" after "within a military department"; and*

*(5) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(h) TIME FOR ESTABLISHMENT FOR COAST GUARD.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report containing all the items described in subsections (e) and (f) as applied to the Coast Guard.".*

*(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall provide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Com-*

*mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with a briefing in person and in writing on the Commandant's assessment and implementation, as appropriate, of the recommendations included in the Center for Naval Analyses report titled "Assessing the USCG's Special Victims' Counsel Program", issued in June 2024, including—*

*(1) the implementation status of each adopted recommendation, as appropriate;*

*(2) for each adopted recommendation, a description of actions taken to implement such recommendation;*

*(3) in the case of an adopted recommendation that has not been fully implemented—*

*(A) a description of actions taken or planned to address such recommendation;*

*(B) an estimated completion date; and*

*(C) a description of the milestones necessary to complete the recommendation;*

*(4) a description of any recommendation that will not be adopted and an explanation of the reason the recommendation will not be adopted;*

*(5) a description of the metrics and milestones used to ensure completion and effectiveness of each adopted recommendation;*

*(6) a description of any additional actions the Commandant is taking to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Special Victims' Counsel program of the Coast Guard;*

*(7) any legislative change proposal necessary to implement the adopted recommendations; and*

*(8) an overview of any funding or resource necessary to implement each adopted recommendation in a timely and effective manner, including a list of personnel needed for such implementation.*

***SEC. 7524. PARTICIPATION IN CATCH A SERIAL OFFENDER PROGRAM.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service in the Navy, acting through the Commandant, shall ensure the participation of the Coast Guard in the Catch a Serial Offender program (referred to in this section as the "CATCH program") of the Department of Defense established in accordance with section 543 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291).*

*(b) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating and the Secretary of Defense shall finalize a memorandum of agreement to facilitate Coast Guard access to and participation in the CATCH program.*

***SEC. 7525. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT.***

*Section 1561b of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) by inserting "and the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service in the Navy" after "Secretary of Defense"; and*

*(B) by inserting "or the Commandant" after "Secretary of a military department";*

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by inserting "or the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating when not operating as a service in the Navy" after "Secretary of Defense"; and

(B) in paragraph (1) by inserting "departments or the Commandant" after "Secretaries of the military"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) REPORTS FOR THE COAST GUARD.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 30, 2026, and April 30 every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report containing data on the complaints of sexual harassment alleged pursuant to the process under subsection (a) during the previous 2 calendar years.

"(2) PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.—Any data on complaints described in paragraph (1) shall not contain any personally identifiable information.".

***SEC. 7526. REPORT ON POLICY ON WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS.***

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall submit to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the policy of the Coast Guard on whistleblower protections.

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

(1) A discussion of the policy of the Coast Guard as of the date of enactment of this Act with respect to—

(A) whistleblower protections;

(B) accountability measures for reprisal against whistleblowers;

(C) the applicable professional standards and potential types of support provided to whistleblowers by members of the Coast Guard personnel, such as the members in the Coast Guard Investigative Service; and

(D) the content and frequency of training provided to members of the Coast Guard on active duty, members of the Coast Guard Reserve, and civilian personnel of the Coast Guard with respect to the applicable professional standards and potential types of support offered to whistleblowers.

(2) A description of the responsibilities of commanders and equivalent civilian supervisors with respect to whistleblower complaints and measures used by the Coast Guard to ensure compliance with such responsibilities, such as—

(A) the mechanisms to ensure that—

(i) any such commander complies with section 1034 of title 10, United States Code, including subsection (a)(1) of that section;

(ii) any such equivalent civilian supervisor complies with section 2302 of title 5, United States Code; and

*(iii) any such commander or supervisor protects the constitutional right of whistleblowers to speak with Members of Congress;*

*(B) actions to be taken against any a commander or equivalent civilian supervisor who fails to act on a whistleblower complaint or improperly interferes with a whistleblower after a complaint is filed or during the preparation of a complaint;*

*(C) the role of Coast Guard attorneys in ensuring that such commanders comply with responsibilities under section 1034 of title 10, United States Code; and*

*(D) the role of Coast Guard civilian attorneys and administrative law judges in ensuring that such civilian supervisors comply with responsibilities under section 2302 of title 5, United States Code.*

*(3) A discussion of the availability of Coast Guard staff, including civilian staff, assigned to providing, in accordance with professional standards or practice, behavioral health care to whistleblowers, including—*

*(A) the number and type of such staff;*

*(B) a description of the specific care responsibilities of such staff;*

*(C) an identification of any limitation existing as of the date of enactment of this Act to the provision of such care;*

*(D) a description of any plan to increase capacity of such staff to provide such care, as applicable; and*

*(E) a description of any additional resources necessary to provide such care.*

*(4) An assessment of the manner in which the policies discussed in paragraph (1), the responsibilities of commanders and civilian supervisors described in paragraph (2), and the availability of Coast Guard staff as discussed in paragraph (3) apply specifically to cadets and leadership at the Coast Guard Academy.*

*(5) Recommendations (including, as appropriate, proposed legislative changes and a plan to publish in the Federal Register not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act a request for information seeking public comment and recommendations) of the Commandant regarding manners in which Coast Guard policies and procedures may be strengthened—*

*(A) to prevent whistleblower discrimination and harassment;*

*(B) to better enforce prohibitions on retaliation, including reprisal, restriction, ostracism, and maltreatment, set forth in section 1034 of title 10, United States Code, and section 2302 of title 5, United States Code; and*

*(C) to hold commanding officers and civilian supervisors accountable for enforcing and complying with prohibitions on any form of retaliation described in such section.*

***SEC. 7527. COAST GUARD AND COAST GUARD ACADEMY ACCESS TO DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENT DATABASE.***

*(a) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant, in con-*

*sultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to enable the criminal offender case management and analytics database of the Coast Guard to have system interface access with the Defense Sexual Assault Incident Database (referred to in this section as the "Database") established by section 563 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (10 U.S.C. 1561 note).*

*(b) PLAN.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after entering into the memorandum of understanding required under subsection (a), the Commandant, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a plan to carry out the terms of such memorandum.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The plan required under paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

*(A) Measures to ensure that authorized staff of the Coast Guard have system interface access to the Database, and a description of any barrier to such access.*

*(B) Measures to ensure that authorized staff of the Coast Guard Academy have system interface access to the Database, and a description of any barrier to such access that is unique to the Coast Guard Academy.*

*(C) Measures to facilitate formal or informal communication between the Coast Guard and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office of the Department of Defense, or any other relevant Department of Defense component, to identify or seek a resolution to barriers to Database access.*

*(D) A description of the steps, measures, and improvements necessary to remove any barrier encountered by staff of the Coast Guard or the Coast Guard Academy in accessing the Database, including any failure of system interface access necessitating manual entry of investigative data.*

*(E) An assessment of the technical challenges, timeframes, and costs associated with providing authorized staff of the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Academy with system interface access for the Database that is substantially similar to such system interface access possessed by other branches of the Armed Forces.*

*(3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and*

*(B) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.*

***SEC. 7528. EXPEDITED TRANSFER IN CASES OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.***

*(a) EXPEDITED TRANSFER POLICY UPDATE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall update Coast Guard policy as necessary to implement—*

*(1) an expedited transfer process for covered individuals consistent with—*

*(A) Department of Defense policy on expedited transfers of victims of sexual assault or domestic violence in place on the date of enactment of this Act; and*

*(B) subsection (b); and*

*(2) a process by which—*

*(A) a covered individual, the commanding officer of a covered individual, or any other Coast Guard official may initiate a request that a subject be administratively assigned to another unit in accordance with military assignments and authorized absence policy for the duration of the investigation and, if applicable, prosecution of such subject;*

*(B) the Coast Guard shall ensure that any administrative assignment action in response to a request under subparagraph (A) will be taken not as a punitive measure, but solely for the purpose of maintaining good order and discipline within the unit of the covered individual or the subject; and*

*(C) protection of due process for the subject is preserved.*

*(b) RECUSAL.—The expedited transfer process implemented under this section shall require the recusal of any official involved in the approval or denial of an expedited transfer request if the official was, at any time—*

*(1) the subject of a complaint of any form of assault, harassment, or retaliation, or any other type of complaint, filed by the covered individual; or*

*(2) associated, beyond workplace interactions, with the subject in a manner that may present an actual or apparent conflict of interest.*

*(c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—With respect to a member of the Coast Guard who makes an unrestricted report of sexual assault or a report of domestic violence, the updated policy required under subsection (a) shall specify the appropriate officials of the Coast Guard who shall provide such member with information regarding expedited transfer authority.*

*(d) REPORT.—*

*(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of the year that is not less than 1 year after the date on which the updates required under subsection (a) are completed, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, as an enclosure or appendix to the report required by section 5112 of title 14, United States Code, a report on such updates that includes—*

*(A) a copy of the updated policies of the Coast Guard relating to expedited transfers;*

*(B) a summary of such updated policies;*

*(C) for the preceding year, the number of covered individuals who have requested an expedited transfer, disaggregated by gender of the requester and whether the request was granted or denied;*

*(D) for each denial of an expedited transfer request during the preceding year, a description of the rationale for the denial; and*

*(E) any other matter the Commandant considers appropriate.*

*(2) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the Commandant submits the report required under paragraph (1), and annually thereafter for 3 years, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, as an enclosure or appendix to the report required by section 5112 of title 14, United States Code, a report on the updates required under subsection (a) that includes—*

*(A) any policies of the Coast Guard relating to expedited transfers that have been updated since the previous report submitted under this subsection;*

*(B) a summary of any such updated policies; and*

*(C) the information described under subparagraphs (C) through (E) of paragraph (1).*

*(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL.—The term "covered individual" means—*

*(A) a member of the Coast Guard who is a victim of sexual assault in a case handled under the Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery Program or the Family Advocacy Program;*

*(B) a member of the Coast Guard who is a victim of domestic violence (as defined by the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating in the policies prescribed under this section) committed by the spouse or intimate partner of the member, regardless of whether the spouse or intimate partner is a member of the Coast Guard; and*

*(C) a member of the Coast Guard whose dependent is a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence.*

*(2) SUBJECT.—The term "subject" means a member of the Coast Guard who is the subject of an investigation related to alleged incidents of sexual assault or domestic violence and is stationed at the same installation as, or in close proximity to, the covered individual involved.*

***SEC. 7529. ACCESS TO TEMPORARY SEPARATION PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF ALLEGED SEX-RELATED OFFENSES.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant shall update the Coast Guard policy relating to temporary separation of members of the Coast Guard who are victims of alleged sex-related offenses as required under subsection (b).*

*(b) ELIGIBILITY.—The updated policy required under subsection (a) shall include—*

*(1) a provision that allows a member of the Coast Guard to request to participate in the temporary separation program if the member has reported, in an unrestricted format or to the greatest extent practicable, a restricted format, being the victim of an alleged sex-related offense on a date that is during—*

*(A) the 5-year period preceding the requested date of separation; and*

*(B) the military service of the member;*

*(2) a provision that provides eligibility for a member of the Coast Guard to request temporary separation if the member has reported being the victim of an alleged sex-related offense, even if—*

*(A) the member has had a previous temporary separation including a previous temporary separation as the victim of a previous unrelated alleged sex-related offense; or*

*(B) the enlistment period of the member is not nearing expiration or the tour or contract of the member is not nearing completion;*

*(3) an updated standard of review consistent with the application of, and purposes of, this section; and*

*(4) the establishment of a process—*

*(A) for eligible members to make requests for temporary separation under this section; and*

*(B) that allows the Commandant to consider whether to allow a member granted temporary separation under this section to fulfill the enlistment period or tour or contract obligation of the member after the end of the temporary separation period.*

*(c) EXCEPTION FROM REPAYMENT OF BONUSES, INCENTIVE PAY, OR SIMILAR BENEFITS AND TERMINATION OF REMAINING PAYMENTS.—For any temporary separation granted under the updated policy required under subsection (a), the Secretary concerned may conduct a review to determine whether to exercise discretion in accordance with section 373(b)(1) of title 37, United States Code.*

*(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term "Secretary concerned" has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 37, United States Code.*

*(2) SEX-RELATED OFFENSE.—The term "sex-related offense" has the meaning given such term in section 1044e(h) of title 10, United States Code.*

***SEC. 7530. CONTINUOUS VETTING OF SECURITY CLEARANCES.***

*Section 1564(c) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1)—*

*(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by inserting ", and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct an investigation or adjudication under subsection (a) of any individual described in paragraph (3)," after "paragraph (2)"; and*

*(B) in subparagraph (A)(iv) by striking "the Secretary" and inserting "the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Homeland Security, as the case may be,";*

*(2) in paragraph (2) by inserting "(other than an individual described in paragraph (3))" after "is an individual";*

*(3) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;*

*(4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:*

*"(3) An individual described in this paragraph is an individual who has a security clearance and is—*

*"(A) a flag officer of the Coast Guard; or*

*"(B) an employee of the Coast Guard in the Senior Executive Service (career reserved)."; and*

*(5) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by striking "Secretary" and all that follows through "paragraph (2)" and inserting the following: "Secretary of Defense, in the case of an individual described in paragraph (2), and the Secretary of Homeland Security, in the case of an individual described in paragraph (3), shall ensure that relevant information on the conviction or determination described in paragraph (1) of such an individual".*

# *TITLE LXXVI—COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORTS*

### *SEC. 7601. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON COAST GUARD RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND INNOVATION PROGRAM.*

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the state of the research, development, and innovation program of the Coast Guard during the 5-year period ending on such date of enactment.*

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

*(1) An evaluation and description of the process for selecting projects to be carried out under the research, development, and innovation program of the Coast Guard.*

*(2) An analysis of the manner in which funding needs are determined and requested for such program, and for the activities and projects of such program, in alignment with the appropriate fiscal year.*

*(3) An assessment of the manner in which the Coast Guard determines desired outcomes, and measures the impact, of successful projects on the execution of the operations and mission of the Coast Guard.*

*(4) An assessment of the manner in which the Coast Guard evaluates impacts and benefits of partnerships between the Coast Guard and the Department of Defense and other entities, and a description of the extent to which and manner in which the Coast Guard is leveraging such benefits and identifying and managing any potential challenge.*

*(5) An analysis of the manner in which the Commandant is working with partners to accelerate project transition from research, testing, evaluation, and prototype to production.*

*(6) An assessment of the manner in which the authority to enter into transactions other than contracts and grants pursuant to sections 719 and 1158 of title 14, United States Code, has been exercised by the Commandant, and a description of any training or resources necessary (including additional agreements for officers and training) to more fully exercise such authority.*

*(7) An evaluation of the role of the Blue Tech Center of Expertise established in section 302 of the Coast Guard Blue Technology Center of Expertise Act (Public Law 115–265).*

*(8) Recommendations regarding authorization, personnel, infrastructure, and other requirements necessary for the expeditious transition of technologies developed under such program from prototype to production in the field.*

*(c) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General may consult with—*

*(1) the maritime and aviation industries;*

*(2) the Secretary of Defense;*

*(3) the intelligence community; and*

*(4) any relevant—*

*(A) federally funded research institutions;*

*(B) nongovernmental organizations; and*

*(C) institutions of higher education.*

***SEC. 7602. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE CENTER EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, AND RETENTION.***

*(a) DEFINITION OF VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE CENTER.—In this section, the term "vessel traffic service center" has the meaning given the term in section 70001(m) of title 46, United States Code.*

*(b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall commence a study on employment compensation, competitiveness, assignment, and retention of civilian and military personnel assigned to or otherwise employed at vessel traffic service centers in the United States.*

*(c) ELEMENTS.—The study required under subsection (b) shall include the following:*

*(1) An assessment of the extent to which the classification, assignment, selection, and pay rates of personnel assigned to or otherwise employed at vessel traffic service centers are commensurate with the required experience, duties, safety functions, and responsibilities of such positions.*

*(2) An assessment of the appropriate classification, assignment, selection, and pay rate, as well as nonmonetary employment incentives, that would foster a robust and competitive civilian candidate pool for employment opportunities in civilian positions at vessel traffic service centers.*

*(3) An analysis of the average civilian employment retention rate and average term of employment of civilian personnel, by position, at vessel traffic service centers.*

*(4) An analysis of existing special payments, as discussed in the report by the Government Accountability Office entitled "Federal Pay: Opportunities Exist to Enhance Strategic Use of Special Payments" (published December 7, 2017; GAO–18–91), that may be available to personnel assigned to or otherwise employed at vessel traffic service centers.*

*(5) An evaluation of all assignment parameters and civilian hiring authority codes used by the Coast Guard in assigning and hiring personnel assigned to or otherwise employed at vessel traffic service centers.*

*(6) An analysis of whether opportunities exist to refine, consolidate, or expand Coast Guard civilian hiring authorities for purposes of hiring personnel at the vessel traffic service centers.*

*(7) An assessment of the ability of the composition, as in effect on the first day of the study, of military and civilian personnel assigned to or otherwise employed at vessel traffic service centers to ensure safety on the waterways and to manage increasing demand for vessel traffic services, taking into account the ranks and grades of such personnel, the respective experience levels and training of such personnel, and the respective duties, safety functions, and responsibilities of such personnel.*

*(8) An assessment of, and recommendations to improve, the Coast Guard's efforts to support the career progression of and advancement opportunities for officers and enlisted members of the Coast Guard assigned to vessel traffic service centers.*

*(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after commencing the study required under subsection (b), the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the study.*

***SEC. 7603. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF COAST GUARD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE AND RESOURCES FOR PERSONNEL WELLNESS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall commence a review of the quality and availability of behavioral health care and related resources for Coast Guard personnel at the locations described in subsection (b).*

*(b) LOCATIONS TO BE REVIEWED.—In conducting the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall—*

*(1) first review the practices and policies relating to the availability of behavioral health care and related resources at Training Center Cape May; and*

*(2) review such practices and policies at—*

*(A) the Coast Guard Academy, including Officer Candidate School; and*

*(B) other Coast Guard training locations, as applicable.*

*(c) ELEMENTS.—The review conducted under subsection (a) shall include, for each location described in subsection (b), an assessment, and a description of available trend information (as applicable) for the 10-year period preceding the date of the review, with respect to each of the following:*

*(1) The nature of Coast Guard resources directed toward behavioral health services at the location.*

*(2) The manner in which the Coast Guard has managed treatment for recruits, cadets, officer candidates, or other personnel who may be experiencing a behavioral health crisis at the location (including individuals who have transferred to other buildings or facilities within the location).*

*(3) The extent to which the Coast Guard has identified the resources, such as physical spaces and facilities, necessary to manage behavioral health challenges and crises that Coast Guard personnel may face at the location.*

*(4) The behavioral health screenings required by the Coast Guard for recruits, cadets, officer candidates, or other personnel at the location, and the manner in which such screenings compare with screenings required by the Department of Defense for military recruits, service academy cadets, officer candidates, or other personnel at military service accession points.*

*(5) Whether the Coast Guard has assessed the adequacy of behavioral health resources and services for recruits, cadets, officer candidates, and other personnel at the location, and if so, the additional services and resources (such as resilience and life skills coaching), if any, needed to address any potential gaps.*

*(6) The manner in which the Coast Guard manages care transfers related to behavior health at the location, including command and other management input and privacy policies.*

*(7) The extent to which the Coast Guard has evaluated contributing factors or reasons for behavioral health crises experienced by newly enlisted personnel, cadets, officer candidates, or other personnel at the location.*

*(8) The extent to which the Coast Guard has addressed, at the location, provider care staffing standards and credentialing deficiencies identified in the report of the Comptroller General titled "Coast Guard Health Care: Improvements Needed for Determining Staffing Needs and Monitoring Access to Care", issued on February 4, 2022.*

*(d) REPORTS.—The Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives—*

*(1) as soon as practicable but not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, a report relating to the results of the review conducted under subsection (a) relating to Training Center Cape May, including any recommendations the Comptroller General considers appropriate; and*

*(2) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act—*

*(A) a report on the results of the review conducted under subsection (a) relating to—*

*(i) the Coast Guard Academy, including Officer Candidate School; and*

*(ii) other Coast Guard training locations, as applicable; and*

*(B) any recommendations the Comptroller General considers appropriate.*

***SEC. 7604. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON COAST GUARD EFFORTS TO REDUCE PREVALENCE OF MISSING OR INCOMPLETE MEDICAL RECORDS AND SHARING OF MEDICAL DATA WITH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND OTHER ENTITIES.***

*(a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall commence a study assessing the efforts of the Commandant—*

*(1) to reduce the prevalence of missing or incomplete medical records;*

*(2) to share medical data of members of the Coast Guard with the Department of Veterans Affairs; and*

*(3) to ensure that electronic health records are provided in a format that is user friendly and easy to access.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the study under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall review the following:*

*(1) The steps the Commandant has taken to reduce the prevalence of missing or incomplete medical records of members of the Coast Guard.*

*(2) How implementation of an electronic health record system has affected the ability of the Commandant to manage health records of members of the Coast Guard, including—*

*(A) how the Commandant adds records from private medical providers to the electronic health record system;*

*(B) the progress of the Commandant toward implementing the electronic health record system in shipboard sick bays of the Coast Guard;*

*(C) how the Coast Guard shares medical records with the Department of Veterans Affairs; and*

*(D) any other matter the Comptroller General considers appropriate with respect to medical record storage, use, and sharing and the associated consequences for member health and well-being.*

*(3) The ability of members of the Coast Guard, medical professionals of the Coast Guard and of the Department of Defense, personnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other personnel to access and search, as appropriate, the electronic health records of individuals, including the ability to search or quickly find information within electronic health records.*

*(c) REPORT.—Upon completion of the study under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report containing the results of the study under subsection (a).*

***SEC. 7605. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON COAST GUARD TRAINING FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall commence a study on Coast Guard training facility infrastructure, including the specific needs of the Coast Guard training facilities described in subsection (c).*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under subsection (a) shall include the following:*

*(1) With respect to each Coast Guard training facility described in subsection (c)—*

*(A) a summary of capital needs, including construction and repair;*

*(B) a summary of equipment upgrade backlogs;*

*(C) an assessment of necessary improvements, including improvements to essential training equipment (including swimming pools, operational simulators, and marksmanship training ranges) to enable the Coast Guard to achieve all operational training objectives;*

*(D) a description of the resources necessary to fully address all training needs;*

*(E) an assessment of any security deficiency, including with respect to base access, training facility access, and trainee berthing area access;*

*(F) an identification of any exposed hazard that does not serve a training purpose;*

*(G) an identification of the presence of hazardous or toxic materials, including—*

*(i) lead-based paint;*

*(ii) asbestos or products that contain asbestos;*

*(iii) black mold;*

*(iv) radon; and*

*(v) contaminated drinking water; and*

*(H) an assessment of the need for, and estimated cost of, remediation of such toxic materials.*

*(2) An evaluation of the process used by the Coast Guard to identify, monitor, and construct Coast Guard training facilities.*

*(c) COAST GUARD TRAINING FACILITIES DESCRIBED.—The Coast Guard training facilities described in this subsection are the following:*

*(1) The Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.*

*(2) The Leadership Development Center in New London, Connecticut.*

*(3) Training Center Cape May, New Jersey.*

*(4) Training Center Petaluma, California.*

*(5) Training Center Yorktown, Virginia.*

*(6) The Maritime Law Enforcement Academy in Charleston, South Carolina.*

*(7) The Special Missions Training Center at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.*

*(8) The Gulf Regional Fisheries Training Center (GRFTC) in New Orleans, Louisiana.*

*(9) The North Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center (NPRFTC) in Kodiak, Alaska.*

*(10) The Northeast Regional Fisheries Training Center (NRFTC) at Cape Cod, Massachusetts.*

*(11) The Southeast Regional Fisheries Training Center (SRFTC) in Charleston, South Carolina.*

*(12) The Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center (PRFTC) in Alameda, California.*

*(13) The National Motor Lifeboat School at Cape Disappointment, Washington.*

*(14) The Aviation Technical Training Center in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.*

*(15) The Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Alabama.*

*(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after commencing the study required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the study.*

***SEC. 7606. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON FACILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF COAST GUARD STATIONS CONDUCTING BORDER SECURITY OPERATIONS.***

*(a) STUDY.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall commence a study on the facility and infrastructure needs of the Coast Guard stations and units described in paragraph (3).*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The study required under paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to each Coast Guard station and unit described in paragraph (3), the following:*

*(A) An assessment of capital needs, including personnel capacity, construction, and repair.*

*(B) An assessment of equipment upgrade backlogs.*

*(C) An identification of any necessary improvement, including any improvement to operational and training equipment necessary to conduct safe and effective maritime border security operations.*

*(D) An identification of any resource necessary to fully address all operational and training needs.*

*(E) An identification of any physical security deficiency.*

*(F) An identification of any exposed hazard.*

*(G) An identification of the presence of any hazardous or toxic material, including—*

*(i) lead-based paint;*

*(ii) asbestos or any product that contains asbestos;*

*(iii) black mold;*

*(iv) radon; and*

*(v) contaminated drinking water.*

*(H) An assessment of the need for, and estimated cost of, remediation of any toxic material identified under subparagraph (G).*

*(3) COAST GUARD STATIONS DESCRIBED.—The Coast Guard stations and units described in this paragraph are the following:*

*(A) Coast Guard Station South Padre Island, Texas.*

*(B) Coast Guard Station Port Aransas, Texas.*

*(C) Coast Guard Station Port O'Connor, Texas.*

*(D) Coast Guard Station Bellingham, Washington.*

*(E) Coast Guard Station Neah Bay, Washington.*

*(F) Coast Guard Station Port Angeles, Washington.*

*(G) Coast Guard Station Ketchikan, Alaska.*

*(H) Coast Guard Station San Diego, California.*

*(I) Coast Guard Station Key West, Florida.*

*(J) Coast Guard Station Marathon, Florida.*

*(K) Coast Guard Station Islamorada, Florida.*

*(L) Coast Guard Station Jonesport, Maine.*

*(M) Coast Guard Station Bayfield, Wisconsin.*

*(N) Coast Guard Station Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.*

*(O) Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Santa Barbara.*

*(P) Any other Coast Guard station the Comptroller General considers appropriate.*

*(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after commencing the study required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and the Commandant a report on the findings of the study, including any recommendation the Comptroller General considers appropriate.*

*(c) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the report required under subsection (b) is submitted to the Commandant, the Commandant shall provide a briefing to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives on—*

*(1) the actions the Commandant has taken, or has ceased to take, as a result of the findings, including any recommendation, set forth in the report; and*

*(2) a plan for addressing such findings and any such recommendation.*

***SEC. 7607. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON COAST GUARD BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Department of Defense issues the report on the Fourteenth Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation, the Comptroller General of the United States shall commence a study of Coast Guard involvement in, and efforts to support, the determination of the cost of adequate housing and the calculation of the basic allowance for housing under section 403 of title 37, United States Code.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under subsection (a) shall include, to the extent practicable, the following:*

*(1) An identification of Coast Guard duty locations in which there is a misalignment between the basic allowance for housing rate and the prevailing housing cost for members of the Coast Guard such that the basic allowance for housing is less than 95 percent of the monthly cost of adequate housing for such members in the corresponding military housing area.*

*(2) An analysis of each of the following:*

*(A) Anchor points, including—*

*(i) the methodology for the establishment of anchor points; and*

*(ii) with respect to housing provided as part of a public-private venture and Government-owned and Government-leased housing, the disparities between established anchor points and housing standards across the armed forces (as such term is defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code).*

*(B) Existing military housing boundary areas that affect the Coast Guard.*

*(C) Actions taken by the Commandant to comprehensively monitor basic allowance for housing rates for Coast Guard duty locations.*

*(D) The frequency of reviews conducted by the Commandant of the site visits used by the Department of Defense to inform military housing area boundaries.*

*(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the study required under subsection (a) commences, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and the Commandant a report on the findings of the study, including any recommendation the Comptroller General considers appropriate.*

*(d) PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the report required by subsection (c) is submitted to the Commandant, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives—*

*(1) an implementation plan, including timeframes and milestones, addressing any recommendation made by the Comptroller General in such report, as the Commandant considers appropriate; and*

*(2) with respect to any recommendation set forth in such report that the Commandant declines to implement, a written justification for the decision.*

*(e) ANCHOR POINT DEFINED.—In this section, the term "anchor point"—*

*(1) means the minimum housing standard reference benchmark used to establish the basic allowance for housing under section 403 of title 37, United States Code; and*

*(2) includes housing type and size based on pay grade and dependent status.*

***SEC. 7608. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON SAFETY AND SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY.***

*(a) GAO REPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the safety and security infrastructure at the Coast Guard Academy.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include an assessment of each of the following:*

*(A) Existing security infrastructure for the grounds, buildings, athletic facilities, and any other facility of the Coast Guard Academy, including access points, locks, surveillance, and other security methods, as appropriate.*

*(B) Coast Guard policies with respect to the management, data storage and access, and operational capacity of the security infrastructure and methods evaluated under subparagraph (A).*

*(C) Special security needs relating to events at the Coast Guard Academy, such as large athletic events and other widely attended events.*

*(D) Coast Guard policies and procedures with respect to access to Coast Guard Academy grounds by—*

*(i) current or former members of the Coast Guard;*

*(ii) current or former civilian employees of the Coast Guard;*

*(iii) Coast Guard personnel that reside at the Academy and families of cadets; and*

*(iv) members of the public.*

*(E) Existing processes by which the Commandant, the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy, or a designated individual may prohibit or restrict access to Coast Guard Academy grounds by any current or former member or civilian employee of the Coast Guard who—*

*(i) has been subject to court-martial under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for sexual misconduct; or*

*(ii) has been administratively disciplined for sexual misconduct.*

*(F) Enforcement processes regarding access to Coast Guard Academy grounds for individuals (including current and former cadets, members, and civilian employees of the Coast Guard) who are or have been subject to a no-contact order relating to—*

*(i) a cadet or member of the faculty of the Academy; or*

*(ii) any other individual with access to Academy grounds.*

*(G) Recommendations to improve—*

*(i) the security of the Coast Guard Academy; and*

*(ii) the safety of—*

*(I) cadets at the Coast Guard Academy; and*

*(II) members of the Coast Guard stationed at, and civilian employees of, the Coast Guard Academy.*

*(b) ACTIONS BY COMMANDANT.—*

*(1) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Comptroller General submits the report required under subsection (a), the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report that includes—*

*(A) a detailed plan to improve the security of, and the safety of cadets at, the Coast Guard Academy; and*

*(B) a detailed timeline for implementation of—*

*(i) the recommendations made by the Comptroller General in such report; and*

*(ii) any other safety improvement the Commandant considers appropriate.*

*(2) POLICY.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Comptroller General submits the report required under subsection (a), the Commandant, in a manner that maintains good order and discipline, shall update Coast Guard policy relating to access to the Coast Guard Academy grounds to include procedures by which individuals may be prohibited from accessing the Coast Guard Academy—*

*(A) as the Commandant considers appropriate; and*

*(B) consistent with the recommendations made by the Comptroller General in such report.*

***SEC. 7609. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON ATHLETIC COACHING AT COAST GUARD ACADEMY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States, in consultation with the Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy, shall commence a study on the number of administratively determined billets for teaching and coaching necessary to support Coast Guard Academy recruitment, intercollegiate athletics, health and physical education, and leadership development programs.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required under subsection (a) shall include the following:*

*(1) An identification of the number of full-time and part-time employees performing coaching functions at the Coast Guard Academy whose positions are funded by a nonappropriated fund instrumentality of the Coast Guard.*

*(2) An identification of the number of full-time and part-time employees whose positions are funded by a nonappropriated fund instrumentality performing coaching functions at the following:*

*(A) The United States Military Academy.*

*(B) The United States Naval Academy.*

*(C) The United States Air Force Academy.*

*(D) The United States Merchant Marine Academy.*

*(3) An analysis of the roles performed by athletic coaches with respect to officer development at the Coast Guard Academy, including the specific functions of athletic coaches within the health and physical education and leadership development program curriculums.*

*(4) An identification of any adverse impacts on or deficiencies in cadet training and officer development resulting from an inadequate number of administratively determined billets for teaching and coaching at the Coast Guard Academy.*

*(c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under subsection (a), the Comptroller General may consult a federally funded research and development center.*

*(d) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee of Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the results of the study conducted under this section.*

***SEC. 7610. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY AND REPORT ON PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION PROCESS.***

*(a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall commence a study to evaluate the effectiveness of the permanent change of station process of the Coast Guard.*

*(b) REPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after commencing the study required by subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the study.*

*(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

*(A) A description of the permanent change of station policies of the Coast Guard.*

*(B) A description of Coast Guard spending on permanent change of station moves and associated support costs.*

*(C) An evaluation of the effectiveness of using contracted movers for permanent change of station moves, including the estimated costs associated with—*

*(i) lost or damaged personal property of members of the Coast Guard;*

*(ii) delays in scheduling such a move through a contracted mover;*

*(iii) delayed delivery of household goods; and*

*(iv) other related challenges.*

*(D) A review of changes to permanent change of station policies implemented during the 10-year period ending on the date of enactment of this Act, and the costs or savings to the Coast Guard directly associated with such changes.*

*(E) Recommendations to improve the permanent change of station process of the Coast Guard.*

*(F) Any additional information or related matter arising from the study, as the Comptroller General considers appropriate.*

***SEC. 7611. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the training provided by, and the resourcing and management of, the Coast Guard Investigative Service.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The review required by subsection (a) shall include the following:*

*(1) A review of the organizational and career progression structure of the Coast Guard Investigative Service, including the assignment and promotion process and the qualifications and experience required for Coast Guard Investigative Service special agents, experts, and support personnel throughout their careers, in all investigative areas and positions (including active duty, reserve, and civilian special agents).*

*(2) For each position in the Coast Guard Investigative Service, an assessment of the classification, pay rate (including any special pay), average term of employment, and retention rate.*

*(3) An assessment of the type and content of training required for and provided to special agents of the Coast Guard Investigative Service as such agents progress through their careers, including the extent to which—*

*(A) the type and content of such training varies among special agents depending on the offenses the agents investigate, such as sexual assault, domestic abuse, and fraud;*

*(B) such special agents complete such training in a timely manner; and*

*(C) the Coast Guard Investigative Service tracks training completion.*

*(4) A review of relevant policies and practices of the Coast Guard Investigative Service relating to personnel, funding, and other resource needs, such as physical spaces and facilities.*

*(5) An analysis of the manner in which the needs described in paragraph (4) are determined by the Coast Guard Investigative Service and the manner in which the resources to fulfill such needs are requested by the Coast Guard Investigative Service, including a determination as to whether the Commandant and the Secretary of Homeland Security assesses the adequacy of such resources and identifies any additional resources needed to address the gaps identified.*

*(6) An assessment of—*

*(A) the extent to which the Commandant and the Coast Guard Investigative Service partners with, leverages expertise from, or defers to—*

*(i) military criminal investigative entities of the Department of Defense; or*

*(ii) the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security or any Inspectors General of the Department of Defense; and*

*(B)(i) the extent to which such entities have the authority to investigate cases involving Coast Guard personnel or otherwise carry out investigations involving Coast Guard personnel; and*

*(ii) the extent of the communication between the Coast Guard Investigative Service and other such entities with respect to such cases.*

*(7) An analysis of the number of cases investigated by the Coast Guard Investigative Service, including, for each such case, the type and duration of the investigation and associated timelines.*

*(8) An analysis of the number of cases referred by the Coast Guard Investigative Service to other entities for investigation, including, for each such case, the type and duration of the investigation and associated timelines.*

*(9) An assessment of the extent to which the Commandant and the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security exercise oversight over the Coast Guard Investigative Service, including any data, metrics, or other information that the Commandant uses to monitor and assess the investigative performance, personnel levels, and other resources of the Coast Guard Investigative Service.*

*(c) BRIEFING AND PRESENTATION OF FINAL RESULTS.—The Comptroller General shall—*

*(1) not later than March 31, 2026, provide the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives with a briefing on the preliminary findings of the review required by subsection (a); and*

*(2) present to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives the final results of such review in the format and on the date agreed upon at such briefing.*

# TITLE LXXVII—AMENDMENTS

***SEC. 7701. AMENDMENTS.***

*(a) PROHIBITION ON ENTRY AND OPERATION.—Section 70022(b)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking "Federal Register" and inserting "the Federal Register".*

*(b) PORT, HARBOR, AND COASTAL FACILITY SECURITY.—Section 70116(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1) by striking "terrorism cyber" and inserting "terrorism, cyber"; and*

*(2) in paragraph (2) by inserting a comma after "acts of terrorism".*

*(c) ENFORCEMENT BY STATE AND LOCAL OFFICERS.—Section 70118(a) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by striking "section 1 of title II of the Act of June 15, 1917 (chapter 30; 50 U.S.C. 191)" and inserting "section 70051"; and*

*(2) by striking "section 7(b) of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1226(b))" and inserting "section 70116(b)".*

*(d) CHAPTER 701 DEFINITIONS.—Section 70131(2) of title 46, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by striking "section 1 of title II of the Act of June 15, 1917 (50 U.S.C. 191)" and inserting "section 70051"; and*

*(2) by striking "section 7(b) of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1226(b))" and inserting "section 70116(b)".*

*(e) NOTICE OF ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSELS ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.—*

*(1) PREPARATORY CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 70001 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by redesignating subsections (l) and (m) as subsections (m) and (n), respectively.*

*(2) TRANSFER OF PROVISION.—Section 704 of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act 2012 (Public Law 112–213; 46 U.S.C. 70001 note) is—*

*(A) amended by striking "of title 46, United States Code,";*

*(B) amended by striking "(33 U.S.C. 1223 note)" and inserting "(46 U.S.C. 70001 note)";*

*(C) transferred to appear after 70001(k) of title 46, United States Code; and*

*(D) redesignated as subsection (l).*

*(f) TITLE 46.—Title 46, United States Code, is amended as follows:*

*(1) Section 2101(2) is amended by striking "section 1" and inserting "section 101".*

*(2) Section 2116(b)(1)(D) is amended by striking "section 93(c)" and inserting "section 504(c)".*

*(3) In the analysis for subtitle VII by striking the period after "70001" in the item relating to chapter 700.*

*(4) In the analysis for chapter 700 by striking the item relating to section 70006 and inserting the following:*

*"70006. Establishment by Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating of anchorage grounds and regulations generally.".*

*(5) In the heading for subchapter IV in the analysis for chapter 700 by inserting a comma after "DEFINITIONS".*

(6) In the heading for subchapter VI in the analysis for chapter 700 by striking "OF THE UNITED" and inserting "OF UNITED".

(7) Section 70052(e)(1) is amended by striking "section 4197 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (46 U.S.C. App. 91)" and inserting "section 60105".

(g) OIL POLLUTION ACT OF 1990.—The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) is amended as follows:

(1) Section 1001 (33 U.S.C. 2701) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (32)(G) by striking "pipeline" and all that follows through "offshore facility" and inserting "pipeline, offshore facility";

(B) in paragraph (39) by striking "section 101(20)(G)(i)" and inserting "section 101(20)(H)(i)";

(C) in paragraph (40) by striking "section 101(20)(G)(ii)" and inserting "section 101(20)(H)(ii)";

(D) ) in paragraph (41) by striking "section 101(20)(G)(iii)" and inserting "section 101(20)(H)(iii)";

(E) in paragraph (42) by striking "section 101(20)(G)(iv)" and inserting "section 101(20)(H)(iv)";

(F) in paragraph (43) by striking "section 101(20)(G)(v)" and inserting "section 101(20)(H)(v)"; and

(G) in paragraph (44) by striking "section 101(20)(G)(vi)" and inserting "section 101(20)(H)(vi)".

(2) Section 1003(d)(6) (33 U.S.C. 2703(d)(6)) is amended by striking "this paragraph" and inserting "this subsection".

(3) Section 1016 (33 U.S.C. 2716) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsections (e) through (i) as subsections (d) through (h), respectively; and

(B) in subsection (e)(1)(B), as redesignated by subparagraph (A), by striking "subsection (e)" and inserting "subsection (d)".

(4) Section 1012(b)(2) (33 U.S.C. 2712(b)(2)) is amended by striking "section 1016(f)(1)" and inserting "section 1016(e)(1)".

(5) Section 1005(b)(5)(B) (33 U.S.C. 2716(b)(5)(B)) is amended by striking "section 1016(g)" and inserting "section 2716(f)".

(6) Section 1018(c) (33 U.S.C. 2718(c)) is amended by striking "the Act of March 3, 1851 (46 U.S.C. 183 et seq.)" and inserting "chapter 305 of title 46, United States Code".

(7) Section 7001(h)(1) (33 U.S.C. 2761(h)(1)) is amended by striking "subsection (c)(4)" and inserting "subsection (e)(4)".

(h) HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998.—Section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 (33 U.S.C. 892a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a) by striking "this Act" and inserting "this title"; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking "this Act" and inserting "this title"; and

(B) by striking "subchapter VI of chapter 10" and inserting "chapter 11".

(i) CHAPTER 5.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by redesignating the second section 548 (relating to

*Marking anchorage grounds by Commandant of the Coast Guard) as section 551.*

*(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 5 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 550 the following:*

*"551. Marking anchorage grounds by Commandant of the Coast Guard.".*

*(j) SECTION 807.—Section 807 of the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 (14 U.S.C. 313 note) is amended by striking "District 9" and inserting "Great Lakes District".*

*(k) SECTION 324.—Section 324 of title 14, United States Code, as so redesignated, by striking "Seventeenth Coast Guard District" and inserting "Coast Guard Arctic District" each place it appears.*

# *DIVISION H—OTHER MATTERS*

# *TITLE LXXXI—FINANCIAL SERVICES MATTERS*

*Sec. 8001. Defense Production Act of 1950 extension.*
*Sec. 8002. Review of and reporting on national security sensitive sites for purposes of reviews of real estate transactions by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.*
*Sec. 8003. Disclosures by directors, officers, and principal stockholders.*
*Sec. 8004. Study and report.*

***SEC. 8101. DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950 EXTENSION.***

*Section 717(a) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4564(a)) is amended by striking "September 30, 2025" and inserting "September 30, 2026".*

***SEC. 8102. REVIEW OF AND REPORTING ON NATIONAL SECURITY SENSITIVE SITES FOR PURPOSES OF REVIEWS OF REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.***

*(a) LIST OF NATIONAL SECURITY SENSITIVE SITES.—Section 721(a)(4)(C) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(a)(4)(C)) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(iii) LIST OF SITES.—*

*"(I) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subparagraph (B)(ii)(II)(bb), the Committee may prescribe, through regulations, a list of military installations or other facilities or properties of the United States Government that are sensitive for reasons relating to national security. Such list may include certain facilities or properties of the intelligence community and National Laboratories (as defined in section 2 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801)).*

*"(II) PERIODIC REVIEW OF LIST.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this clause, and periodically thereafter, each member of the Committee shall—*

*"(aa) review the installations, facilities, and properties, if any, included by that member on the list developed under subclause (I); and*

"(bb) submit to the chairperson a report on that review, after approval of the report by the Assistant Secretary or equivalent official designated for the agency under subsection (k)(4)(A)(i), which shall include—

"(AA) any recommended updates or revisions to the list regarding installations, facilities, and properties administered by the member of the Committee;

"(BB) any recommendations with respect to what distance, including close proximity or extended range, should apply for purposes of real estate described in subparagraph (B)(ii)(II)(bb); and

"(CC) a detailed justification and risk assessment underlying any recommendations made under subitem (BB).".

(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 721(m)(2) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565(m)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(L) Information on whether the most recent list of sites identified under subsection (a)(4)(C)(iii) reflects consideration of any recommended updates and revisions submitted under subclause (II) of that subsection. Upon request from the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives or the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, the Committee shall provide to that committee a classified briefing regarding that list.".

**SEC. 8103. DISCLOSURES BY DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Holding Foreign Insiders Accountable Act".

(b) DISCLOSURES.—

(1) AMENDMENTS.—Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78p(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting "(including, solely for the purposes of this subsection, every person who is a director or an officer of a foreign private issuer, as that term is defined in section 240.3b–4 of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation)" after "an officer of the issuer of such security";

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; or"; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

"(D) with respect to a foreign private issuer, the securities of which are, as of the date of enactment of the Holding Foreign Insiders Accountable Act, registered pursuant to subsection (b) or (g) of section 12, on the date that is 90 days after that date of enactment.";

(C) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting "and in English" after "electronically"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

*"(5) AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT.—The Commission by rule, regulation, or order, may conditionally or unconditionally exempt any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions, from the requirements of this section if the Commission determines that the laws of a foreign jurisdiction apply substantially similar requirements to such person, security, or transaction.".*

*(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date that is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.*

*(c) EFFECT ON REGULATION.—If any provision of section 240.3a12–3(b) of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation, is inconsistent with the amendments made by subsection (b), that provision of such section 240.3a12–3(b) (or such successor) shall have no force or effect beginning on the effective date described in subsection (b)(2).*

*(d) ISSUANCE OR AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Securities and Exchange Commission shall issue final regulations (or amend or rescind, in whole or in part, existing regulations of the Commission) to carry out the amendments made by subsection (b).*

*(2) ADDITIONAL RULEMAKING.—The Securities and Exchange Commission may issue such additional regulations (or amend or rescind, in whole or in part, existing regulations of the Commission) as necessary to implement the intent of this section.*

***SEC. 8104. STUDY AND REPORT.***

*Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Securities and Exchange Commission shall—*

*(1) conduct a study on the transparency and cooperation regarding—*

*(A) brokers and dealers that are a member of a national securities association and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission that are controlled by or organized under the laws of the People's Republic of China; and*

*(B) investment advisors registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and controlled by or organized under the laws of the People's Republic of China; and*

*(2) submit to Congress a report that includes the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).*

# *TITLE LXXXII—JUDICIARY MATTERS*

*Sec. 8201. Authority of Marshal of the Supreme Court and Supreme Court Police.*
*Sec. 8202. PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 reauthorization.*
*Sec. 8203. Trauma kit standards.*
*Sec. 8204. Inclusion of certain retired public safety officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program.*
*Sec. 8205. Honoring our fallen heroes.*

***SEC. 8201. AUTHORITY OF MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT AND SUPREME COURT POLICE.***

*Section 6121(a)(2) of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:*

*"(C) if the Marshal determines such protection is necessary—*

*"(i) any retired or former Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; or*

*"(ii) any member of the immediate family of the Chief Justice, any Associate Justice, any retired or former Chief Justice or Associate Justice, or any officer of the Supreme Court.".*

***SEC. 8202. PROTECT OUR CHILDREN ACT OF 2008 REAUTHORIZATION.***

*(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION AND INTERDICTION.—Section 101 of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21111) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (b), by striking "every second year" and inserting "every fourth year"; and*

*(2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:*

*"(c) REQUIRED CONTENTS OF NATIONAL STRATEGY.—The National Strategy established under subsection (a) shall include the following:*

*"(1) An analysis of current trends, challenges, and the overall magnitude of the threat of child exploitation.*

*"(2) An analysis of future trends and challenges, including new technologies, that will impact the efforts to combat child exploitation.*

*"(3) Goals and strategic solutions to prevent and interdict child exploitation, including—*

*"(A) plans for interagency coordination;*

*"(B) engagement with the judicial branches of the Federal Government and State governments;*

*"(C) legislative recommendations for combating child exploitation;*

*"(D) cooperation with international, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies; and*

*"(E) engagement with the private sector and other entities involved in efforts to combat child exploitation.*

*"(4) An analysis of Federal efforts dedicated to combating child exploitation, including—*

*"(A) a review of the policies and work of the Department of Justice and other Federal programs relating to the prevention and interdiction of child exploitation crimes, including training programs, and investigative and prosecution activity; and*

*"(B) a description of the efforts of the Department of Justice to cooperate and coordinate with, and provide technical assistance and support to, international, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies and private sector and nonprofit entities with respect to child exploitation prevention and interdiction efforts.*

*"(5) An estimate of the resources required to effectively respond to child exploitation crimes at scale by—*

*"(A) each ICAC task force;*

*"(B) the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including investigators, forensic interviewers, and analysts of victims, witnesses, and forensics;*

*"(C) Homeland Security Investigations, including forensic interviewers and analysts of victims, witnesses, and forensics;*

*"(D) the United States Marshals Service;*

*"(E) the United States Secret Service;*

*"(F) the United States Postal Service;*

*"(G) the criminal investigative offices of the Department of Defense; and*

*"(H) any component of an agency described in this paragraph.*

*"(6) A review of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, including—*

*"(A) the number of ICAC task forces and the location of each ICAC task force;*

*"(B) the number of trained personnel at each ICAC task force;*

*"(C) the amount of Federal grants awarded to each ICAC task force; and*

*"(D) an assessment of the Federal, State, and local cooperation with respect to each ICAC task force, including—*

*"(i) the number of arrests made by each ICAC task force;*

*"(ii) the number of criminal referrals to United States attorneys for prosecution;*

*"(iii) the number of prosecutions and convictions from the referrals described in clause (ii);*

*"(iv) the number, if available, of local prosecutions and convictions based on ICAC task force investigations; and*

*"(v) any other information determined by the Attorney General demonstrating the level of Federal, State, Tribal, and local coordination and cooperation.*

*"(7) An assessment of training needs for each ICAC task force and affiliated agencies.*

*"(8) An assessment of Federal investigative and prosecution activity relating to reported incidents of child exploitation crimes that include a number of factors, including—*

*"(A) the number of investigations, arrests, prosecutions, and convictions for a crime of child exploitation; and*

*"(B) the average sentence imposed and the statutory maximum sentence that could be imposed for each crime of child exploitation.*

*"(9) A review of all available statistical data indicating the overall magnitude of child pornography trafficking in the United States and internationally, including—*

*"(A) the number of foreign and domestic suspects observed engaging in accessing and sharing child pornography;*

*"(B) the number of tips or other statistical data from the CyberTipline of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and other data indicating the magnitude of child pornography trafficking; and*

*"(C) any other statistical data indicating the type, nature, and extent of child exploitation crime in the United States and abroad.".*

*(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL ICAC TASK FORCE PROGRAM.—Section 102 of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21112) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)(1)—*

*(A) by inserting ", Tribal, military," after "State"; and*

*(B) by striking "and child obscenity and pornography cases" and inserting "child obscenity and pornography cases, and the identification of child victims";*

*(2) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "consult with and consider" and all that follows through "track record of success." and inserting ", evaluate the task forces funded under the ICAC Task Force Program to determine if those task forces are operating in an effective manner.";*

*(B) in paragraph (3)(B)—*

*(i) by striking "establish a new task force" and inserting "establish a new or continue an existing task force"; and*

*(ii) by striking "state" and inserting "State"; and*

*(C) in paragraph (4)—*

*(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking "may" and inserting "shall";*

*(ii) by striking subparagraph (B); and*

*(iii) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B); and*

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

*"(c) LIMITED LIABILITY FOR ICAC TASK FORCES.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), a civil claim or criminal charge against an ICAC task force established pursuant to this section and sections 103 and 104, including any law enforcement agency that participates on such a task force or a director, officer, employee, or agent of such a law enforcement agency, arising from the prioritization decisions with respect to leads related to Internet crimes against children described in section 104(8), may not be brought in any Federal or State court.*

*"(2) INTENTIONAL, RECKLESS, OR OTHER MISCONDUCT.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a claim if the ICAC task force or law enforcement agency, or a director, officer, employee, or agent of that law enforcement agency—*

*"(A) engaged in intentional misconduct; or*

*"(B) acted, or failed to act—*

*"(i) with actual malice;*

*"(ii) with gross negligence or reckless disregard to a substantial risk of causing physical injury without legal justification; or*

*"(iii) for a purpose unrelated to the performance of any responsibility or function under section 104(8).*

*"(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to—*

"(A) create any independent basis of liability on behalf of, or any cause of action against—

"(i) an ICAC task force; or

"(ii) a law enforcement agency or a director, officer, employee, or agent of the law enforcement agency; or

"(B) expand any liability otherwise imposed, or limit any defense to that liability, otherwise available under Federal or State law.".

(c) PURPOSE OF ICAC TASK FORCES.—Section 103 of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21113) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting ", and the identification of child victims of those crimes" before the semicolon at the end;

(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting "and prioritizing investigations that task force personnel, through the background, training and experience of those personnel and the consideration of all relevant circumstances, determine to be most likely to result in positive case outcomes and in the rescue of children" before the semicolon at the end;

(3) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by striking "and local law enforcement" and inserting "Tribal, military, and local law enforcement"; and

(B) by inserting ", including probation and parole agencies, child advocacy centers, and child protective services," after "enforcement agencies";

(4) in paragraph (8), by striking "and" at the end;

(5) in paragraph (9), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

"(10) educating the judiciary on—

"(A) the link between intrafamilial contact offenses and technology-facilitated crimes; and

"(B) characteristics of internet offenders, including the interest of online offenders in incest-themed material, sadism, and other related paraphilias or illegal activity.".

(d) DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF TASK FORCES.—Section 104 of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21114) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by inserting "reactive and" before "proactive";

(B) by inserting "conduct digital" before "forensic examinations"; and

(C) by inserting "engage in" before "effective prosecutions";

(2) by striking paragraph (8) and inserting the following:

"(8) investigate, seek prosecution with respect to, and identify child victims from leads relating to Internet crimes against children, including CyberTipline reports, with prioritization determined according to circumstances and by each task force, as described in section 102;";

(3) by striking paragraph (9); and

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (10) and (11) as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively.

*(e) NATIONAL INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN DATA SYSTEM.—Section 105 of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21115) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a), by striking "shall establish" and inserting "may establish";*

*(2) in subsection (b), by striking "continue and build upon Operation Fairplay developed by the Wyoming Attorney General's office, which has established a secure, dynamic undercover infrastructure that has facilitated" and inserting "facilitate"; and*

*(3) in subsection (g)—*

*(A) by striking paragraph (3);*

*(B) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (8) as paragraphs (3) through (7), respectively; and*

*(C) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by striking "1 representative" and inserting "2 representatives".*

*(f) ICAC GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 106 of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21116) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) in paragraph (2)(B)(ii)(II), by striking "Operation Fairplay,"; and*

*(B) in paragraph (3), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 20 percent of the total funds appropriated to carry out this section shall be distributed to support the ICAC Task Force Program through grants to—*

*"(i) provide training and technical assistance to members of the ICAC Task Force Program;*

*"(ii) maintain, enhance, research, and develop tools and technology to assist members of the ICAC Task Force Program;*

*"(iii) provide other support to the ICAC Task Force Program determined by the Attorney General;*

*"(iv) conduct research;*

*"(v) support the annual National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and*

*"(vi) provide wellness training."; and*

*(2) in subsection (d)(1)—*

*(A) in subparagraph (B)—*

*(i) in clause (ii), by striking "and" at the end;*

*(ii) in clause (iii), by striking ", including" and all that follows through "such crime under State law." and inserting "; and"; and*

*(iii) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(iv) the number of child victims identified.";*

*(B) by striking subparagraph (D); and*

*(C) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) through (G) as subparagraphs (D) through (F), respectively.*

*(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 107(a) of the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21117(a)) is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (9), by striking "and" at the end;*

(2) in paragraph (10), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(11) $60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2028.".

(h) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL COMPUTER FORENSIC LABS.—The PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21101 et seq.) is amended by striking title II.

(i) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF PROVIDERS.—Section 2258A(c) of title 18, United States Code, is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting "and all supplemental data included in the report" after "each report made under subsection (a)(1)".

***SEC. 8203. TRAUMA KIT STANDARDS.***

Section 521 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10202) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) TRAUMA KITS.—

"(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term 'trauma kit' means a first aid response kit, which includes a bleeding control kit that can be used for controlling a life-threatening hemorrhage.

"(2) REQUIREMENT FOR TRAUMA KITS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a grantee may only purchase a trauma kit using funds made available under this part if the trauma kit meets the performance standards established by the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance under paragraph (3)(A).

"(B) AUTHORITY TO SEPARATELY ACQUIRE.—Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall prohibit a grantee from separately acquiring the components of a trauma kit and assembling complete trauma kits that meet the performance standards.

"(3) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND OPTIONAL AGENCY BEST PRACTICES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, in consultation with organizations representing trauma surgeons, emergency medical response professionals, emergency physicians, other medical professionals, relevant law enforcement agencies of States and units of local government, professional law enforcement organizations, local law enforcement labor or representative organizations, and law enforcement trade associations, shall—

"(A) develop and publish performance standards for trauma kits that are eligible for purchase using funds made available under this part that, at a minimum, require the components described in paragraph (4) to be included in a trauma kit; and

"(B) develop and publish optional best practices for law enforcement agencies regarding—

"(i) training law enforcement officers in the use of trauma kits;

"(ii) the deployment and maintenance of trauma kits in law enforcement vehicles; and

"(iii) the deployment, location, and maintenance of trauma kits in law enforcement agency or other government facilities.

"(4) COMPONENTS.—The components of a trauma kit described in this paragraph are—

"(A) a tourniquet recommended by the Committee on Tactical Combat Casualty Care;

"(B) a bleeding control bandage;

"(C) a pair of nonlatex protective gloves and a pen-type marker;

"(D) a pair of blunt-ended scissors;

"(E) instructional documents developed—

"(i) under the 'Stop the Bleed' national awareness campaign of the Department of Homeland Security, or any successor thereto;

"(ii) by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma;

"(iii) by the American Red Cross; or

"(iv) by any partner of the Department of Defense;

"(F) a bag or other container adequately designed to hold the contents of the kit; and

"(G) any additional trauma kit supplies that—

"(i) are approved by a State, local, or Tribal law enforcement agency or first responders;

"(ii) can adequately treat a traumatic injury; and

"(iii) can be stored in a readily available kit.".

**SEC. 8204. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN RETIRED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' DEATH BENEFITS PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1201 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(p) PERSONAL INJURY TO RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.—

"(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term 'retired law enforcement officer' means an individual who separated from service in good standing as a law enforcement officer in an official capacity at a public agency with or without compensation.

"(2) ELIGIBILITY.—A retired law enforcement officer shall be eligible for a benefit under this part if the officer died or became permanently and totally disabled as the direct and proximate result of a personal injury resulting from a targeted attack because of the retired law enforcement officer's service as a law enforcement officer.".

(b) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall—

(A) take effect on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) apply to any matter—

(i) pending before the Bureau of Justice Assistance or otherwise on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(ii) filed (consistent with pre-existing effective dates) or accruing after the date of enactment of this Act.

*(2) EXCEPTIONS.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to any action taken against a retired law enforcement officer described in section 1201(p) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (as added by this Act) on or after January 1, 2012.*

***SEC. 8205. HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES.***

*(a) CANCER-RELATED DEATHS AND DISABILITIES.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1201 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281), as amended by section 8204, is further amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(q) EXPOSURE-RELATED CANCERS.—*

*"(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:*

*"(A) CARCINOGEN.—The term 'carcinogen' means an agent that is—*

*"(i) classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer under Group 1 or Group 2A; and*

*"(ii) reasonably linked to an exposure-related cancer.*

*"(B) DIRECTOR.—The term 'Director' means the Director of the Bureau.*

*"(C) EXPOSURE-RELATED CANCER.—As updated from time to time in accordance with paragraph (3), the term 'exposure-related cancer' means—*

*"(i) bladder cancer;*
*"(ii) brain cancer;*
*"(iii) breast cancer;*
*"(iv) cervical cancer;*
*"(v) colon cancer;*
*"(vi) colorectal cancer;*
*"(vii) esophageal cancer;*
*"(viii) kidney cancer;*
*"(ix) leukemia;*
*"(x) lung cancer;*
*"(xi) malignant melanoma;*
*"(xii) mesothelioma;*
*"(xiii) multiple myeloma;*
*"(xiv) non-Hodgkins lymphoma;*
*"(xv) ovarian cancer;*
*"(xvi) prostate cancer;*
*"(xvii) skin cancer;*
*"(xviii) stomach cancer;*
*"(xix) testicular cancer;*
*"(xx) thyroid cancer;*
*"(xxi) any form of cancer that is considered a WTC-related health condition under section 3312(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300mm–22(a)); and*

*"(xxii) any form of cancer added to this definition pursuant to an update in accordance with paragraph (3).*

*"(2) PERSONAL INJURY SUSTAINED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), as determined by the Bureau, the exposure of a public safety officer to a carcinogen shall be presumed to constitute a personal*

*injury within the meaning of subsection (a) or (b) sustained in the line of duty by the officer and directly and proximately resulting in death or permanent and total disability, if—*

*"(i) the exposure occurred while the public safety officer was engaged in line of duty action or activity;*

*"(ii) the public safety officer began serving as a public safety officer not fewer than 5 years before the date of the diagnosis of the public safety officer with an exposure-related cancer;*

*"(iii) the public safety officer was diagnosed with the exposure-related cancer not more than 15 years after the public safety officer's last date of active service as a public safety officer; and*

*"(iv) the exposure-related cancer directly and proximately results in the death or permanent and total disability of the public safety officer.*

*"(B) EXCEPTION.—The presumption under subparagraph (A) shall not apply if competent medical evidence establishes that the exposure of the public safety officer to the carcinogen was not a substantial contributing factor in the death or disability of the public safety officer.*

*"(3) ADDITIONAL EXPOSURE-RELATED CANCERS.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—From time to time but not less frequently than once every 3 years, the Director shall—*

*"(i) review the definition of 'exposure-related cancer' under paragraph (1); and*

*"(ii) if appropriate, update the definition, in accordance with this paragraph—*

*"(I) by rule; or*

*"(II) by publication in the Federal Register or on the public website of the Bureau.*

*"(B) BASIS FOR UPDATES.—*

*"(i) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall make an update under subparagraph (A)(ii) in any case in which the Director finds such an update to be appropriate based on competent medical evidence of significant risk to public safety officers of developing the form of exposure-related cancer that is the subject of the update from engagement in their public safety activities.*

*"(ii) EVIDENCE.—The competent medical evidence described in clause (i) may include recommendations, risk assessments, and scientific studies by—*

*"(I) the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health;*

*"(II) the National Toxicology Program;*

*"(III) the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; or*

*"(IV) the International Agency for Research on Cancer.*

*"(C) PETITIONS TO ADD TO THE LIST OF EXPOSURE-RELATED CANCERS.—*

*"(i) IN GENERAL.—Any person may petition the Director to add a form of cancer to the definition of 'exposure-related cancer' under paragraph (1).*

*"(ii) CONTENT OF PETITION.—A petition under clause (i) shall provide information to show that there is sufficient competent medical evidence of significant risk to public safety officers of developing the cancer from engagement in their public safety activities.*

*"(iii) TIMELY AND SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS.—*

*"(I) REFERRAL.—Not later than 180 days after receipt of a petition satisfying clause (ii), the Director shall refer the petition to appropriate medical experts for review, analysis (including risk assessment and scientific study), and recommendation.*

*"(II) CONSIDERATION.—The Director shall consider each recommendation under subclause (I) and promptly take appropriate action in connection with the recommendation pursuant to subparagraph (B).*

*"(iv) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days after taking any substantive action in connection with a recommendation under clause (iii)(II), the Director shall notify the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives of the substantive action.".*

*(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to any claim under—*

*(A) section 1201(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281(a)) that is predicated upon the death of a public safety officer on or after January 1, 2020, that is the direct and proximate result of an exposure-related cancer; or*

*(B) section 1201(b) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281(b)) that is filed on or after January 1, 2020, and predicated upon a disability that is the direct and proximate result of an exposure-related cancer.*

*(3) TIME FOR FILING CLAIM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual who desires to file a claim that is predicated upon the amendment made by paragraph (1) shall not be precluded from filing such a claim within 3 years of the date of enactment of this Act.*

*(b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 812(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10231(a)) is amended—*

*(A) in the first sentence, by striking "furnished under this title by any person and identifiable to any specific private person" and inserting "furnished under any law to any component of the Office of Justice Programs, or furnished otherwise under this title, by any entity or person, including any information identifiable to any specific private person,"; and*

(B) in the second sentence, by striking "person furnishing such information" and inserting "entity or person furnishing such information or to whom such information pertains".

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall—

(A) shall take effect for all purposes as if enacted on December 27, 1979; and

(B) apply to any matter pending, before the Department of Justice or otherwise, as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1201(o)(2) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281(o)(2)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "or (b)" after "subsection (a)";

(B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "or (b)" after "subsection (a)"; and

(C) in subparagraph (C), by inserting "or (b)" after "subsection (a)".

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall apply to any matter pending before the Department of Justice as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Safeguarding America's First Responders Act of 2020 (34 U.S.C. 10281 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term 'line of duty action' includes any action—

"(1) in which a public safety officer engaged at the direction of the agency served by the public safety officer; or

"(2) the public safety officer is authorized or obligated to perform.".

(2) APPLICABILITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to any claim under section 3 of the Safeguarding America's First Responders Act of 2020 (34 U.S.C. 10281 note)—

(i) that is predicated upon the death of a public safety officer on or after January 1, 2020; or

(ii) that is—

(I) predicated upon the disability of a public safety officer; and

(II) filed on or after January 1, 2020.

(B) TIME FOR FILING CLAIM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual who desires to file a claim that is predicated upon the amendment made by paragraph (1) shall not be precluded from filing such a claim within 3 years of the date of enactment of this Act.

(e) RESCISSION.—Of the unobligated balances available in the Department of Justice Assets Forfeiture Fund (as established under section 524(c) of title 28, United States Code), $255,000,000 is hereby permanently rescinded.

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# Subtitle A—Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act of 2025

***SEC. 8301. SHORT TITLE.***

*This subtitle may be cited as the "Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act of 2025".*

***SEC. 8302. FINDINGS.***

*Congress finds as follows:*

*(1) As enshrined in its Articles of Agreement, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is devoted to promoting international monetary cooperation, facilitating the expansion and balanced growth of international trade, encouraging exchange stability, and avoiding competitive exchange depreciation.*

*(2) Taiwan is the 21st largest economy in the world and the 10th largest goods trading partner of the United States.*

*(3) Although Taiwan is not an IMF member, it is a member of the World Trade Organization, the Asian Development Bank, and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.*

*(4) According to the January 2020 Report on Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States, published by the Department of the Treasury, Taiwan held $471,900,000,000 in foreign exchange reserves, more than major economies such as India, South Korea, and Brazil.*

*(5) According to section 4(d) of the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–8), enacted on April 10, 1979, "Nothing in this Act may be construed as a basis for supporting the exclusion or expulsion of Taiwan from continued membership in any international financial institution or any other international organization.".*

*(6) Taiwan held membership in the IMF for 9 years following the recognition of the People's Republic of China (PRC) by the United Nations, and 16 Taiwan staff members at the Fund were allowed to continue their employment after the PRC was seated at the IMF in 1980. As James M. Boughton has noted in his Silent Revolution: The International Monetary Fund 1979–1989, even as the PRC was seated, the United States Executive Director to the IMF, Sam Y. Cross, expressed support on behalf of the United States Government for "some kind of association between Taiwan and the Fund".*

*(7) On September 27, 1994, in testimony before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations regarding the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, then-Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Winston Lord stated: "Recognizing Taiwan's important role in transnational issues, we will support its membership in organizations where statehood is not a prerequisite, and we will support opportunities for Taiwan's voice to be heard in organizations where its membership is not possible.".*

*(8) The Congress has repeatedly reaffirmed support for this policy, including in Public Laws 107–10, 107–158, 108–28, 108–235, 113–17, and 114–139, and the unanimous House and Senate passage of the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019.*

*(9) In its fact sheet, entitled "U.S. Relations with Taiwan", published on August 31, 2018, the Department of State asserts: "The United States supports Taiwan's membership in international organizations that do not require statehood as a condition of membership and encourages Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations where its membership is not possible.".*

*(10) According to the Articles of Agreement of the IMF, "membership shall be open to other countries", subject to conditions prescribed by the Board of Governors of the IMF.*

*(11) In the IMF publication "Membership and Nonmembership in the International Monetary Fund: A Study in International Law and Organization", Joseph Gold, the then-General Counsel and Director of the Legal Department of the IMF, elaborated on the differences between the terms "countries" and "states", noting that "the word 'country' may have been adopted because of the absence of agreement on the definition of a 'state'" and, with respect to the use of "countries" and applications for IMF membership, "the absence of any adjective in the Articles emphasizes the breadth of the discretion that the Fund may exercise in admitting countries to membership". According to Mr. Gold, "the desire to give the Fund flexibility in dealing with applications may explain not only the absence of any adjective that qualifies 'countries' but also the choice of that word itself".*

*(12) In his IMF study, Mr. Gold further observes, "in the practice of the Fund the concepts of independence and sovereignty have been avoided on the whole as a mode of expressing a criterion for membership in the Fund". He continues, "Although the Fund usually takes into account the recognition or nonrecognition of an entity as a state, there are no rules or even informal understandings on the extent to which an applicant must have been recognized by members or other international organizations before the Fund will regard it as eligible for membership.". In fact, when considering an application for membership where the status of an applicant may not be resolved, Mr. Gold writes "there have been occasions on which the Fund has made a finding before decisions had been taken by the United Nations or by most members or by members with a majority of the total voting power." Mr. Gold concludes, "the Fund makes its own findings on whether an applicant is a 'country', and makes them solely for its own purposes.".*

*(13) Although not a member state of the United Nations, the Republic of Kosovo is a member of both the IMF and the World Bank, having joined both organizations on June 29, 2009.*

*(14) On October 26, 2021, Secretary of State Antony Blinken issued a statement in support of Taiwan's "robust, meaningful participation" in the United Nations system, which includes the IMF, the World Bank, and other specialized United Nations agencies. Secretary of State Blinken noted, "As the international community faces an unprecedented number of complex and global issues, it is critical for all stakeholders to help address these problems. This includes the 24 million people who live in Taiwan. Taiwan's meaningful participation in the UN system*

*is not a political issue, but a pragmatic one.". He continued, "Taiwan's exclusion undermines the important work of the UN and its related bodies, all of which stand to benefit greatly from its contributions.".*

*(15) In October 2024, Taiwan announced it would seek IMF membership, with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States stating, "Taiwan's membership at the IMF would help boost financial resilience.".*

***SEC. 8303. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.***

*It is the sense of the Congress that—*

*(1) the size, significance, and connectedness of the Taiwanese economy highlight the importance of greater participation by Taiwan in the International Monetary Fund, given the purposes of the Fund articulated in its Articles of Agreement; and*

*(2) the experience of Taiwan in developing a vibrant and advanced economy under democratic governance and the rule of law should inform the work of the international financial institutions, including through increased participation by Taiwan in the institutions.*

***SEC. 8304. SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN ADMISSION TO THE IMF.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund (in this section referred to as the "Fund") shall use the voice and vote of the United States to vigorously support—*

*(1) the admission of Taiwan as a member of the Fund, to the extent that admission is sought by Taiwan;*

*(2) participation by Taiwan in regular surveillance activities of the Fund with respect to the economic and financial policies of Taiwan, consistent with Article IV consultation procedures of the Fund;*

*(3) employment opportunities for Taiwan nationals, without regard to any consideration that, in the determination of the United States Governor, does not generally restrict the employment of nationals of member countries of the Fund; and*

*(4) the ability of Taiwan to receive appropriate technical assistance and training by the Fund.*

*(b) UNITED STATES POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States not to discourage or otherwise deter Taiwan from seeking admission as a member of the Fund.*

*(c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of the Treasury may waive any requirement of subsection (a) for up to 1 year at a time on reporting to Congress that providing the waiver will substantially promote the objective of securing the meaningful participation of Taiwan at each international financial institution (as defined in section 1701(c)(2) of the International Financial Institutions Act).*

*(d) SUNSET.—This section shall have no force or effect on the earlier of—*

*(1) the date of approval by the Board of Governors of the Fund for the admission of Taiwan as a member of the Fund; or*

*(2) the date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

***SEC. 8305. TESTIMONY REQUIREMENT.***

*In each of the next 7 years in which the Secretary of the Treasury is required by section 1705(b) of the International Financial Institutions Act to present testimony, the Secretary shall include in the testimony a description of the efforts of the United States to support the greatest participation practicable by Taiwan at each international financial institution (as defined in section 1701(c)(2) of such Act).*

## *Subtitle B—BUST Fentanyl Act*

***SEC. 8311. SHORT TITLE.***

*This subtitle may be cited as the "Break Up Suspicious Transactions of Fentanyl Act" or the "BUST Fentanyl Act".*

***SEC. 8312. INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL STRATEGY REPORT.***

*Section 489(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291h(a)) is amended—*

*(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "March 1" and inserting "June 1";*

*(2) in paragraph (7)—*

*(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "paragraph (3)(D)" and inserting "paragraph (3)(C)"; and*

*(B) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:*

*"(D) Where the information is available, examples of improvements in each country related to the findings described in each of clauses (i) through (viii) of subparagraph (C) including—*

*"(i) actions taken by the country due to the adoption of law and regulations considered essential to prevent narcotics-related money laundering;*

*"(ii) enhanced enforcement actions taken by the country, such as regulatory penalties, criminal prosecutions and convictions, and asset seizures and forfeitures;*

*"(iii) status changes in financial crime-related evaluations by international standards-setting bodies;*

*"(iv) efforts to enhance the prevention of narcotics-related money laundering; and*

*"(v) if applicable, bilateral, multilateral, and regional initiatives that have been undertaken to prevent narcotics-related money laundering."; and*

*(3) in paragraph (8)(A)(i), by striking "pseudoephedrine" and all that follows through "chemicals)" and inserting "chemical precursors used in the production of methamphetamine that significantly affected the United States".*

***SEC. 8313. STUDY AND REPORT ON EFFORTS TO ADDRESS FENTANYL TRAFFICKING FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND OTHER RELEVANT COUNTRIES.***

*(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(A) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;*

*(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;*

*(C) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;*

*(D) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives;*

*(E) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and*

*(F) the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives.*

*(2) DEA.—The term "DEA" means the Drug Enforcement Administration.*

*(3) PRC.—The term "PRC" means the People's Republic of China.*

*(b) STUDY AND REPORT ON ADDRESSING TRAFFICKING OF FENTANYL AND OTHER SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS FROM THE PRC AND OTHER RELEVANT COUNTRIES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Congress an unclassified written report, with a classified annex, that includes—*

*(1) a description of United States Government efforts to gain a commitment from the Government of the PRC to submit unregulated fentanyl precursors, such as 4–AP, to controls;*

*(2) a plan for future steps the United States Government will take to urge the Government of the PRC to combat the production and trafficking of illicit fentanyl and synthetic opioids from the PRC, including the trafficking of precursor chemicals used to produce illicit narcotics in Mexico and in other countries;*

*(3) a detailed description of cooperation by the Government of the PRC to address the role of the PRC financial system and PRC money laundering organizations in the trafficking of fentanyl and synthetic opioid precursors;*

*(4) an assessment of the expected impact that the designation of principal corporate officers of PRC financial institutions for facilitating narcotics-related money laundering would have on PRC money laundering organizations;*

*(5) an assessment of whether the Trilateral Fentanyl Committee, which was established by the United States, Canada, and Mexico during the January 2023 North American Leaders' Summit, is improving cooperation with law enforcement and financial regulators in Canada and Mexico to combat the role of PRC financial institutions and PRC money laundering organizations in narcotics trafficking;*

*(6) an assessment of the effectiveness of other United States bilateral and multilateral efforts to strengthen international cooperation to address the PRC's role in the trafficking of fentanyl and synthetic opioid precursors, including through the Global Coalition to Address Synthetic Drug Threats;*

*(7) an update on the status of commitments made by third countries through the Global Coalition to Address Synthetic Drug Threats to combat the synthetic opioid crisis and progress towards the implementation of such commitments;*

*(8) a plan for future steps to further strengthen bilateral and multilateral efforts to urge the Government of the PRC to take*

*additional actions to address the PRC's role in the trafficking of fentanyl and synthetic opioid precursors, particularly in coordination with countries in East Asia and Southeast Asia that have been impacted by such activities;*

*(9) an assessment of how actions the Government of the PRC has taken since November 15, 2023 has shifted relevant supply chains for fentanyl and synthetic opioid precursors, if at all; and*

*(10) the items described in paragraphs (1) through (4) pertaining to India, Mexico, and other countries the Secretary of State determines to have a significant role in the production or trafficking of fentanyl and synthetic opioid precursors for purposes of this report.*

*(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF DEA OFFICES IN THE PRC.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General shall jointly provide to the appropriate committees of Congress a classified briefing on—*

*(1) outreach and negotiations undertaken by the United States Government with the Government of the PRC that was aimed at securing the approval of the Government of the PRC to establish United States Drug Enforcement Administration offices in Shanghai and Guangzhou;*

*(2) the role of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs in the PRC; and*

*(3) additional efforts to establish new partnerships with provincial-level authorities in the PRC to counter the illicit trafficking of fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, and their precursors.*

***SEC. 8314. AMENDMENTS TO THE FENTANYL SANCTIONS ACT.***

*Section 7203(5) of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act (21 U.S.C. 2302(5)) is amended—*

*(1) by striking "The term 'foreign opioid trafficker' means any foreign person" and inserting the following: "The term 'foreign opioid trafficker' means—*

*"(A) means any foreign person";*

*(2) by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and*

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

*"(B) may include—*

*"(i) any entity of the People's Republic of China that the President determines—*

*"(I) produces, manufactures, distributes, sells, or knowingly finances or transports any goods described in clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph (8)(A); and*

*"(II) demonstrates a pattern of failing to take credible steps (including implementing appropriate know-your-customer procedures or cooperating with United States counternarcotics efforts) to detect or prevent opioid trafficking; and*

*"(ii) any senior official of the Government of the People's Republic of China that—*

*"(I) has significant regulatory or law enforcement responsibilities with respect to the activities of an entity described in clause (i); and*

*"(II) aids and abets opioid trafficking.".*

***SEC. 8315. PRIORITIZATION OF IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.***

*Section 7211 of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act (21 U.S.C. 2311) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) in paragraph (1)—*

*(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking "and" at the end;*

*(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and*

*(iii) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(D) assessing whether any senior official of any anti-narcotics, regulatory, law enforcement, intelligence, or customs body of the People's Republic of China—*

*"(i) has directly or indirectly taken actions that have facilitated or advanced foreign opioid trafficking; and*

*"(ii) should be identified as a foreign opioid trafficker.";*

*(B) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and*

*(C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:*

*"(3) PRIORITIZATION.—*

*"(A) DEFINED TERM.—In this paragraph, the term 'person of the People's Republic of China' means—*

*"(i) an individual who is a citizen or national of the People's Republic of China; or*

*"(ii) an entity organized under the laws of the People's Republic of China or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Government of the People's Republic of China.*

*"(B) IN GENERAL.—In preparing the report required under paragraph (1), the President shall direct the Secretary of the Treasury to prioritize, to the greatest extent practicable, the identification of persons of the People's Republic of China involved in the shipment of fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, fentanyl precursors, precursors for fentanyl analogues, pre-precursors for fentanyl and fentanyl analogues, and equipment for the manufacturing of fentanyl and fentanyl-laced counterfeit pills to Mexico or any other country that is involved in the production of fentanyl trafficked into the United States, including—*

*"(i) any entity involved in the production of pharmaceuticals; and*

*"(ii) any person that is acting on behalf of any such entity.*

*"(C) TERMINATION OF PRIORITIZATION.—The President shall continue the prioritization required under subparagraph (B) until the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the People's Republic of China is no longer the primary source for the shipment of fentanyl, fentanyl analogues, fentanyl precursors, precursors for fentanyl analogues, pre-precursors for fentanyl and fentanyl analogues, and equipment for the manufacturing of fentanyl and fentanyl-laced counterfeit pills to Mexico or*

*any other country that is involved in the production of fentanyl trafficked into the United States."; and*

*(2) in subsection (c), by striking "the date that is 5 years after such date of enactment" and inserting "December 31, 2030".*

***SEC. 8316. EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS UNDER THE FENTANYL SANCTIONS ACT.***

*Section 7212 of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act (21 U.S.C. 2312) is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "or" at the end;*

*(2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

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

*"(3) the President determines has knowingly engaged in, on or after the date of the enactment of the BUST Fentanyl Act, a pattern of significant activity that has materially contributed to opioid trafficking; or*

*"(4) the President determines—*

*"(A) has knowingly engaged in a pattern of providing significant financial, material, or technological support for, including through the provision of goods or services in support of, any activity or transaction described in paragraph (3); or*

*"(B) is owned, controlled, or directed by any foreign person described in subparagraph (A) or in paragraph (3), or has knowingly acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, such a foreign person.".*

***SEC. 8317. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO AGENCIES OR INSTRUMENTALITIES OF FOREIGN STATES.***

*(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms "knowingly" and "opioid trafficking" have the meanings given such terms in section 7203 of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act (21 U.S.C. 2302).*

*(b) IN GENERAL.—The President may—*

*(1) impose one or more of the sanctions described in section 7213 of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act (21 U.S.C. 2313) with respect to any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of a foreign government that the President determines has knowingly, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act—*

*(A) engaged in a significant activity that has materially contributed to opioid trafficking; or*

*(B) provided financial, material, or technological support for (including through the provision of goods or services in support of) any significant activity described in subclause (A); and*

*(2) impose one or more of the sanctions described in section 7213(a)(6) of the Fentanyl Sanctions Act (21 U.S.C. 2313(a)(6)) with respect to any senior official of a political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of a foreign government that the President determines has knowingly, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act engaged in a significant activity described in paragraph (1).*

*(c) SUNSET.—The provisions of this section shall have no force or effect beginning on the date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

***SEC. 8318. ANNUAL REPORT ON EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE SMUGGLING OF METHAMPHETAMINE INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM MEXICO.***

*Section 723(c) of the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 (title VII of Public Law 109–177; 22 U.S.C. 2291 note) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the following: "Which shall—*

*"(1) identify the significant source countries for methamphetamine that significantly affect the United States; and*

*"(2) describe the actions by the governments of the countries identified pursuant to paragraph (1) to combat the diversion of relevant precursor chemicals and the production and trafficking of methamphetamine.".*

***SEC. 8319. RESPONDING TO CRIME AND CORRUPTION IN HAITI.***

*(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term "appropriate congressional committees" means—*

*(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;*

*(B) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;*

*(C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;*

*(D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;*

*(E) the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives; and*

*(F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.*

*(2) ECONOMIC ELITE.—The term "economic elite" means any board member, officer, or executive of any group, committee, corporation, or other entity that exerts substantial influence or control over Haiti's economy, infrastructure, or particular industries.*

*(3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term "foreign person" means an individual or entity that is not a United States person.*

*(4) GOOD.—The term "good" means any article, natural or man-made substance, material, supply or manufactured product, including inspection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.*

*(5) POLITICAL ELITE.—The term "political elite" means any current and former government official of Haiti, high level staff of any such official, any Haitian political party leader, and any Haitian political committee leader.*

*(6) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term "United States person" means—*

*(A) a United States citizen;*

*(B) an alien who has been granted permanent residence in the United States; or*

*(C) an entity organized under the laws of the United States or of any jurisdiction within the United States, including a foreign branch of such an entity.*

*(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for the following 5 years, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the*

*heads of other Federal agencies, as appropriate, shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees regarding the ties between criminal gangs and political and economic elites in Haiti.*

*(2) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—*

*(A) identify and list prominent criminal gangs in Haiti and their leaders, describe their criminal activities, including coercive recruitment, and identify their primary geographic areas of operations;*

*(B) list Haitian political and economic elites who knowingly have direct and significant links to criminal gangs and any organizations or entities controlled by such individuals;*

*(C) describe in detail the relationship between the individuals identified pursuant to subparagraph (B) and the criminal gangs identified pursuant to subparagraph (A);*

*(D) describe in detail how political and economic elites use their relationships with criminal gangs to advance their political and economic interests and agendas;*

*(E) include a list of each criminal organization assessed to be trafficking Haitians and other individuals to the United States border;*

*(F) include an assessment of ties between political and economic elites, criminal gangs in Haiti, and transnational criminal organizations;*

*(G) include an assessment of how the nature and extent of collusion between political elites, economic elites, and criminal gangs threatens the Haitian people and United States national interests and activities in Haiti;*

*(H) include an assessment of how connections between political and economic elites and criminal gangs facilitate illicit firearms trafficking from the United States that fuels violence and instability in Haiti; and*

*(I) include an assessment of potential actions that the Government of the United States could take to address the ties referred to in subparagraph (F).*

*(3) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.*

*(c) SANCTIONS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the submission of the each report required under subsection (b) to the appropriate congressional committees, the President—*

*(A) shall impose the sanctions described in subparagraph (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) with respect to any foreign person who—*

*(i) is identified pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subsection (b)(2); or*

*(ii) is identified pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subsection (b)(2) and meets the definition of political elite under subsection (a)(5);*

*(B) shall impose all of the sanctions described in paragraph (2)(B) with respect to any foreign person who is iden-*

*tified pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subsection (b)(2) and meets the definition of economic elite under subsection (a)(2); and*

*(C) may impose all of the sanctions described in paragraph (3) with respect to any foreign person who is identified pursuant to subparagraph (B) of subsection (b)(2) and meets the definition of economic elite under subsection (a)(2).*

*(2) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions described in this subsection are the following:*

*(A) PROPERTY BLOCKING.—Notwithstanding the requirements under section 202 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701), the President may exercise all of the powers granted to the President by such Act to the extent necessary to block and prohibit all transactions in all property and interests in property of the foreign person if such property and interests in property—*

*(i) are in the United States;*

*(ii) come within the United States; or*

*(iii) are or come within the possession or control of a United States person.*

*(B) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—*

*(i) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—An alien described in paragraph (1) is—*

*(I) inadmissible to the United States;*

*(II) ineligible for a visa or other documentation to enter the United States; and*

*(III) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or paroled into the United States or to receive any other benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).*

*(ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—*

*(I) IN GENERAL.—An alien described in paragraph (1) is subject to revocation of any visa or other entry document issued to such alien regardless of the date on which such visa or other entry document was issued.*

*(II) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revocation under subclause (I) shall take effect immediately and shall automatically cancel any other valid visa or entry document that is in the alien's possession.*

*(3) PROHIBITIONS ON FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.—Notwithstanding the requirements under section 202 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701), the President may exercise of all powers granted to the President by such Act to the extent necessary—*

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

*(B) prohibit any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which the foreign person has any interest.*

*(4) EXCEPTIONS.—*

*(A) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under this subsection shall not apply with respect to the admission of an alien if admitting or paroling the alien into the United States is necessary to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.*

*(B) EXCEPTION RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions under this subsection may not be imposed with respect to transactions or the facilitation of transactions for—*

*(i) the sale of agricultural commodities, food, medicine, or medical devices to Haiti;*

*(ii) the provision of humanitarian assistance to the people of Haiti;*

*(iii) financial transactions relating to humanitarian assistance or for humanitarian purposes in Haiti; or*

*(iv) transporting goods or services that are necessary to carry out operations relating to humanitarian assistance or humanitarian purposes in Haiti.*

*(5) LICENSING.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—For any sanctions imposed on a political elite pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue such general licenses and public guidance as may be necessary to clarify that such sanctions do not apply to the following—*

*(i) any agency or instrumentality of the Government of Haiti with which the sanctioned person is officially associated; and*

*(ii) any person the sanctioned person owns or controls that contributes to meaningful economic activity in Haiti, unless the person is itself designated based on its behavior.*

*(B) LIMITING ADVERSE IMPACTS ON HAITI.—For any sanctions imposed pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue such general licenses and public guidance as may be necessary to limit adverse impacts to employment, legitimate economic activity, and humanitarian conditions in Haiti.*

*(6) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—*

*(A) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may exercise all of the authorities provided to the President under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this section.*

*(B) PENALTIES.—The penalties under subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to any person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of regulations promulgated to carry out this subsection to the same extent that such penalties apply to a person that commits an unlawful act described in section 206(a) of such Act.*

*(7) WAIVER.—The President may waive the application of sanctions or restrictions imposed with respect to a foreign person under this subsection if the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees not later than 15 days before such waiver is scheduled to take effect, that the waiver is vital to the national interests of the United States.*

*(8) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF GOODS.—The authorities and requirements to impose sanctions under this subsection shall not include the authority or requirement to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.*

*(d) SUNSET.—The provisions of this section shall cease to have any force or effect beginning on the date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

***SEC. 8320. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE.***

*Nothing in this subtitle, or the amendments made by this subtitle, may be construed as authorizing the use of military force.*

## *Subtitle C—Western Balkans Democracy and Prosperity*

***SEC. 8331. SHORT TITLE.***

*This subtitle may be cited as the "Western Balkans Democracy and Prosperity Act".*

***SEC. 8332. FINDINGS.***

*Congress finds the following:*

*(1) The Western Balkans countries (the Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Kosovo, Montenegro, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Republic of Serbia) form a pluralistic, multi-ethnic region in the heart of Europe that is critical to the peace, stability, and prosperity of that continent.*

*(2) Continued peace, stability, and prosperity in the Western Balkans is directly tied to the opportunities for democratic and economic advancement available to the citizens and residents of those six countries.*

*(3) It is in the mutual interest of the United States and the countries of the Western Balkans to promote stable and sustainable economic growth and development in the region.*

*(4) The reforms and integration with the European Union pursued by countries in the Western Balkans have led to significant democratic and economic progress in the region.*

*(5) Despite economic progress, rates of poverty and unemployment in the Western Balkans remain higher than in neighboring European Union countries.*

*(6) Out-migration, particularly of youth, is affecting demographics in each Western Balkans country, resulting in population decline in all six countries.*

*(7) Implementing critical economic and governance reforms could help enable investment and employment opportunities in the Western Balkans, especially for youth, and can provide powerful tools for economic development and for encouraging*

*broader participation in a political process that increases prosperity for all.*

*(8) Existing regional economic efforts, such as the Common Regional Market, the Berlin Process, and the Open Balkan Initiative, could have the potential to improve the economic conditions in the Western Balkans, while promoting inclusion and transparency.*

*(9) The Department of Commerce, through its Foreign Commercial Service, plays an important role in promoting and facilitating opportunities for United States investment.*

*(10) Corruption, including among key political leaders, continues to plague the Western Balkans and represents one of the greatest impediments to further economic and political development in the region.*

*(11) Disinformation campaigns targeting the Western Balkans undermine the credibility of its democratic institutions, including the integrity of its elections.*

*(12) Vulnerability to cyberattacks or attacks on information and communication technology infrastructure increases risks to the functioning of government and the delivery of public services.*

*(13) United States Cyber Command, the Department of State, and other Federal agencies play a critical role in defending the national security interests of the United States, including by deploying cyber hunt forward teams at the request of partner nations to reinforce their cyber defenses.*

*(14) Securing domestic and international cyber networks and ICT infrastructure is a national security priority for the United States, which is exemplified by offices and programs across the Federal Government that support cybersecurity.*

*(15) Corruption and disinformation proliferate in political environments marked by autocratic control or partisan conflict.*

*(16) Dependence on Russian sources of fossil fuels and natural gas for the countries of the Western Balkans ties their economies and politics to the Russian Federation and inhibits their aspirations for European integration.*

*(17) Reducing the reliance of the Western Balkans on Russian natural gas supplies and fossil fuels is in the national interest of the United States.*

*(18) The growing influence of China in the Western Balkans could also have a deleterious impact on strategic competition, democracy, and economic integration with Europe.*

*(19) In March 2022, President Biden launched the European Democratic Resilience Initiative to bolster democratic resilience, advance anti-corruption efforts, and defend human rights in Ukraine and its neighbors in response to Russia's war of aggression.*

*(20) The parliamentary and local elections held in Serbia on December 17, 2023, and their immediate aftermath are cause for deep concern about the state of Serbia's democracy, including due to the final report of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, which—*

*(A) found "unjust conditions" for the election;*

*(B) found "numerous procedural deficiencies, including inconsistent application of safeguards during voting and counting, frequent instances of overcrowding, breaches in secrecy of the vote, and numerous instances of group voting"; and*

*(C) asserted that "voting must be repeated" in certain polling stations.*

*(21) The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe also noted that Serbian officials accused primarily peaceful protestors, opposition parties, and civil society of "attempting to destabilize the government", a concerning allegation that threatens the safety of important elements of Serbian society.*

*(22) Democratic countries whose values are in alignment with the United States make for stronger and more durable partnerships.*

***SEC. 8333. SENSE OF CONGRESS.***

*It is a sense of Congress that the United States should—*

*(1) encourage increased business links and investment between the United States and allies and partners;*

*(2) support regional integration efforts in the Western Balkans;*

*(3) strengthen and expand regional economic integration in the Western Balkans, with consideration for enterprises owned by and employing women and youth;*

*(4) work with allies and partners committed to improving the rule of law, energy resource diversification, democratic and economic reform, and the reduction of poverty in the Western Balkans;*

*(5) increase United States business links and investment with the Western Balkans, particularly in ways that support countries' efforts—*

*(A) to decrease dependence on Russian energy sources and fossil fuels;*

*(B) to increase energy diversification, efficiency, and conservation; and*

*(C) to facilitate the transition to cleaner and more reliable sources of energy, including renewables, as appropriate;*

*(6) continue to assist in the development, within the Western Balkans, of—*

*(A) strong civil societies;*

*(B) public-private partnerships;*

*(C) independent media;*

*(D) transparent, accountable, citizen-responsive governance that ensure equal representation of all ethnic groups and respect for religious freedom;*

*(E) political stability; and*

*(F) modern, free-market based economies.*

*(7) support the accession of those Western Balkans countries that are not already members to the European Union and to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (referred to in this section as "NATO") for countries that—*

*(A) desire membership;*

*(B) are eligible for membership,*

*(C) are supported by all allies to proceed with an invitation for such membership; and*

*(D) are in a position to further the principles of the North Atlantic Treaty and meaningfully contribute to the collective security of NATO;*

*(8) support—*

*(A) maintaining the full European Union Force (EUFOR) mandate in Bosnia and Herzegovina as being in the national security interests of the United States; and*

*(B) encouraging NATO and the European Union to review their mission mandates and posture in Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure they are playing a proactive role in establishing a safe and secure environment, particularly in the realm of defense;*

*(9) acknowledge the European Union membership aspirations of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia and support those countries to meet the benchmarks required for their accession;*

*(10) continue to support the cultural heritage, and recognize the languages, of the Western Balkans;*

*(11) coordinate closely with the European Union, the United Kingdom, and other allies and partners on sanctions designations in Western Balkans countries and work to align efforts as much as possible to demonstrate a clear commitment to upholding democratic values;*

*(12) expand bilateral security cooperation with non-NATO member Western Balkans countries, particularly efforts focused on regional integration and cooperation, including through the Adriatic Charter, which was launched at Tirana on May 2, 2003;*

*(13) increase efforts to combat Russian malign influence campaigns and any other destabilizing or disruptive activities targeting the Western Balkans through engagement with government institutions, political stakeholders, journalists, civil society organizations, and industry leaders;*

*(14) develop a series of cyber resilience standards, consistent with the Enhanced Cyber Defence Policy and Readiness Action Plan endorsed at the 2014 Wales Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to expand cooperation with partners and allies, including in the Western Balkans, on cyber security, hybrid warfare, and ICT infrastructure;*

*(15) articulate clearly and unambiguously the United States commitment to supporting democratic values and respect for international law as the sole path forward for the countries of the Western Balkans;*

*(16) prioritize partnerships and programming with Western Balkan countries that demonstrate commitment toward strengthening their democracies and show respect for human rights;*

*(17) encourage—*

*(A) the development and expansion of the respective defense industrial bases of NATO Allies and security partners in the Western Balkan countries; and*

*(B) increased national defense spending in accordance with the NATO Hague Summit Declaration agreed to by all NATO Allies in June 2025;*

*(18) support the implementation of the Export Control and Related Border Security programs in the Western Balkans; and*

*(19) work with allies and partners to strengthen law enforcement and investigative capacities in Western Balkan countries to disrupt transnational criminal organizations and corruption.*

***SEC. 8334. DEFINITIONS.***

*In this subtitle:*

*(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;*

*(B) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;*

*(C) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;*

*(D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;*

*(E) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and*

*(F) the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives.*

*(2) ICT.—The term "ICT" means information and communication technology.*

*(3) WESTERN BALKANS.—The term "Western Balkans" means the region comprised of the following countries:*

*(A) The Republic of Albania.*

*(B) Bosnia and Herzegovina.*

*(C) The Republic of Kosovo.*

*(D) Montenegro.*

*(E) The Republic of North Macedonia.*

*(F) The Republic of Serbia.*

*(4) WESTERN BALKANS COUNTRY.—The term "Western Balkans country" means any country listed in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of paragraph (3).*

***SEC. 8335. SANCTIONS RELATING TO THE WESTERN BALKANS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall impose the sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to each foreign person that the President determines, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, engages in an activity described in subsection (b).*

*(b) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—A foreign person engages in an activity described in this subsection if the foreign person has—*

*(1) undertaken actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, stability, or territorial integrity of any area or state in the Western Balkans;*

*(2) engaged or attempted to engage in actions or policies that undermine democratic processes or institutions in the Western Balkans;*

*(3) engaged or attempted to engage in corruption related to the Western Balkans, including corruption by or on behalf of, a government in the Western Balkans, or a current or former government official in the Western Balkans;*

*(4) engaged or attempting to engage in serious human rights abuses in the Western Balkans; or*

*(5) engaged or attempted to engage in, acts that obstruct or threaten the implementation of any regional security, peace, cooperation, or mutual recognition agreement or framework or accountability mechanism related to the Western Balkans, including the Prespa Agreement of 2018; the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001; United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244; the Dayton Accords; or the Conclusions of the Peace Implementation Conference Council held in London in December 1995, including the decisions or conclusions of the High Representative, the Peace Implementation Council, or its Steering Board; or the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, or, with respect to the former Yugoslavia, the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals.*

*(c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions described in this subsection are the following:*

*(1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The President may exercise all authorities granted under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent necessary to block and prohibit all transactions in property and interests in property of the foreign person if such property and interests in property are in the United States, come within the United States, or come within the possession or control of a United States person.*

*(2) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—*

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

*(i) inadmissible to the United States;*

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

*(iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or paroled into the United States or to receive any other benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et 16 seq.).*

*(B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—*

*(i) IN GENERAL.—The visa or other entry documentation of any alien described in subsection (a) is subject to revocation regardless of the issue date of the visa or other entry documentation.*

*(ii) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revocation under clause (i) shall, in accordance with section 221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i))—*

*(I) take effect immediately; and*

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

*(d) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—*

*(1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may exercise all authorities provided under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) for purposes of carrying out this section.*

*(2) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that vio-*

*lates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of this section or any regulations promulgated to carry out this section to the same extent that such penalties apply to a person that commits an unlawful act described in section 206(a) of that Act.*

*(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—The term "agricultural commodity" has the meaning given such term in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602).*

*(2) MEDICAL DEVICE.—The term "medical device" has the meaning given the term "device" in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).*

*(3) MEDICINE.—The term "medicine" has the meaning given the term "drug" in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).*

*(4) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term "foreign person" means a person that is not a United States person.*

*(f) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—The President may terminate the application of a sanction imposed pursuant to this section with respect to a person if the President certifies to the appropriate committees of Congress that—*

*(1) the person is not engaging in the activity that was the basis for such sanction or has taken significant verifiable steps toward stopping such activity; and*

*(2) the President has received reliable assurances that the person will not knowingly engage in activity subject to such sanction in the future.*

*(g) WAIVER.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive the application of sanctions imposed pursuant to this section for renewable periods not to exceed 180 days if the President—*

*(A) determines that such a waiver is in the national security interests of the United States; and*

*(B) not less than 15 days before the granting of the waiver, submits to the appropriate committees of Congress a notice of and justification for the waiver.*

*(2) FORM.—The waiver described in paragraph (1) may be transmitted in classified form.*

*(h) EXCEPTIONS.—*

*(1) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions authorized under this section shall not apply to—*

*(A) the conduct or facilitation of a transaction for the provision of agricultural commodities, food, medicine, medical devices, humanitarian assistance, or for humanitarian purposes; or*

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

*(2) COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions authorized under this section shall not apply with respect to an alien if admitting or paroling such alien is necessary—*

*(A) to comply with United States obligations under—*

*(i) the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Head-*

*quarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947;*

*(ii) the Convention on Consular Relations, done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and entered into force March 19, 1967; or*

*(iii) any other international agreement; or*

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

*(3) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions authorized under this section shall not apply to—*

*(A) any activity subject to the reporting requirements under title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.); or*

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

*(4) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF GOODS.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—The requirement to block and prohibit all transactions in all property and interests in property under this section shall not include the authority or a requirement to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.*

*(B) DEFINED TERM.—In this paragraph, the term "good" means any article, natural or manmade substance, material, supply or manufactured product, including inspection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.*

*(i) RULEMAKING.—The President is authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section (which may include regulatory exceptions), including under section 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1704)).*

*(j) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—*

*(1) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit the authorities of the President under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).*

*(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify any sanctions in effect as of the date of enactment of this Act.*

*(k) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to have force or effect beginning on the date that is 8 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

***SEC. 8336. DEMOCRATIC AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY INITIATIVES.***

*(a) ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE.—The Secretary of State, through ongoing and new programs, should develop an initiative that—*

*(1) seeks to expand technical assistance in each Western Balkans country, taking into account local conditions and contingent on the agreement of the host country government to develop new national anti-corruption strategies;*

*(2) seeks to share best practices with, and provide training, including through the use of embedded advisors, to civilian law enforcement agencies and judicial institutions, and other relevant administrative bodies, of the Western Balkans countries, to improve the efficiency, transparency, and accountability of such agencies and institutions;*

*(3) strengthens existing national anti-corruption strategies—*

*(A) to combat political corruption, particularly in the judiciary, independent election oversight bodies, and public procurement processes; and*

*(B) to strengthen regulatory and legislative oversight of critical governance areas, such as freedom of information and public procurement, including by strengthening cyber defenses and ICT infrastructure networks;*

*(4) includes the Western Balkans countries in the European Democratic Resilience Initiative of the Department of State, or any equivalent successor initiative, and considers the Western Balkans as a recipient of anti-corruption funding for such initiative; and*

*(5) seeks to promote the important role of an independent media in countering corruption through engagements with governments of Western Balkan countries and providing training opportunities for journalists on investigative reporting.*

*(b) PRIORITIZING CYBER RESILIENCE, REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONNECTIVITY, AND ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS.—*

*(1) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—*

*(A) promoting stronger economic, civic, and political relationships among Western Balkans countries will enable countries to better utilize existing resources and maximize their economic security and democratic resilience by reinforcing cyber defenses and increasing economic activity among other countries in the region; and*

*(B) United States private investments in and assistance toward creating a more integrated region ensures political stability and security for the region.*

*(2) 5-YEAR STRATEGY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE IN WESTERN BALKANS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a regional economic development and democratic resilience strategy for the Western Balkans that—*

*(A) takes into account the efforts of the European Union, European nations, and other multilateral financing institutions;*

*(B) considers the full set of tools and resources available from the relevant agencies;*

*(C) includes efforts to ensure coordination with multilateral and bilateral partners, such as the European Union, the World Bank, and other relevant assistance frameworks;*

*(D) includes an initial assessment of—*

*(i) economic opportunities for which United States businesses, or those of other like-minded partner countries, would be competitive;*

*(ii) legal, economic, governance, infrastructural, or other barriers limiting United States economic activity and investment in the Western Balkans;*

*(iii) the effectiveness of all existing regional cooperation initiatives, such as the Open Balkan initiative and the Western Balkans Common Regional Market; and*

*(iv) ways to increase United States economic activity and investment within the Western Balkans;*

*(E) considers ways to develop human and institutional capacity and infrastructure across multiple sectors of economies, including clean energy, energy efficiency, agriculture, small and medium-sized enterprise development, health, and cyber-security;*

*(F) considers ways to assist with the development and implementation of programs or initiatives to increase economic development and prosperity in the region;*

*(G) considers ways to support small- and medium-sized businesses, including youth-owned and women-owned enterprises;*

*(H) considers ways to promote government and civil society policies and programs that combat corruption and encourage transparency (including by supporting independent media by promoting the safety and security of journalists), free and fair competition, sound governance, judicial reform, environmental stewardship, and business environments conducive to sustainable and inclusive economic growth; and*

*(I) includes a public diplomacy strategy that describes the actions that will be taken by relevant agencies to increase support for the United States relationship by citizens of Western Balkans countries.*

*(3) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall provide a briefing to the appropriate committees of Congress that describes the progress made towards developing the strategy required under paragraph (2).*

*(c) REGIONAL ECONOMIC CONNECTIVITY AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE.—*

*(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, may coordinate a regional economic connectivity and development initiative for the region comprised of each Western Balkans country and any European Union member country that shares a border with a Western Balkans country (referred to in this subsection as the "Western Balkans region") in accordance with this subsection.*

*(2) INITIATIVE ELEMENTS.—The initiative authorized under paragraph (1) shall—*

*(A) promote private sector growth and competitiveness and increase the capacity of businesses, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises, in the Western Balkans region;*

*(B) aim to increase intraregional exports to countries in the Balkans and European Union member states;*

*(C) aim to increase United States economic activity and investments in countries in the Western Balkans;*

*(D) support startup companies, including companies led by youth or women, in the Western Balkans region by—*

*(i) providing training in business skills and leadership; and*

*(ii) providing opportunities to connect to sources of capital;*

*(E) encourage and promote increased economic activity and investment in the Western Balkans through engagement with the Western Balkans diaspora communities in the United States and abroad;*

*(F) provide assistance to the governments and civil society organizations of Western Balkans countries to develop—*

*(i) regulations to ensure fair and effective investment; and*

*(ii) screening tools to identify and deter malign foreign investments and other coercive economic practices;*

*(G) identify areas where application of additional resources and workforce retraining could expand successful programs to 1 or more countries in the Western Balkans region by building on the existing experience and program architecture;*

*(H) compare existing single-country sector analyses to determine areas of focus that would benefit from a regional approach with respect to the Western Balkans region; and*

*(I) promote intraregional economic connectivity throughout the Western Balkans region through—*

*(i) programming, including grants, cooperative agreements, and other forms of assistance;*

*(ii) expanding awareness of the availability of loans and other financial instruments from the United States Government; and*

*(iii) coordinating access to existing instruments to promote economic activity and investment that are available through allies and partners in the Western Balkans region, including the European Union and international financial institutions.*

*(3) SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—The initiative authorized under paragraph (1) should facilitate and prioritize support for regional infrastructure projects, including—*

*(A) transportation projects that build roads, bridges, railways and other physical infrastructure to facilitate travel of goods and people throughout the Western Balkans region;*

*(B) technical support and the promotion of investments needed to meet United States and European Union standards for air travel, including screening and information sharing;*

*(C) the development of telecommunications networks with trusted providers;*

*(D) infrastructure projects that connect Western Balkans countries to each other and to countries with which they share a border;*

*(E) information exchange on effective tender procedures and transparent procurement processes;*

*(F) investment transparency programs that will help countries in the Western Balkans analyze gaps and establish institutional and regulatory reforms necessary—*

*(i) to create an enabling environment for economic activities and investment; and*

*(ii) to strengthen protections against high-risk investments;*

*(G) sharing best practices learned from the United States and other international partners to ensure that institutional and regulatory mechanisms are fair, nonarbitrary, effective, and free from corruption;*

*(H) projects that support regional energy security and reduce dependence on Russian energy;*

*(I) technical assistance and generating private investment in projects that promote connectivity and energy-sharing in the Western Balkans region;*

*(J) technical assistance to support regional collaboration on environmental protection that includes governmental, political, civic, and business stakeholders; and*

*(K) technical assistance to develop financing options and help create linkages with potential financing institutions and investors.*

*(4) REQUIREMENTS.—All programming under the initiative authorized under paragraph (1) should—*

*(A) be open to the participation of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia;*

*(B) be consistent with European Union accession requirements;*

*(C) be focused on retaining talent within the Western Balkans;*

*(D) promote government policies in Western Balkans countries that encourage free and fair competition, sound governance, environmental protection, and business environments that are conducive to sustainable and inclusive economic growth; and*

*(E) include a public diplomacy strategy to inform local and regional audiences in the Western Balkans region about the initiative, including specific programs and projects.*

*(d) UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION.—*

*(1) APPOINTMENTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, subject to the availability of appropriations, the Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, in collaboration with the Secretary of State, should consider including a regional office with responsibilities for the Western Balkans within the Corporation's plans to open new regional offices.*

*(2) JOINT REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation and the Secretary of State should submit a joint report to the appropriate committees of Congress that includes—*

*(A) an assessment of the benefits of providing sovereign loan guarantees to countries in the Western Balkans to support infrastructure and energy diversification projects;*

*(B) an outline of additional resources, such as tools, funding, and personnel, which may be required to offer sovereign loan guarantees in the Western Balkans; and*

*(C) an assessment of how the United States International Development Finance Corporation, in coordination with the United States Trade and Development Agency and the Export-Import Bank of the United States, can deploy its insurance products in support of bonds or other instruments issued to raise capital through United States financial markets in the Western Balkans.*

***SEC. 8337. PROMOTING CROSS-CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ENGAGEMENT.***

*(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—*

*(1) promoting partnerships between United States universities and universities in the Western Balkans advances United States foreign policy goals and requires a whole-of-government approach, including the utilization of public-private partnerships; and*

*(2) such partnerships would provide opportunities for exchanging academic ideas, technical expertise, research, and cultural understanding for the benefit of the United States and may provide additional beneficial opportunities for cooperation in the private sector.*

*(b) UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS.—The President, working through the Secretary of State, is authorized to promote partnerships between United States universities and universities in the Western Balkans, including—*

*(1) supporting research and analysis on cyber resilience;*

*(2) working with partner governments to reform policies, improve curricula, strengthen data systems, train teachers and students, including English language teaching, and to provide quality, inclusive learning materials;*

*(3) encouraging knowledge exchanges to help provide individuals, especially those who historically have had reduced access to relevant education, training, and skills for meaningful employment;*

*(4) promoting teaching and research exchanges between institutions of higher education in the Western Balkans and in the United States; and*

*(5) encouraging alliances and exchanges with like-minded institutions of education within the Western Balkans and the larger European continent.*

***SEC. 8338. YOUNG BALKAN LEADERS INITIATIVE.***

*(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—*

*(1) regular people-to-people exchange programs that bring religious leaders, journalists, civil society members, politicians, and other individuals from the Western Balkans to the United States will strengthen existing relationships and advance United States interests and shared values in the Western Balkans region; and*

*(2) the Department of State, through BOLD, a leadership program for young leaders in certain Western Balkans countries, plays an important role to develop young leaders in improving civic engagement and economic development in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, and Montenegro.*

*(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of State should continue the BOLD Leadership Program, which shall hereafter be known as the "Young Balkan Leaders Initiative", to promote educational and professional development for young adult leaders and professionals in the Western Balkans who have demonstrated a passion to contribute to the continued development of the Western Balkans region.*

*(c) CONDUCT OF INITIATIVE.—The goals of the Young Balkan Leaders Initiative should include—*

*(1) building the capacity of young Balkan leaders in the Western Balkans in the areas of business and information technology, cyber security and digitization, agriculture, civic engagement, and public administration;*

*(2) supporting young Balkan leaders by offering professional development, training, and networking opportunities, particularly in the areas of leadership, innovation, civic engagement, elections, human rights, entrepreneurship, good governance, public administration, and journalism;*

*(3) supporting young political, parliamentary, and civic Balkan leaders in collaboration on regional initiatives related to good governance, environmental protection, government ethics, and minority inclusion; and*

*(4) providing increased economic and technical assistance to young Balkan leaders to promote economic growth and strengthen ties between businesses, investors, and entrepreneurs in the United States and in Western Balkans countries.*

*(d) FELLOWSHIPS.—Under the Young Balkan Leaders Initiative, the Secretary of State is authorized to award fellowships to young leaders from the Western Balkans who—*

*(1) are between 18 and 35 years of age;*

*(2) have demonstrated strong capabilities in entrepreneurship, innovation, public service, and leadership;*

*(3) have had a positive impact in their communities, organizations, or institutions, including by promoting cross-regional and multiethnic cooperation; and*

*(4) represent a cross-section of the country's demographics.*

*(e) BRIEFING ON CERTAIN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall provide a briefing to the appropriate committees of Congress that describes the status of exchange programs involving the Western Balkans region.*

***SEC. 8339. SUPPORTING CYBERSECURITY AND CYBER RESILIENCE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS.***

*(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—*

*(1) United States support for cybersecurity, cyber resilience, and secure ICT infrastructure in Western Balkans countries will strengthen the region's ability to defend itself from and respond to malicious cyber activity conducted by nonstate and foreign actors, including foreign governments, that seek to influence the region;*

*(2) insecure ICT networks that are vulnerable to manipulation can increase opportunities for—*

*(A) the compromise of cyber infrastructure, including data networks, electronic infrastructure, and software systems; and*

*(B) the use of online information operations by adversaries and malign actors to undermine United States allies and interests;*

*(3) it is in the national security interest of the United States to support the cybersecurity and cyber resilience of Western Balkans countries; and*

*(4) it is in the national security interest of the United States to support continued progress to enhance cybersecurity infrastructure in Western Balkan countries in response to threats posed by state and non-state actors, including threats originating from the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, the Islamic Republic of Iran, or the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.*

*(b) INTERAGENCY REPORT ON CYBERSECURITY AND THE DIGITAL INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT IN WESTERN BALKANS COUNTRIES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate that contains—*

*(1) an overview of interagency efforts to strengthen cybersecurity and cyber resilience in Western Balkans countries;*

*(2) a review of the information environment in each Western Balkans country;*

*(3) a review of existing United States Government cyber and digital initiatives that—*

*(A) counter influence operations and safeguard elections and democratic processes in Western Balkans countries;*

*(B) strengthen ICT infrastructure, digital accessibility, and cybersecurity capacity in the Western Balkans;*

*(C) support democracy and internet freedom in Western Balkans countries; and*

*(D) build cyber capacity of governments who are allies or partners of the United States;*

*(4) an assessment of cyber threat information sharing between the United States and Western Balkans countries;*

*(5) an assessment of—*

*(A) options for the United States to better support cybersecurity and cyber resilience in Western Balkans countries through changes to current assistance authorities; and*

*(B) the advantages or limitations, such as funding or office space, of posting cyber professionals from other Federal departments and agencies to United States diplomatic posts in Western Balkans countries and providing relevant training to Foreign Service Officers; and*

*(6) any additional support needed from the United States for the cybersecurity and cyber resilience of the following NATO Allies: Albania, Montenegro, and North Macedonia.*

***SEC. 8340. RELATIONS BETWEEN KOSOVO AND SERBIA.***

*(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—*

*(1) the Agreement on the Path to Normalization of Relations, which was agreed to by Kosovo and Serbia on February 27, 2023, with the facilitation of the European Union, is a positive step forward in advancing normalization between the two countries;*

*(2) Serbia and Kosovo should seek to make immediate progress on the Implementation Annex to the agreement referred to in paragraph (1);*

*(3) once sufficient progress has been made on the Implementation Annex, the United States should consider advancing initiatives to strengthen bilateral relations with both countries, which could include—*

*(A) establishing bilateral strategic dialogues with Kosovo and Serbia; and*

*(B) advancing concrete initiatives to deepen economic ties and investment with both countries; and*

*(4) the United States should continue to support a comprehensive final agreement between Kosovo and Serbia based on mutual recognition.*

*(b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States Government that—*

*(1) it shall not pursue any policy that advocates for land swaps, partition, or other forms of redrawing borders along ethnic lines in the Western Balkans as a means to settle disputes between nation states in the region; and*

*(2) it should support pluralistic democracies in countries in the Western Balkans as a means to prevent a return to the ethnic strife that once characterized the region.*

***SEC. 8341. REPORTS ON RUSSIAN AND CHINESE MALIGN INFLUENCE OPERATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS.***

*(a) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every two years thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence, and the heads of other Federal departments or agencies, as appropriate, shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress, the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives regarding Russian and Chinese malign influence operations and campaigns carried out with respect to Balkan countries that seek—*

*(1) to undermine democratic institutions;*

*(2) to promote political instability; and*

*(3) to harm the interests of the United States and North Atlantic Treaty Organization member and partner states in the Western Balkans.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—Each report submitted pursuant to subsection (a) shall include—*

*(1) an assessment of the objectives of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China regarding malign influence*

*operations and campaigns carried out with respect to Western Balkans countries—*

*(A) to undermine democratic institutions, including the planning and execution of democratic elections;*

*(B) to promote political instability; and*

*(C) to manipulate the information environment;*

*(2) the activities and roles of the Department of State and other relevant Federal agencies in countering Russian and Chinese malign influence operations and campaigns;*

*(3) an assessment of—*

*(A) each network, entity and individual, to the extent such information is available, of Russia, China, or any other country with which Russia or China may cooperate, that is supporting such Russian or Chinese malign influence operations or campaigns, including the provision of financial or operational support to activities in a Western Balkans country that may limit freedom of speech or create barriers of access to democratic processes, including exercising the right to vote in a free and fair election; and*

*(B) the role of each such entity in providing such support;*

*(4) the identification of the tactics, techniques, and procedures used in Russian or Chinese malign influence operations and campaigns in Western Balkans countries;*

*(5) an assessment of the effect of previous Russian or Chinese malign influence operations and campaigns that targeted alliances and partnerships of the United States Armed Forces in the Western Balkans, including the effectiveness of such operations and campaigns in achieving the objectives of Russia and China, respectively;*

*(6) the identification of each Western Balkans country with respect to which Russia or China has conducted or attempted to conduct a malign influence operation or campaign;*

*(7) an assessment of the capacity and efforts of NATO and of each individual Western Balkans country to counter Russian or Chinese malign influence operations and campaigns carried out with respect to Western Balkans countries;*

*(8) the efforts by the United States to combat such malign influence operations in the Western Balkans, including through the Countering Russian Influence Fund and the Countering People's Republic of China Malign Influence Fund;*

*(9) an assessment of the tactics, techniques, and procedures that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense, determines are likely to be used in future Russian or Chinese malign influence operations and campaigns carried out with respect to Western Balkans countries; and*

*(10) activities that the Department of State and other relevant Federal agencies could use to increase the United States Government's capacity to counter Russian and Chinese malign influence operations and campaigns in Western Balkans countries.*

*(c) FORM.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.*

# Subtitle D—Countering Wrongful Detention Act of 2025

***SEC. 8351. SHORT TITLE.***

*This title may be cited as the "Countering Wrongful Detention Act of 2025".*

***SEC. 8352. DESIGNATION OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY AS A STATE SPONSOR OF UNLAWFUL OR WRONGFUL DETENTION.***

*The Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 1741 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 306 the following:*

***"SEC. 306A. DESIGNATION OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY AS A STATE SPONSOR OF UNLAWFUL OR WRONGFUL DETENTION.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the notice requirement of subsection (c)(1)(A), the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, may designate a foreign country that has provided support for or directly engaged in the unlawful or wrongful detention of a United States national as a State Sponsor of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention based on any of the following criteria:*

*"(1) The unlawful or wrongful detention of a United States national occurs in the foreign country.*

*"(2) The government of the foreign country or an entity organized under the laws of a foreign country has failed to release an unlawfully or wrongfully detained United States national within 30 days of being officially notified by the Department of State of the unlawful or wrongful detention.*

*"(3) Actions taken by the government of the foreign country indicate that the government is responsible for, complicit in, or materially supports the unlawful or wrongful detention of a United States national, including by acting as described in paragraph (2) after having been notified by the Department of State.*

*"(4) The actions of a state or nonstate actor in the foreign country, including any previous action relating to unlawful or wrongful detention or hostage taking of a United States national, pose a risk to the safety and security of United States nationals abroad sufficient to warrant designation of the foreign country as a State Sponsor of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention, as determined by the Secretary.*

*"(b) TERMINATION OF DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of State may terminate the designation of a foreign country under subsection (a) if the Secretary certifies to Congress that the government of the foreign country—*

*"(1) has released the United States nationals unlawfully or wrongfully detained within the territory of the foreign country;*

*"(2) has positively contributed to the release of United States nationals taken hostage within the territory of the foreign country or from the custody of a nonstate entity;*

*"(3) has demonstrated changes in leadership or policies with respect to unlawful or wrongful detention and hostage taking; or*

*"(4) has provided assurances that the government of the foreign country will not engage or be complicit in or support acts described in subsection (a).*

*"(c) BRIEFING AND REPORTS TO CONGRESS; PUBLICATION.—*

*"(1) CONSULTATION AND REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—*

*"(A) CONSULTATION.—Prior to the designation under subsection (a), the Secretary of State shall consult the appropriate committees of Congress.*

*"(B) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 7 days after making a designation of a foreign country as a State Sponsor of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention under subsection (a), the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report notifying the committees of the designation, including a certification of which criteria in subsection (a) are the basis for the designation.*

*"(C) ELEMENTS.—In each report submitted under subparagraph (B) with respect to the designation of a foreign country as a State Sponsor of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention, the Secretary shall include—*

*"(i) the justification for the designation; and*

*"(ii) a description of any action taken by the United States Government, including the Secretary of State or the head of any other relevant Federal agency, in response to the designation to deter the unlawful or wrongful detention or hostage-taking of foreign nationals in the country.*

*"(2) INITIAL BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall brief Congress on the following:*

*"(A) Whether any of the following countries should be designated as a State Sponsor of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention under subsection (a):*

*"(i) Afghanistan.*

*"(ii) The Islamic Republic of Iran.*

*"(iii) The People's Republic of China.*

*"(iv) The Russian Federation.*

*"(v) Venezuela under the regime of Nicolás Maduro.*

*"(vi) The Republic of Belarus.*

*"(B) The steps taken by the Secretary and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies to deter the unlawful and wrongful detention of United States nationals and to respond to such detentions, including—*

*"(i) any engagement with private sector companies to optimize the distribution of travel advisories; and*

*"(ii) any engagement with private companies responsible for promoting travel to foreign countries engaged in the unlawful or wrongful detention of United States nationals.*

*"(C) An assessment of a possible expansion of chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code (commonly known as the 'Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976') to include an exception from asset seizure immunity for State Sponsors of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention.*

*"(D) A detailed plan on the manner by which a geographic travel restriction should or could be instituted against State Sponsors of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention.*

*"(E) The progress made in multilateral fora, including the United Nations and other international organizations, to address the unlawful and wrongful detention of United States nationals, in addition to nationals of partners and allies of the United States in foreign countries.*

*"(3) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, and annually thereafter for 5 years, the Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs and the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs shall brief the appropriate committees of Congress with respect to unlawful or wrongful detentions taking place in the countries listed under paragraph (2)(A) and actions taken by the Secretary of State and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies to deter the wrongful detention of United States nationals, including any steps taken in accordance with paragraph (2)(B).*

*"(B) NO LIMITATION ON OTHER BRIEFINGS.—Any briefings pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be in addition to any briefings requested by the appropriate congressional committees. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to limit the provision of any other briefings to the appropriate committees of Congress.*

*"(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall make available on a publicly accessible website of the Department of State, and regularly update, a list of foreign countries designated as State Sponsors of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention under subsection (a).*

*"(d) REVIEW OF AVAILABLE RESPONSES TO STATE SPONSORS OF UNLAWFUL OR WRONGFUL DETENTION.—Upon designation of a foreign country as a State Sponsor of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention under subsection (a), the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall conduct a comprehensive review of the use of existing authorities to respond to and deter the unlawful or wrongful detention of United States nationals in the foreign country, including—*

*"(1) sanctions available under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);*

*"(2) visa restrictions available under section 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024 (division F of Public Law 118–47; 8 U.S.C. 1182 note) or any other provision of Federal law;*

*"(3) sanctions available under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.);*

*"(4) restrictions on assistance provided to the government of the country under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) or any other provision of Federal law;*

*"(5) restrictions on the export of certain goods to the country under the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.), or any other Federal law; and*

*"(6) designating the government of the country as a government that has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism pursuant to—*

*"(A) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4813(c)(1)(A)(i));*

*"(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);*

*"(C) section 40(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)); or*

*"(D) any other provision of law.*

*"(e) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term 'appropriate committees of Congress' means—*

*"(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate; and*

*"(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.*

*"(f) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to imply that—*

*"(1) the United States Government formally recognizes any particular country or the government of such country as legitimate; or*

*"(2) every United States national detained in a country designated as a State Sponsor of Unlawful or Wrongful Detention under subsection (a) should be or is determined to be wrongfully detained under the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 1741 et seq.).".*

***SEC. 8353. CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON COMPONENTS RELATED TO HOSTAGE AFFAIRS AND RECOVERY.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to Congress a report on the following:*

*(1) The Hostage Response Group established pursuant to section 305(a) of the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 1741c(a)).*

*(2) The Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell established pursuant to section 304(a) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 1741b(a)).*

*(3) The Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs established pursuant to section 303(a) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 1741a(a)).*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include—*

*(1) a description of the existing structure of each component listed in subsection (a);*

*(2) recommendations on how the components can be improved, including through reorganization or consolidation of the components; and*

*(3) cost efficiencies on the components listed in subsection (a), including resources available to eligible former wrongful detainees and hostages and their family members.*

***SEC. 8354. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.***

*Nothing in this title or the amendments made by this title may be construed as preventing the freedom of travel of United States citizens.*

## *Subtitle E—Other Matters*

***SEC. 8361. NATIONAL REGISTRY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DIVIDED FAMILIES.***

*(a) NATIONAL REGISTRY.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, acting through the Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, the Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, or such other individual as the Secretary may designate, shall—*

*(A) engage, to the extent practicable, Korean American families who wish to be reunited with family members residing in North Korea from which such Korean American families were divided after the signing of the Agreement Concerning a Military Armistice in Korea, signed at Panmunjom July 27, 1953 (commonly referred to as the "Korean War Armistice Agreement" ), in anticipation of future reunions for such families and family members, including in-person and video reunions; and*

*(B) establish a private, internal national registry of the names and other relevant information of such Korean American families—*

*(i) to facilitate such future reunions; and*

*(ii) to provide for a repository of information about such Korean American families and family members in North Korea, including information about individuals who may be deceased.*

*(2) DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary of State may enter into agreements with Korean individuals and families, academic institutions, or other members of the public, as appropriate, to share, in whole or in part, information collected and housed in the database if—*

*(A) the United States person whose personally identifiable information would be disclosed as a result of an agreement has provided consent to such disclosure; and*

*(B) the agreement outlines reasonable steps and commitments to ensure that any information disclosed as a result of such agreement is—*

*(i) kept private and confidential; and*

*(ii) will not be disclosed improperly to other parties outside the agreement.*

*(b) ACTIONS TO FACILITATE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State should take steps to ensure that any direct dialogue between the United States and North Korea includes progress towards holding future reunions for Korean American families and their family members in North Korea.*

*(2) CONSULTATIONS.—The Secretary of State shall consult with the Government of the Republic of Korea, as appropriate, in carrying out this subsection.*

*(3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, acting through the Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, shall include in each report required under section 107(d) of the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 (22 U.S.C. 7817(d)) a description of the consultations described in paragraph (2) conducted during the year preceding the submission of the report.*

*(B) ELEMENTS.—The reporting required under subparagraph (A) should include—*

*(i) the status of the national registry established pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(B);*

*(ii) the number of individuals included on the registry who—*

*(I) have met their family members in North Korea during previous reunions; and*

*(II) have yet to meet their family members in North Korea;*

*(iii) a summary of responses by North Korea to requests by the United States Government to hold reunions of divided families; and*

*(iv) a description of actions taken by North Korea that prevent the emigration of family members of Korean American families.*

*(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.*

***SEC. 8362. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RUSSIA'S ILLEGAL ABDUCTION OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN.***

*(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:*

*(1) Since the Russian Federation's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the Russian Federation military forces and the Government of the Russian Federation have abducted, forcibly transferred, or facilitated the illegal deportation of at least 20,000 Ukrainian children.*

*(2) The Russian Federation's abduction, forcible transfer, and facilitation of the illegal deportation of Ukrainian children has left countless children and families with devastating physical and psychological trauma.*

*(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that Congress—*

*(1) condemns the Russian Federation's abduction, forcible transfer, and facilitation of the illegal deportation of Ukrainian children; and*

*(2) implores the Russian Federation to work with the international community to ensure the return, without delay, of all forcibly transferred Ukrainian children to their families.*

***SEC. 8363. SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION AND RECOVERY OF ABDUCTED UKRAINIAN CHILDREN.***

*(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Abducted Ukrainian Children Recovery and Accountability Act".*

*(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:*

*(1) According to a White House press release, dated March 25, 2025, "The United States and Ukraine agreed that the United States remains committed to helping achieve the exchange of prisoners of war, the release of civilian detainees, and the return of forcibly transferred Ukrainian children.".*

*(2) To implement the commitment referred to in paragraph (1), the United States Government requires an organized and resourced policy approach to assist Ukraine with—*

*(A) investigations of Russia's abduction of Ukrainian children;*

*(B) the rehabilitation and reintegration of children returned to Ukraine; and*

*(C) justice and accountability for perpetrators of the abductions.*

*(c) AUTHORIZATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVISORY SUPPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Justice and the Department of State are authorized—*

*(A) to provide law enforcement and intelligence technical assistance, training, capacity building, and advisory support to the Government of Ukraine in support of the commitment described in subsection (b)(1); and*

*(B) to advance the objectives described in subsection (b)(2).*

*(2) TYPE OF ASSISTANCE.—The law enforcement and intelligence technical assistance authorized under paragraph (1)(A) may include—*

*(A) training regarding the utilization of biometric identification technologies in abduction and trafficking in persons investigations;*

*(B) assistance with respect to collecting and analyzing open source intelligence information;*

*(C) assistance in the development and use of secure communications technologies; and*

*(D) assistance with respect to managing and securing relevant databases.*

*(3) REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after the determination to provide assistance in any category identified in this subsection, the Secretary of State shall brief the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on—*

*(A) the amount of assistance determined to be obligated;*

*(B) the type of assistance to be utilized; and*

*(C) any information on the technology operationalized to support the means identified in this subsection.*

*(d) COORDINATION.—*

*(1) NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.—The Department of Justice and the Department of State may coordinate with non-*

*governmental organizations to carry out the assistance authorized under subsection (c).*

*(2) FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The National Security Council may coordinate with appropriate representatives from the Department of Justice, the Department of State, the intelligence community (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)), and other Federal agencies, as needed, to carry out the assistance authorized under subsection (c).*

*(e) REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION.—*

*(1) AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of State is authorized to provide support to the Government of Ukraine and nongovernmental organizations and local civil society groups in Ukraine for the purpose of providing Ukrainian children (including teenagers) who have been abducted, forcibly transferred, or held against their will by the Russian Federation with—*

*(A) medical and psychological rehabilitation services;*

*(B) family reunification and support services; and*

*(C) services in support of the reintegration of such children into Ukrainian society, including case management, legal aid, and educational screening and placement.*

*(2) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives that describes all current or planned foreign assistance programs that will provide the assistance authorized under paragraph (1).*

*(f) ATROCITY CRIMES ADVISORY GROUP FOR UKRAINE.—The Department of State is authorized to support the Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group for Ukraine by providing technical assistance, capacity building, and advisory support to the Government of Ukraine's Office of the Prosecutor General, and other relevant components of the Government of Ukraine, for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting cases involving abducted children, and other atrocity crimes.*

*(g) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.—The Department of Justice is authorized to provide technical assistance, capacity building, and advisory support to the Government of Ukraine through its Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training, which shall be coordinated by the Resident Legal Adviser at the United States Embassy in Kyiv, for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting cases involving abducted children, and other atrocity crimes.*

*(h) REPORTS.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act—*

*(1) the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Attorney General, shall submit a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives that describes current and planned United States Government support for the Government of Ukraine's work to investigate and prosecute atrocity crimes; and*

*(2) the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall submit a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives that outlines—*

*(A) any discrepancies between the sanctions regimes of the United States, the United Kingdom, and the European Union with respect to those responsible for the abduction of Ukrainian children; and*

*(B) efforts made by the United States Government to better align such sanction regimes.*

***SEC. 8364. FAIRNESS IN ISSUANCE OF TACTICAL GEAR TO DIPLOMATIC SECURITY SERVICE PERSONNEL.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—In any instance when the Diplomatic Security Service of the Department of State issues tactical gear to Special Agents, uniform division officers, or personal service contractors, the Service must, whenever such products are commercially available, provide both men's and women's sizing options.*

*(b) TACTICAL GEAR DEFINED.—In this section, the term "tactical gear" includes, among other items, ballistic plates, ballistic plate carriers, helmets, media jackets, tactical pants, and gloves.*

***SEC. 8365. STRATEGY FOR COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS IN MEXICO.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, 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 a report with a strategy for countering transnational criminal organizations in Mexico.*

*(b) STRATEGY ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection (a) shall include the following elements:*

*(1) A detailed plan for how United States security assistance will—*

*(A) dismantle transnational criminal networks that traffic illicit drugs, including fentanyl, into the United States and profit from other criminal activities, including pervasive human trafficking and human smuggling, weapons trafficking, cybercrimes, money laundering, and the importation of precursor chemicals to mass-produce illicit drugs;*

*(B) increase the capacity of Mexico's military and public security institutions to improve security at Mexico's northern and southern borders and degrade transnational criminal organizations; and*

*(C) enhance the institutional capacity of civilian law enforcement, prosecutors, and courts to strengthen rule of law, redress public corruption related to the activities and influence of transnational criminal organizations, and combat impunity.*

*(2) A detailed summary of activities to implement the plan described in paragraph (1), including a list of implementing government entities and nongovernmental organizations.*

*(3) A detailed assessment of previous assistance to Mexico under the Mérida Initiative and the Bicentennial Framework for Security, Public Health, and Safe Communities focused on how these initiatives advanced United States national security objectives, including those listed in paragraph (1)(A).*

*(4) A detailed summary of priorities, milestones, and performance measures to monitor and evaluate results of the strategy.*

*(5) A fraud risk assessment, conducted by the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of State for the Department of State's current security assistance programs in Mexico that—*

*(A) identifies inherent fraud risks affecting such programs;*

*(B) assesses the likelihood and impact of inherent fraud risks;*

*(C) determines fraud risk tolerance;*

*(D) examines the suitability of existing fraud controls and prioritizes residual fraud risks; and*

*(E) documents the program's fraud risk profile.*

*(c) BILATERAL COOPERATION REPORTING.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include an overview of bilateral cooperation mechanisms and engagements between the United States Government and the Government of Mexico, such as diplomatic engagements, security assistance programs, technical assistance, and other forms of cooperation that advance the priorities described in subsection (b).*

*(d) FORM.—The report and strategy required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.*

*(e) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than one year after the submission of the report and strategy required by subsection (a), and annually thereafter for five 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 a report on the implementation of the strategy.*

*(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING USE OF MILITARY FORCE AGAINST MEXICO.—Nothing in this section may be construed as an authorization for the use of military force against Mexico or any entity within Mexico.*

***SEC. 8366. INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY.***

*(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "International Nuclear Energy Act of 2025".*

*(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTOR.—The term "advanced nuclear reactor" has the meaning given the term in section 951(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16271(b)), except that, for purposes of this section, the reference to "reactors operating on the date of enactment of the Energy Act of 2020" in paragraph (1)(A) of that section shall be deemed to read "reactors operating in the United States on the date of enactment of the Energy Act of 2020".*

*(2) ALLY OR PARTNER NATION.—The term "ally or partner nation" means—*

*(A) the Government of any country that is a member of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development;*

*(B) the Government of the Republic of India; and*

*(C) the Government of any country designated as an ally or partner nation by the Secretary of State for purposes of this section.*

*(3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(A) the Committees on Foreign Relations, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate; and*

*(B) the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Science, Space, and Technology, and Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.*

*(4) ASSOCIATED ENTITY.—The term "associated entity" means an entity that—*

*(A) is owned, controlled, or operated by—*

*(i) an ally or partner nation; or*

*(ii) an associated individual; or*

*(B) is organized under the laws of, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of, a country described in paragraph (2), including a corporation that is incorporated in a country described in that paragraph.*

*(5) ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUAL.—The term "associated individual" means a foreign national who is a national of a country described in paragraph (2).*

*(6) CIVIL NUCLEAR.—The term "civil nuclear" means activities, other than atomic energy defense activities, relating to—*

*(A) nuclear plant construction;*

*(B) nuclear fuel services;*

*(C) nuclear energy financing;*

*(D) nuclear plant operations;*

*(E) nuclear plant regulation;*

*(F) nuclear medicine;*

*(G) nuclear safety;*

*(H) community engagement in areas in reasonable proximity to nuclear sites;*

*(I) infrastructure support for nuclear energy;*

*(J) nuclear plant decommissioning;*

*(K) nuclear liability;*

*(L) safe storage and safe disposal of spent nuclear fuel;*

*(M) environmental safeguards;*

*(N) nuclear nonproliferation and security; and*

*(O) technology related to the matters described in subparagraphs (A) through (N).*

*(7) EMBARKING CIVIL NUCLEAR NATION.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "embarking civil nuclear nation" means a country that—*

*(i) does not have a civil nuclear energy program;*

*(ii) is in the process of developing or expanding a civil nuclear energy program, including safeguards and a legal and regulatory framework, for—*

*(I) nuclear safety;*

*(II) nuclear security;*
*(III) radioactive waste management;*
*(IV) civil nuclear energy;*
*(V) environmental safeguards;*
*(VI) community engagement in areas in reasonable proximity to nuclear sites;*
*(VII) nuclear liability; or*
*(VIII) nuclear reactor licensing;*
*(iii) is in the process of selecting, developing, constructing, or utilizing nuclear reactors, including advanced nuclear reactors, or advanced civil nuclear technologies; or*
*(iv) is eligible to receive development lending from the World Bank.*
*(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term "embarking civil nuclear nation" does not include—*
*(i) the People's Republic of China;*
*(ii) the Russian Federation;*
*(iii) the Republic of Belarus;*
*(iv) the Islamic Republic of Iran;*
*(v) the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;*
*(vi) the Republic of Cuba;*
*(vii) the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;*
*(viii) Burma; or*
*(ix) any other country—*
*(I) the property or interests in property of the government of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); or*
*(II) the government of which the Secretary of State has determined has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism for purposes of—*
*(aa) section 620A(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371(a));*
*(bb) section 40(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d));*
*(cc) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4813(c)(1)(A)(i)); or*
*(dd) any other relevant provision of law.*
*(8) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Energy.*
*(9) SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.—The term "spent nuclear fuel" has the meaning given the term in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101).*
*(10) UNITED STATES NUCLEAR ENERGY COMPANY.—The term "United States nuclear energy company" means a company that—*
*(A) is organized under the laws of, or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of, the United States; and*
*(B) is involved in the nuclear energy industry.*
*(c) NUCLEAR EXPORTS WORKING GROUP.—*

*(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a working group, to be known as the "Nuclear Exports Working Group" (referred to in this subsection as the "working group").*

*(2) COMPOSITION.—The working group shall be composed of—*

*(A) senior-level Federal officials, selected internally by the applicable Federal agency or organization, from any Federal agency or organization that the President determines to be appropriate; and*

*(B) other senior-level Federal officials, selected internally by the applicable Federal agency or organization, from any other Federal agency or organization that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.*

*(3) REPORTING.—The working group shall report to the President or 1 or more Federal officials designated by the President, if applicable.*

*(4) DUTIES.—The working group shall coordinate, not less frequently than quarterly, with the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee of the Department of Commerce, the Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee of the Department of Energy, and other advisory or stakeholder groups, as necessary, to maintain an accurate and up-to-date knowledge of the standing of civil nuclear exports from the United States, including with respect to meeting the targets established as part of the 10-year civil nuclear trade strategy described in paragraph (5)(A).*

*(5) STRATEGY.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the working group shall establish a 10-year civil nuclear trade strategy, including biennial targets for the export of civil nuclear technologies, including light water and non-light water reactors and associated equipment and technologies, civil nuclear materials, and nuclear fuel that align with meeting international energy demand while seeking to avoid or reduce emissions and prevent the dissemination of nuclear technology, materials, and weapons to adversarial nations and terrorist groups.*

*(B) COLLABORATION REQUIRED.—In establishing the strategy under subparagraph (A), the working group shall collaborate with—*

*(i) any Federal department or agency that the President determines to be appropriate; and*

*(ii) representatives of private industry and experts in nuclear security and risk reduction, as appropriate.*

*(d) ENGAGEMENT WITH ALLY OR PARTNER NATIONS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall launch, in accordance with applicable nuclear technology export laws (including regulations), an international initiative to modernize the civil nuclear outreach to embarking civil nuclear nations.*

*(2) FINANCING.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the initiative described in paragraph (1), the President, acting through an appropriate Federal official, and in coordination with the officials described in subparagraph (B), may, if the President determines to be appropriate, seek to establish cooperative financing relationships for the export of civil nuclear tech-*

*nology, components, materials, and infrastructure to embarking civil nuclear nations.*

*(B) OFFICIALS DESCRIBED.—The officials referred to in subparagraph (A) are—*

*(i) appropriate officials of any Federal agency that the President determines to be appropriate; and*

*(ii) appropriate officials representing foreign countries and governments, including—*

*(I) ally or partner nations;*

*(II) embarking civil nuclear nations; and*

*(III) any other country or government that the President , in consultation with the officials described in clause (i), determines to be appropriate.*

*(3) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the initiative described in paragraph (1), the President shall—*

*(A) assist nongovernmental organizations, the Department of Energy, and other relevant Federal departments and agencies in the provision of education and training to foreign governments in nuclear safety, security, and safeguards—*

*(i) through engagement with the International Atomic Energy Agency; or*

*(ii) independently, if the applicable entity determines that it would be more advantageous under the circumstances to provide the applicable education and training independently;*

*(B) assist the efforts of the International Atomic Energy Agency to expand the support provided by the International Atomic Energy Agency to embarking civil nuclear nations for nuclear safety, security, and safeguards;*

*(C) coordinate with appropriate Federal departments and agencies on efforts to expand outreach to the private investment community and establish public-private financing relationships that enable the adoption of civil nuclear technologies by embarking civil nuclear nations, including through exports from the United States;*

*(D) seek to better coordinate, to the maximum extent practicable, the work carried out by any Federal agency that the President determines to be appropriate; and*

*(E) coordinate with the Export-Import Bank of the United States to improve the efficient and effective exporting of civil nuclear technologies and materials.*

*(e) COOPERATIVE FINANCING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALLY OR PARTNER NATIONS AND EMBARKING CIVIL NUCLEAR NATIONS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall designate an appropriate White House official to coordinate with the officials described in subsection (d)(2)(B) to develop, as the President determines to be appropriate, financing relationships with ally or partner nations to assist in the adoption of civil nuclear technologies exported from the United States or ally or partner nations to embarking civil nuclear nations.*

*(2) UNITED STATES COMPETITIVENESS CLAUSES.—*

*(A) DEFINITION OF UNITED STATES COMPETITIVENESS CLAUSE.—In this paragraph, the term "United States com-*

*petitiveness clause" means any United States competitiveness provision in any agreement entered into by the Department of Energy, including—*

*(i) a cooperative agreement;*

*(ii) a cooperative research and development agreement; and*

*(iii) a patent waiver.*

*(B) CONSIDERATION.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the relevant officials described in that paragraph shall consider the impact of United States competitiveness clauses on any financing relationships entered into or proposed to be entered into under that paragraph.*

*(C) WAIVER.—The Secretary shall facilitate waivers of United States competitiveness clauses as necessary to facilitate financing relationships with ally or partner nations under paragraph (1).*

*(f) COOPERATION WITH ALLY OR PARTNER NATIONS ON ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTOR DEMONSTRATION AND COOPERATIVE RESEARCH FACILITIES FOR CIVIL NUCLEAR ENERGY.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and the Secretary of Commerce, shall conduct bilateral and multilateral meetings with not fewer than 5 ally or partner nations, with the aim of enhancing nuclear energy cooperation among those ally or partner nations and the United States, for the purpose of developing collaborative relationships with respect to research, development, licensing, and deployment of advanced nuclear reactor technologies for civil nuclear energy.*

*(2) REQUIREMENT.—The meetings described in paragraph (1) shall include—*

*(A) a focus on cooperation to demonstrate and deploy advanced nuclear reactors, with an emphasis on United States nuclear energy companies, during the 10-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act to provide options for addressing energy security and environmental impacts; and*

*(B) a focus on developing a memorandum of understanding or any other appropriate agreement between the United States and ally or partner nations with respect to—*

*(i) the demonstration and deployment of advanced nuclear reactors; and*

*(ii) the development of cooperative research facilities.*

*(3) FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS.—In conducting the meetings described in paragraph (1), the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary, the Secretary of Commerce, and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies and only after initial consultation with the appropriate committees of Congress, shall seek to develop financing arrangements to share the costs of the demonstration and deployment of advanced nuclear reactors and the development of cooperative research facilities with the ally or partner nations participating in those meetings.*

*(g) INTERNATIONAL CIVIL NUCLEAR ENERGY COOPERATION.—Section 959B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16279b) is amended—*

*(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "The Secretary" and inserting the following:*

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary";*

*(2) in subsection (a) (as so designated)—*

*(A) in paragraph (1)—*

*(i) by striking "financing,"; and*

*(ii) by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end;*

*(B) in paragraph (2)—*

*(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking "preparations for"; and*

*(ii) in subparagraph (C)(v), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

*(C) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(3) to support, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, the safe, secure, and peaceful use of civil nuclear technology in countries developing nuclear energy programs, with a focus on countries that have increased civil nuclear cooperation with the Russian Federation or the People's Republic of China; and*

*"(4) to promote the fullest utilization of the reactors, fuel, equipment, services, and technology of United States nuclear energy companies (as defined in subsection (b) of the International Nuclear Energy Act of 2025) in civil nuclear energy programs outside the United States through—*

*"(A) bilateral and multilateral arrangements developed and executed with the concurrence of the Secretary of State that contain commitments for the utilization of the reactors, fuel, equipment, services, and technology of United States nuclear energy companies (as defined in that subsection);*

*"(B) the designation of 1 or more United States nuclear energy companies (as defined in that subsection) to implement an arrangement under subparagraph (A) if the Secretary determines that the designation is necessary and appropriate to achieve the objectives of this section; and*

*"(C) the waiver of any provision of law relating to competition with respect to any activity related to an arrangement under subparagraph (A) if the Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of Commerce, determines that a waiver is necessary and appropriate to achieve the objectives of this section."; and*

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

*"(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The program under subsection (a) shall be supported in consultation with the Secretary of State and implemented by the Secretary—*

*"(1) to facilitate, to the maximum extent practicable, workshops and expert-based exchanges to engage industry, stakeholders, and foreign governments with respect to international civil nuclear issues, such as—*

*"(A) training;*

*"(B) financing;*

*"(C) safety;*

*"(D) security;*

*"(E) safeguards;*
*"(F) liability;*
*"(G) advanced fuels;*
*"(H) operations; and*
*"(I) options for multinational cooperation with respect to the disposal of spent nuclear fuel (as defined in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101)); and*

*"(2) in coordination with any Federal agency that the President determines to be appropriate.*

*"(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available to the Secretary to carry out activities related to international civil nuclear energy cooperation, there is authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 up to $15,500,000 to carry out this section.".*

*(h) INTERNATIONAL CIVIL NUCLEAR PROGRAM SUPPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and 1 or more other Federal officials designated by the President, if applicable, shall launch an international initiative (referred to in this subsection as the "initiative") to provide financial assistance to, and facilitate the building of technical capacities by, in accordance with this subsection, embarking civil nuclear nations for activities relating to the development of civil nuclear energy programs.*

*(2) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the initiative, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and 1 or more other Federal officials designated by the President, if applicable, is authorized to award grants of financial assistance in amounts not greater than $5,500,000 to embarking civil nuclear nations in accordance with this paragraph—*

*(i) for activities relating to the development of civil nuclear energy programs; and*

*(ii) to facilitate the building of technical capacities for those activities.*

*(B) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and 1 or more other Federal officials designated by the President, if applicable, may award—*

*(i) not more than 1 grant of financial assistance under subparagraph (A) to any 1 embarking civil nuclear nation each fiscal year; and*

*(ii) not more than a total of 5 grants of financial assistance under subparagraph (A) to any 1 embarking civil nuclear nation.*

*(3) SENIOR ADVISORS.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the initiative, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary and 1 or more other Federal officials designated by the President, if applicable, is authorized to provide financial assistance to an embarking civil nuclear nation for the purpose of con-*

*tracting with a United States nuclear energy company to hire 1 or more senior advisors to assist the embarking civil nuclear nation in establishing a civil nuclear program.*

*(B) REQUIREMENT.—A senior advisor described in subparagraph (A) shall have relevant experience and qualifications to advise the embarking civil nuclear nation on, and facilitate on behalf of the embarking civil nuclear nation, 1 or more of the following activities:*

*(i) The development of financing relationships.*

*(ii) The development of a standardized financing and project management framework for the construction of nuclear power plants.*

*(iii) The development of a standardized licensing framework for—*

*(I) light water civil nuclear technologies; and*

*(II) non-light water civil nuclear technologies and advanced nuclear reactors.*

*(iv) The identification of qualified organizations and service providers.*

*(v) The identification of funds to support payment for services required to develop a civil nuclear program.*

*(vi) Market analysis.*

*(vii) The identification of the safety, security, safeguards, and nuclear governance required for a civil nuclear program.*

*(viii) Risk allocation, risk management, and nuclear liability.*

*(ix) Technical assessments of nuclear reactors and technologies.*

*(x) The identification of actions necessary to participate in a global nuclear liability regime based on the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, with Annex, done at Vienna September 12, 1997 (TIAS 15–415).*

*(xi) Stakeholder engagement.*

*(xii) Management of spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.*

*(xiii) Any other major activities to support the establishment of a civil nuclear program, such as the establishment of export, financing, construction, training, operations, and education requirements.*

*(C) CLARIFICATION.—Financial assistance under this paragraph is authorized to be provided to an embarking civil nuclear nation in addition to any financial assistance provided to that embarking civil nuclear nation under paragraph (2).*

*(4) LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO EMBARKING CIVIL NUCLEAR NATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Offices of the Inspectors General for the Department of State and the Department of Energy shall coordinate—*

*(A) to establish and submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a joint strategic plan to conduct comprehensive oversight of activities authorized under this subsection to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse; and*

*(B) to engage in independent and effective oversight of activities authorized under this subsection through joint or individual audits, inspections, investigations, or evaluations.*

*(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available to carry out international civil nuclear energy cooperation, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal years 2026 through 2030 up to $50,000,000 to carry out this subsection.*

*(i) BIENNIAL CABINET-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NUCLEAR SAFETY, SECURITY, SAFEGUARDS, AND SUSTAINABILITY.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The President, in coordination with international partners, as determined by the President, and industry, shall hold a biennial conference on civil nuclear safety, security, safeguards, and sustainability (referred to in this subsection as a "conference").*

*(2) CONFERENCE FUNCTIONS.—It is the sense of Congress that each conference should—*

*(A) be a forum in which ally or partner nations may engage with each other for the purpose of reinforcing the commitment to—*

*(i) nuclear safety, security, safeguards, and sustainability;*

*(ii) nonproliferation and environmental safeguards; and*

*(iii) local community engagement in areas in reasonable proximity to nuclear sites;*

*(B) facilitate—*

*(i) the development of—*

*(I) joint commitments and goals to improve—*

*(aa) nuclear safety, security, safeguards, and sustainability;*

*(bb) environmental safeguards; and*

*(cc) local community engagement in areas in reasonable proximity to nuclear sites;*

*(II) cooperative financing relationships to promote competitive alternatives to Chinese and Russian financing;*

*(III) a standardized financing and project management framework for the construction of civil nuclear power plants;*

*(IV) a strategy to change internal policies of multinational development banks, such as the World Bank, to support the financing of civil nuclear projects;*

*(V) a document containing any lessons learned from countries that have partnered with the Russian Federation or the People's Republic of China with respect to civil nuclear power, including any detrimental outcomes resulting from that partnership; and*

*(VI) a global civil nuclear liability regime;*

*(ii) cooperation for enhancing the overall aspects of civil nuclear power, such as—*

*(I) nuclear safety, security, safeguards, and sustainability;*

*(II) nuclear laws (including regulations);*

*(III) waste management;*

*(IV) quality management systems;*

*(V) technology transfer;*

*(VI) human resources development;*

*(VII) localization;*

*(VIII) reactor operations;*

*(IX) nuclear liability; and*

*(X) decommissioning; and*

*(iii) the development and determination of the mechanisms described in subparagraphs (G) and (H) of subsection (j)(1), if the President intends to establish an Advanced Reactor Coordination and Resource Center as described in that subsection;*

*(C) strengthen the international institutions that support nuclear safety, security, safeguards, and sustainability; and*

*(D) foster enhanced international coordination on licensing frameworks for civil nuclear technologies.*

*(3) INPUT FROM INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT.—It is the sense of Congress that each conference should include a meeting that convenes nuclear industry leaders and leaders of government agencies with expertise relating to nuclear safety, security, safeguards, or sustainability to discuss best practices relating to—*

*(A) the safe and secure use, storage, and transport of nuclear and radiological materials;*

*(B) managing the evolving cyber threat to nuclear and radiological security; and*

*(C) the role that the nuclear industry should play in nuclear and radiological safety, security, and safeguards, including with respect to the safe and secure use, storage, and transport of nuclear and radiological materials, including spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste.*

*(j) ADVANCED REACTOR COORDINATION AND RESOURCE CENTER.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall consider the feasibility of leveraging existing activities or frameworks or, as necessary, establishing a center, to be known as the "Advanced Reactor Coordination and Resource Center" (referred to in this subsection as the "Center"), for the purposes of—*

*(A) identifying qualified organizations and service providers—*

*(i) for embarking civil nuclear nations;*

*(ii) to develop and assemble documents, contracts, and related items required to establish a civil nuclear program; and*

*(iii) to develop a standardized model for the establishment of a civil nuclear program that can be used by the International Atomic Energy Agency;*

*(B) coordinating with countries participating in the Center and with the Nuclear Exports Working Group established under subsection (c)—*

*(i) to identify funds to support payment for services required to develop a civil nuclear program;*

*(ii) to provide market analysis; and*

*(iii) to create—*

*(I) project structure models;*

*(II) models for electricity market analysis;*

*(III) models for nonelectric applications market analysis; and*

*(IV) financial models;*

*(C) fostering the safety, security, safeguards, and nuclear governance required for a civil nuclear program;*

*(D) supporting multinational standards or guidance on nuclear safety, security, and safeguards to be developed by countries with civil nuclear programs and experience;*

*(E) developing and strengthening communications, engagement, and consensus-building;*

*(F) carrying out any other major activities to support export, financing, education, construction, training, and education requirements relating to the establishment of a civil nuclear program;*

*(G) developing mechanisms for how to fund and staff the Center; and*

*(H) determining mechanisms for the selection of the location or locations of the Center.*

*(2) OBJECTIVE.—The President shall carry out paragraph (1) with the objective of establishing the Center if the President determines that it is feasible to do so.*

*(k) STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND WORKING GROUP.—*

*(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a working group, to be known as the "Strategic Infrastructure Fund Working Group" (referred to in this subsection as the "working group") to provide input on the feasibility of establishing a program to support strategically important capital-intensive infrastructure projects.*

*(2) COMPOSITION.—The working group shall be composed of—*

*(A) senior-level Federal officials, selected by the head of the applicable Federal agency or organization, from any Federal agency or organization that the President determines to be appropriate;*

*(B) other senior-level Federal officials, selected by the head of the applicable Federal agency or organization, from any other Federal agency or organization that the Secretary determines to be appropriate; and*

*(C) any senior-level Federal official selected by the President or 1 or more Federal officials designated by the President from any Federal agency or organization.*

*(3) REPORTING.—The working group shall report to the National Security Council.*

*(4) DUTIES.—The working group shall—*

*(A) provide direction and advice to the officials described in subsection (d)(2)(B)(i) and appropriate Federal agencies, as determined by the working group, with respect to the feasibility of establishing a Strategic Infrastructure Fund (referred to in this paragraph as the "Fund") to be used—*

*(i) to support those aspects of projects relating to—*

*(I) civil nuclear technologies; and*

*(II) microprocessors; and*

*(ii) for strategic investments identified by the working group; and*

*(B) address critical areas in determining the appropriate design for the Fund, including—*

*(i) transfer of assets to the Fund;*

*(ii) transfer of assets from the Fund;*

*(iii) how assets in the Fund should be invested; and*

*(iv) governance and implementation of the Fund.*

*(5) BRIEFING AND REPORT REQUIRED.—*

*(A) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the working group shall brief the committees described in subparagraph (C) on the status of the development of the processes necessary to implement this subsection.*

*(B) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the working group shall submit to the committees described in subparagraph (C) a report on the findings of the working group that includes suggested legislative text for how to establish and structure a Strategic Infrastructure Fund or an assessment of why the establishment of the Fund is not feasible.*

*(C) COMMITTEES DESCRIBED.—The committees referred to in subparagraphs (A) and (B) are—*

*(i) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee on Environment and Public Works, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and*

*(ii) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.*

*(l) JOINT ASSESSMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND INDIA ON NUCLEAR LIABILITY RULES.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall establish and maintain within the United States-India Strategic Security Dialogue a joint consultative mechanism with the Government of the Republic of India that convenes on a recurring basis—*

*(A) to assess the implementation of the Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of India Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, signed at Washington October 10, 2008 (TIAS 08–1206);*

*(B) to discuss opportunities for the Republic of India to align domestic nuclear liability rules with international norms; and*

*(C) to develop a strategy for the United States and the Republic of India to pursue bilateral and multilateral diplomatic engagements related to analyzing and implementing those opportunities.*

*(2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that describes the joint assessment developed pursuant to paragraph (1)(A).*

*(m) SECTION 123 AGREEMENTS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall—*

*(A) pursue, where in the interest of the United States, renegotiation or renewal of agreements for cooperation pursuant to section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2153) (commonly referred to, and referred to in this subsection, as "section 123 agreements") that are scheduled to expire before the date that is 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act; and*

*(B) pursue, in any renegotiated or new section 123 agreements, agreements that adhere to the highest standards of safety, security, and nonproliferation.*

*(2) REPORT.—*

*(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, 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 a report that describes United States diplomatic engagement and negotiations for section 123 agreements.*

*(B) INCLUSIONS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include—*

*(i) an updated list of all countries the Secretary of State with which is pursuing or has pursued section 123 agreements during the 1-year period ending on the date of submission of the report; and*

*(ii) an analysis of current trends of global competition in the civil nuclear sphere with the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China up and down the supply chain, including—*

*(I) the participation of those countries in global nuclear fuel markets; and*

*(II) trends in the participation of the People's Republic of China in those markets.*

*(n) PROGRAM TO ENHANCE GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the relevant heads of other Federal departments and agencies, shall implement a program to enhance the global competitiveness of United States persons (as defined in section 1637(d) of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (50 U.S.C.*

*1708(d))) who are nuclear suppliers, investors, or lenders to compete for nuclear projects in foreign countries, including—*

*(1) expediting the conclusion of intergovernmental agreements on nuclear energy and the fuel supply chain with potential export countries;*

*(2) promoting broad adherence to the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, with Annex, done at Vienna September 12, 1997 (TIAS 15–415); and*

*(3) encouraging favorable decisions by potential partner countries on the use of nuclear technology, fuel supplies, equipment, and services from the United States.*

*(o) ROSATOM.—*

*(1) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy of the United States—*

*(A) to work with allies and partners to identify alternative nuclear energy suppliers to Russia to end the reliance of those allies and partners on Rosatom;*

*(B) to promote United States nuclear energy exports and prioritize engagement in countries where Rosatom is present;*

*(C) to condemn the involvement of Rosatom in Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the role of Rosatom in endangering nuclear safety at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant;*

*(D) to limit the exploitation of Rosatom by the Russian Federation as a tool of malign influence;*

*(E) to end United States reliance on the Russian nuclear energy sector; and*

*(F) to protect national security interests by United States civil nuclear partnerships and exports and to protect the national security interests of the United States.*

*(2) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a strategy—*

*(A) to promote United States nuclear energy exports and United States nuclear energy companies, especially in nations where Rosatom is present;*

*(B) to utilize the tools available to the United States government to discourage civil nuclear nations from partnering with Rosatom;*

*(C) to identify what is necessary to effect a permanent decoupling of the United States from the Russian nuclear industry; and*

*(D) to succeed Rosatom as the primary entity that can provide reactor safety and operation services to the existing Rosatom and Russian-designed and constructed nuclear reactor fleet.*

*(3) FORM.—The strategy required to be submitted under paragraph (2) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.*

*(p) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—*

*(1) SAVINGS PROVISION REGARDING SECTION 123 AGREEMENTS.—Except as expressly stated in this section, nothing in*

*this section alters or otherwise affects the interpretation or implementation of section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2153) or any other provision of law, including the requirement that agreements pursuant to that section be submitted to Congress for consideration.*

*(2) SAVINGS PROVISION REGARDING AUTHORITIES OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION.—Nothing in this section affects the authorities of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.*

*(q) SUNSET.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall cease to have effect on the date that is 20 years after the date of enactment of this Act.*

***SEC. 8367. STRATEGY TO RESPOND TO GLOBAL BASES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.***

*(a) ASSESSMENT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an intelligence assessment analyzing the risk posed by PRC global bases and potential PRC global bases identified pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(A) to the ability of the United States or any United States ally to project power, maintain freedom of movement, and protect other interests.*

*(2) FORM.—The assessment required in this subsection may be submitted in classified form.*

*(b) STRATEGY.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and other appropriate senior Federal officials, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees the strategy described in paragraph (2).*

*(2) CONTENTS.—The strategy described in this paragraph shall—*

*(A) identify, of the locations where the PRC maintains or is suspected to be seeking a physical presence and that could transition into PRC global bases, not fewer than 5 locations that pose the greatest risk to the ability of the United States or any United States ally to project power, maintain freedom of movement, and protect other interests;*

*(B) include a comprehensive list of executive branch entities involved in addressing aspects of PRC global base establishment, including estimated programmatic and personal resource requirements on an agency-by-agency basis to effectively address the issue of potential PRC global base establishment, and any relevant resource constraints;*

*(C) describe in detail all executive branch efforts to mitigate the impacts to the national interests of the United States and partner countries of the locations described in subparagraph (A) and prevent the establishment of PRC global bases, including with resources described pursuant to subparagraph (B); and*

*(D) for each of the locations identified pursuant to subparagraph (A), identify the actions by the United States or United States allies that would be most effective in ensur-*

*ing that the government of the country in which such location is located does not host a PRC global base.*

*(c) TASK FORCE.—Not later than 90 days after the submission of the strategy required in subsection (b), the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and other appropriate senior Federal officials, shall establish an interagency task force—*

*(1) to implement such strategy to counter the PRC's efforts to establish PRC global bases at the locations identified pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(A); and*

*(2) to identify mitigation measures that would prevent the PRC from establishing PRC global bases in locations other than the locations identified pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(A).*

*(d) QUADRENNIAL REVIEWS AND REPORTS.—Not later than 4 years after the submission of the strategy required in subsection (b), and not less frequently than once every 4 years thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence, and other appropriate senior Federal officials, shall—*

*(1) conduct a review of the Executive Branch's strategy and overall approach in response to efforts by the PRC to establish PRC global bases; and*

*(2) submit to the appropriate congressional committees the results of such review and the updated information described in subsection (b)(2).*

*(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term "appropriate congressional committees" means—*

*(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;*

*(B) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;*

*(C) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;*

*(D) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;*

*(E) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;*

*(F) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;*

*(G) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and*

*(H) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.*

*(2) PRC.—The term "PRC" means the People's Republic of China.*

*(3) PRC GLOBAL BASE.—The term "PRC global base" means a physical location outside of the PRC where the PRC maintains an element of the People's Liberation Army, PRC intelligence or security forces, or infrastructure designed to support the presence of PRC military, intelligence, or security forces, for the purposes of power projection.*

***SEC. 8368. DISPOSITION OF WEAPONS AND MATERIEL IN TRANSIT FROM IRAN TO THE HOUTHIS IN YEMEN.***

*(a) DISPOSITION OF WEAPONS AND MATERIEL.—The President may treat as stocks of the United States, including for drawdown uses consistent with section 506(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2318(a)), any weapon or materiel intended for the*

*Houthis in the Republic of Yemen and obtained by the United States in transit or otherwise.*

*(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for five years, the President shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that includes the following:*

*(1) The number of times the President exercised the authority under subsection (a).*

*(2) An inventory of the weapons and materiel treated as United States stocks pursuant to such authority.*

*(3) An inventory of the weapons and materiel provided to foreign partners, to include the Government of Yemen, pursuant to the authority provided in subsection (a).*

*(4) An assessment of the capacity and overall professionalism of the Yemeni coast guard, including their capability to expand oversight of Yemen's territorial waters and carry out lawful anti-piracy and interdiction efforts, particularly with respect to implementation of any relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions, and an overview of the steps the United States is taking to support these efforts; and*

*(5) an assessment of the legal authorities underpinning the interdiction of illicit shipments to the Houthis, and related challenges to boosting the success of international interdiction efforts.*

*(c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—*

*(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and*

*(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.*

***SEC. 8369. REPEAL OF CAESAR SYRIA CIVILIAN PROTECTION ACT OF 2019.***

*(a) REPEAL.—The Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019 (title LXXIV of division F of Public Law 116–92; 22 U.S.C. 8791 note) is hereby repealed.*

*(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter for the following 4 years, the President shall submit to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, and Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Foreign Relations and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate an unclassified report, with a classified annex if necessary, that certifies whether the Government of Syria—*

*(1) is taking concrete and tangible action to eliminate the threat posed by ISIS and other terrorist groups, including Al Qaeda and its affiliates, in partnership with the United States, and prevent an ISIS resurgence;*

*(2) has removed, or is taking steps to remove, foreign fighters from senior roles in the Government of Syria, including those in the state and security institutions of Syria;*

*(3) is upholding religious and ethnic minority rights in Syria, including with respect to freedom of worship and belief, and allowing for fair and equitable representation in the government, including ministries and parliament;*

*(4) is not taking unilateral, unprovoked military action against its neighbors, including the State of Israel, and continues to make progress towards international security agreements, as appropriate;*

*(5) is taking tangible and credible steps to implement the March 10, 2025, agreement as negotiated between the Government of Syria and the Syrian Democratic Forces including commensurate security force integration measures and political representation;*

*(6) is taking steps to effectively combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, in line with international standards, and not knowingly financing, assisting (monetarily or through weapons transfers), or harboring sanctioned individuals or groups (including foreign terrorist organizations and specially designated global terrorists) that are harmful to the national security of the United States or allies and partners of the United States in the region;*

*(7) is actively prosecuting those that have committed serious abuses of internationally recognized human rights since December 8, 2024, including those responsible for the massacre of religious minorities; and*

*(8) is taking verifiable steps to combat the illicit production and international illicit proliferation of narcotics, including Captagon.*

*(c) NOTIFICATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA.—The President shall inform the Government of Syria of the findings of the report required under subsection (b).*

*(d) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—If the President is unable to make an affirmative certification under subsection (b) for two consecutive reporting periods, the President may consider whether to impose targeted sanctions on individuals under existing authorities until the President makes an affirmative certification under subsection (b).*

*(2) EXCEPTION.—The sanctions described in this subsection shall not include sanctions on the importation of goods.*

*(3) DEFINED TERM.—In this subsection, the term "good" means any article, natural or manmade substance, material, supply or manufactured product, including inspection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.*

***SEC. 8370. REPEAL OF AUTHORIZATIONS FOR USE OF MILITARY FORCE RELATING TO IRAQ.***

*The following are hereby repealed:*

*(1) Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution (Public Law 102–1; 105 Stat. 3; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) is hereby repealed.*

*(2) The Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–243; 116 Stat. 1498; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) is hereby repealed.*

# TITLE LXXXIV—NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

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## Subtitle A—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps

### SEC. 8401. TITLE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF HEAD OF NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS AND OFFICE OF MARINE AND AVIATION OPERATIONS; PROMOTIONS OF FLAG OFFICERS.

*(a) TITLE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF HEAD.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 228(c) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3028(c)) is amended—*

*(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "CORPS AND OFFICE OF" and inserting "COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS AND ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR";*

*(B) in the second sentence, by striking "serving in" and all that follows through "half)" and inserting "who has served, on the date of such appointment, in the grade of captain or above for not less than one year"; and*

*(C) in the fourth sentence, by striking "Director of the Office of" and inserting "Assistant Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for".*

*(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 4(a) of the Commercial Engagement Through Ocean Technology Act of 2018 (33 U.S.C. 4103(a)) is amended by striking "Director of the Office of" and inserting "Assistant Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for".*

*(b) PROMOTIONS OF FLAG OFFICERS.—Section 226 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3026) is amended—*

*(1) by striking "Appointments" and inserting the following: "(a) IN GENERAL.—Appointments";*

*(2) by inserting after "all permanent grades" the following: ", other than a grade described in subsection (b),"; and*

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

*"(b) FLAG OFFICERS.—Appointments in and promotions to the grade of rear admiral (upper half) or above shall be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.".*

***SEC. 8402. NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION VESSEL FLEET.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The NOAA Fleet Modernization Act (33 U.S.C. 891 et seq.) is amended—*

*(1) in section 603 (33 U.S.C. 891a)—*

*(A) in the section heading, by striking "***FLEET***" and all that follows through "***PROGRAM***" and inserting "***OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NOAA FLEET***"; and*

*(B) by striking "is authorized" and all that follows and inserting the following: ", acting through the Assistant Administrator of NOAA for Marine and Aviation Operations, shall operate and maintain a fleet of vessels to meet the requirements of NOAA in carrying out the mission and functions of NOAA, subject to the requirements of this title.";*

*(2) in section 604 (33 U.S.C. 891b)—*

*(A) in subsection (a), by striking "Secretary" and all that follows and inserting "Secretary, acting through the Assistant Administrator of NOAA for Marine and Aviation Operations, shall develop and submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives a replacement and modernization plan for the NOAA fleet not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, and every 2 years thereafter.";*

*(B) by striking subsections (b) and (d);*

*(C) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b);*

*(D) in subsection (b), as so redesignated—*

*(i) in paragraph (1), by striking "proposed" and all that follows and inserting the following: "in operation in the NOAA fleet as of the date of submission of the Plan, a description of the status of those vessels, and a statement of the planned and anticipated service life of those vessels;";*

*(ii) by striking paragraph (6);*

*(iii) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) as paragraphs (4), (5), (6), and (7), respectively;*

*(iv) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:*

*"(2) a plan with respect to operation, maintenance, and replacement of vessels described in paragraph (1), including the schedule for maintenance or replacement and anticipated funding requirements;*

*"(3) the number of vessels proposed to be constructed by NOAA;";*

*(v) in paragraph (4), as so redesignated, by striking "constructed, leased, or chartered" and inserting "acquired, leased, or chartered by NOAA";*

*(vi) in paragraph (6), as so redesignated—*

*(I) by striking "or any other federal official" and inserting "the Director of the National Science Foundation, or any other Federal official"; and*

*(II) by striking "their availability" and inserting "the availability of those vessels";*

*(vii) in paragraph (7), as so redesignated, by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon; and*

*(viii) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(8) a plan for using small vessels, uncrewed systems, and partnerships to augment the requirements of NOAA for days at sea;*

*"(9) the number of officers of the NOAA commissioned officer corps and professional wage mariners needed to operate and maintain the NOAA fleet, including the vessels identified under paragraph (3); and*

*"(10) current and potential challenges with meeting the requirements under paragraph (9) and proposed solutions to those challenges."; and*

*(E) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(c) VESSEL PROCUREMENT APPROVAL.—The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may not procure vessels that are more than 65 feet in length without the approval of the Assistant Administrator of NOAA for Marine and Aviation Operations.";*

*(3) in section 605 (33 U.S.C. 891c)—*

*(A) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "working through the Office of the NOAA Corps Operations and the Systems Procurement Office" and inserting "acting through the Assistant Administrator of NOAA for Marine and Aviation Operations"; and*

*(B) in subsection (b)—*

*(i) by striking "shall" and all that follows through "submit to Congress" and inserting ", acting through the Assistant Administrator of NOAA for Marine and Aviation Operations, shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives,"; and*

*(ii) by striking "subsequent";*

*(4) in section 608 (33 U.S.C. 891f)—*

*(A) by striking subsection (b);*

*(B) by striking "(A) VESSEL AGREEMENTS.—"; and*

*(C) by inserting after "Secretary" the following: ", acting through the Assistant Administrator of NOAA for Marine and Aviation Operations,"; and*

*(5) in section 610 (33 U.S.C. 891h)—*

*(A) in subsection (a), by striking "for carrying" and all that follows and inserting the following: "$93,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2026 to carry out this title and section 302 of the Fisheries Survey Vessel Authorization Act of 2000 (title III of Public Law 106–450; 114 Stat. 1945; 33 U.S.C. 891b note).."; and*

*(B) in subsection (b), by striking "National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fleet modernization" and inserting "NOAA fleet modernization,".*

*(b) FISHERY SURVEY VESSELS.—Section 302(a) of the Fisheries Survey Vessel Authorization Act of 2000 (title III of Public Law 106–450; 114 Stat. 1945; 33 U.S.C. 891b note) is amended—*

*(1) by striking "may in accordance with this section" and inserting "may";*

*(2) by striking "up to six"; and*

*(3) by inserting after "this section" the following: "and the NOAA Fleet Modernization Act (33 U.S.C. 891 et seq.)".*

*(c) NOTIFICATIONS OF PROPOSED DEACTIVATION OF VESSELS.—Section 401(b)(4) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 (Public Law 102–567; 106 Stat. 4291; 33 U.S.C. 891b note) is amended—*

*(1) by striking "(A)" and all that follows through "The Secretary" and inserting "The Secretary";*

*(2) by striking "the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries" and inserting "the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology"; and*

*(3) by striking ", if an equivalent" and all that follows through "deactivation".*

***SEC. 8403. COOPERATIVE AVIATION CENTERS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 218 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3008) is amended—*

*(1) in the section heading, by striking "***AVIATION ACCESSION TRAINING PROGRAMS***" and inserting "***COOPERATIVE AVIATION CENTERS***";*

*(2) in subsection (a), by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting the following:*

*"(2) COOPERATIVE AVIATION CENTER.—The term 'Cooperative Aviation Center' means a Cooperative Aviation Center designated under subsection (b)(1).";*

*(3) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) in the subsection heading, by striking "AVIATION ACCESSION TRAINING PROGRAMS" and inserting "COOPERATIVE AVIATION CENTERS";*

*(B) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4);*

*(C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);*

*(D) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:*

*"(1) DESIGNATION REQUIRED.—The Administrator shall designate one or more Cooperative Aviation Centers for the commissioned officer corps of the Administration at institutions described in paragraph (3).*

*"(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of Cooperative Aviation Centers is to facilitate the development and recruitment of aviators for the commissioned officer corps of the Administration."; and*

*(E) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated—*

*(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), inserting "that" after "educational institution";*

*(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking "that requests" and inserting "applies";*

*(iii) in subparagraph (B)—*

*(I) by striking "that has" and inserting "has"; and*

*(II) by striking the semicolon and inserting "; and";*

*(iv) in subparagraph (C)—*

*(I) by striking "that is located" and inserting "is located";*

*(II) by striking clause (ii);*

*(III) by striking "that—" and all that follows through "experiences" and inserting "that experiences"; and*

*(IV) by striking "; and" and inserting a period; and*

*(v) by striking subparagraph (D); and*

*(4) by striking subsections (c), (d), and (e) and inserting the following:*

*"(c) COOPERATIVE AVIATION CENTERS ADVISOR.—*

*"(1) ASSIGNMENT.—The Administrator shall assign an officer or employee of the commissioned officer corps of the Administration to serve as the Cooperative Aviation Centers Advisor.*

*"(2) DUTIES.—The Cooperative Aviation Centers Advisor shall—*

*"(A) coordinate all engagement of the Administration with Cooperative Aviation Centers, including assistance with curriculum development; and*

*"(B) serve as the chief aviation recruiting officer for the commissioned officer corps of the Administration.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes" (Public Law 107–372) is amended by striking the item relating to section 218 and inserting the following:*

*"Sec. 218.Cooperative Aviation Centers.".*

***SEC. 8404. ELIGIBILITY OF FORMER OFFICERS TO COMPETE FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 269B the following new section:*

***"SEC. 269C. ELIGIBILITY OF FORMER OFFICERS TO COMPETE FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—An individual who was separated from the commissioned officer corps of the Administration under honorable conditions after not fewer than 3 years of active service may not be denied the opportunity to compete for a vacant position with respect to which the agency in which the position is located will accept applications from individuals outside the workforce of that agency under merit promotion procedures.*

*"(b) TYPE OF APPOINTMENT.—If selected for a position pursuant to subsection (a), an individual described in that subsection shall receive a career or career-conditional appointment, as appropriate.*

*"(c) ANNOUNCEMENTS.—The area of consideration for a merit promotion announcement with respect to a position that includes consideration of individuals within the Federal service for that position shall—*

*"(1) indicate that individuals described in subsection (a) are eligible to apply for the position; and*

*"(2) be publicized in accordance with section 3327 of title 5, United States Code.*

*"(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to confer an entitlement to veterans' preference that is not otherwise required by any statute or regulation relating to veterans' preference.*

*"(e) REGULATIONS.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations necessary for the administration of this section.*

*"(f) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, the Administrator shall submit to the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report which includes the following:*

*"(1) A description of how the Administrator has utilized the authority granted under this section, including the number and locations of individuals hired utilizing the authority granted under this section.*

*"(2) An overview of the impact to Federal employment for former members of the commissioned officer corps of the Administration as a result of the authority granted under this section.*

*"(g) SUNSET.—This section shall be repealed on the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.".*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 269B the following new item:*

*"Sec. 269C. Eligibility of former officers to compete for certain positions.".*

***SEC. 8405. ALIGNMENT OF PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATION STANDARD FOR OBLIGATED SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH STANDARD FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS.***

*Section 216(c)(2)(B) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3006(c)(2)(B)) is amended by striking "misconduct or grossly negligent conduct" and inserting "willful misconduct".*

***SEC. 8406. STREAMLINING SEPARATION AND RETIREMENT PROCESS.***

*Section 241(c) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3041(c)) is amended to read as follows:*

*"(c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF RETIREMENTS AND SEPARATIONS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), a retirement or separation under subsection (a) shall take effect on such date as is determined by the Secretary.*

*"(2) DETERMINATION OF DATE.—The effective date determined under paragraph (1) for a retirement or separation under subsection (a) shall be—*

*"(A) except as provided by subparagraph (B), not earlier than 60 days after the date on which the Secretary approves the retirement or separation; or*

*"(B) if the officer concerned requests an earlier effective date, such earlier date as is determined by the Secretary.".*

***SEC. 8407. SEPARATION OF ENSIGNS FOUND NOT FULLY QUALIFIED.***

*Section 223 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002 (33 U.S.C. 3023) is amended—*

*(1) by striking "permanent"; and*

*(2) by striking "the officer's commission shall be revoked and".*

***SEC. 8408. REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 204 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act of 2020 (33 U.S.C. 3079–1) is repealed.*

*(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act of 2020 (Public Law 116–259; 134 Stat. 1153) is amended by striking the item relating to section 204.*

***SEC. 8409. DISPOSAL OF SURVEY AND RESEARCH VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.***

*Section 548 of title 40, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by striking "The Maritime" and inserting "(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the Maritime"; and*

*(2) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(b) NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT.—*

*"(1) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may dispose of covered vessels and equipment, which would otherwise be disposed of under subsection (a), through sales or transfers under this title.*

*"(2) USE OF PROCEEDS.—During the 2-year period beginning of the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, notwithstanding section 571 of this title or section 3302 of title 31, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may—*

*"(A) retain the proceeds from the sale or transfer of a covered vessel or equipment under paragraph (1) until expended under subparagraph (B); and*

*"(B) use such proceeds, without fiscal year limitation, for the acquisition of new covered vessels and equipment or the repair and maintenance of existing covered vessels and equipment.*

*"(3) COVERED VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term 'covered vessels and equipment' means survey and research vessels and related equipment owned by the Federal Government and under the control of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.".*

## *Subtitle B—South Pacific Tuna Treaty Matters*

***SEC. 8411. REFERENCES TO SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA ACT OF 1988.***

*Except as otherwise expressly provided, wherever in this subtitle an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973 et seq.).*

***SEC. 8412. DEFINITIONS.***

*(a) APPLICABLE NATIONAL LAW.—Section 2(4) (16 U.S.C. 973(4)) is amended by striking "described in paragraph 1(a) of Annex I of" and inserting "noticed and in effect in accordance with".*

*(b) CLOSED AREA.—Section 2(5) (16 U.S.C. 973(5)) is amended by striking "of the closed areas identified in Schedule 2 of Annex I of" and inserting "area within the jurisdiction of a Pacific Island Party that is closed to vessels pursuant to a national law of that Pacific Island Party and is noticed and in effect in accordance with".*

*(c) FISHING.—Section 2(6) (16 U.S.C. 973(6)) is amended—*

*(1) in subparagraph (C), by inserting "for any purpose" after "harvesting of fish"; and*

*(2) by amending subparagraph (F) to read as follows:*

*"(F) use of any other vessel, vehicle, aircraft, or hovercraft for any activity described in this paragraph except for emergencies involving the health or safety of the crew or the safety of a vessel.".*

*(d) FISHING VESSEL; VESSEL.—Section 2(7) (16 U.S.C. 973(7)) is amended by striking "commercial fishing" and inserting "commercial purse seine fishing for tuna".*

*(e) LICENSING AREA.—Section 2(8) (16 U.S.C. 973(8)) is amended by striking "in the Treaty Area" and all that follows and inserting "under the jurisdiction of a Pacific Island Party, except for internal waters, territorial seas, archipelagic waters, and any Closed Area.".*

*(f) LIMITED AREA; PARTY; TREATY AREA.—Section 2 (16 U.S.C. 973) is amended—*

(1) by striking paragraphs (10), (13), and (18);

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (11) and (12) as paragraphs (10) and (11), respectively;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (14) as paragraph (12); and

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (15) through (17) as paragraphs (14) through (16), respectively.

(g) REGIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Section 2 (16 U.S.C. 973) is amended by inserting after paragraph (12), as redesignated by subsection (f)(3), the following:

"(13) The term 'regional terms and conditions' means any of the terms or conditions attached by the Administrator to a license issued by the Administrator, as notified by the Secretary.".

**SEC. 8413. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) (16 U.S.C. 973c(a)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "Except as provided in section 6 of this Act, it" and inserting "It";

(2) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4);

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (13) as paragraphs (3) through (11), respectively;

(4) in paragraph (3), as so redesignated, by inserting ", except in accordance with an agreement pursuant to the Treaty" after "Closed Area";

(5) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated, by striking "or" at the end;

(6) in paragraph (11), as so redesignated, by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(7) by adding at the end the following:

"(12) to violate any of the regional terms and conditions; or

"(13) to violate any limit on an authorized fishing effort or catch.".

(b) IN THE LICENSING AREA.—Section 5(b) (16 U.S.C. 973c(b)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "Except as provided in section 6 of this Act, it" and inserting "It";

(2) by striking paragraph (5); and

(3) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively.

**SEC. 8414. EXCEPTIONS.**

Section 6 (16 U.S.C. 973d) is repealed.

**SEC. 8415. CRIMINAL OFFENSES.**

Section 7(a) (16 U.S.C. 973e(a)) is amended by striking "section 5(a) (8), (10), (11), or (12)" and inserting "paragraph (6), (8), (9), or (10) of section 5(a)".

**SEC. 8416. CIVIL PENALTIES.**

(a) AMOUNT.—Section 8(a) (16 U.S.C. 973f(a)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking "Code" after "liable to the United States"; and

(2) in the fourth sentence, by striking "Except for those acts prohibited by section 5(a) (4), (5), (7), (8), (10), (11), and (12), and section 5(b) (1), (2), (3), and (7) of this Act, the" and inserting "The".

*(b) WAIVER OF REFERRAL TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Section 8(g) (16 U.S.C. 973f(g)) is amended—*

*(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "section 5(a)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), or (13)" and inserting "paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (11), (12), or (13) of section 5(a)"; and*

*(2) in paragraph (2), by striking ", all Limited Areas closed to fishing," after "outside of the Licensing Area".*

***SEC. 8417. LICENSES.***

*(a) FORWARDING OF VESSEL LICENSE APPLICATION.—Section 9(b) (16 U.S.C. 973g(b)) is amended to read as follows:*

*"(b) In accordance with subsection (e), and except as provided in subsection (f), the Secretary shall forward a vessel license application to the Administrator whenever such application is in accordance with application procedures established by the Secretary.".*

*(b) FEES AND SCHEDULES.—Section 9(c) (16 U.S.C. 973g(c)) is amended to read as follows:*

*"(c) Fees required under the Treaty shall be paid in accordance with the Treaty and any procedures established by the Secretary.".*

*(c) MINIMUM FEES REQUIRED TO BE RECEIVED IN INITIAL YEAR; GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF FORWARDING OF LICENSE APPLICATION; GRANDFATHERING OF CERTAIN VESSELS.—Section 9 (16 U.S.C. 973g) is amended—*

*(1) by striking subsection (f);*

*(2) by redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as subsections (f) and (g), respectively;*

*(3) by amending subsection (f), as so redesignated, to read as follows:*

*"(f) The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, may determine that a license application should not be forwarded to the Administrator if—*

*"(1) the application is not in accordance with the Treaty or the procedures established by the Secretary; or*

*"(2) the owner or charterer—*

*"(A) is the subject of proceedings under the bankruptcy laws of the United States, unless reasonable financial assurances have been provided to the Secretary;*

*"(B) has not established to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the fishing vessel is fully insured against all risks and liabilities normally provided in maritime liability insurance; or*

*"(C) has not paid any penalty which has become final, assessed by the Secretary in accordance with this Act."; and*

*(4) in subsection (g), as redesignated by paragraph (2)—*

*(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:*

*"(1) section 12113 of title 46, United States Code;";*

*(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting "of 1972" after "Marine Mammal Protection Act";*

*(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting "of 1972" after "Marine Mammal Protection Act"; and*

*(D) in the matter following paragraph (3), by striking "any vessel documented" and all that follows and inserting the following:*

*"any vessel documented under the laws of the United States as of the date of enactment of the Fisheries Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–43) for which a license has been issued under subsection (a) may fish for tuna in the Licensing Area, and on the high seas and in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States west of 146 west longitude and east of 129.5 east longitude in accordance with international law, subject to the provisions of the Treaty, this Act, and other applicable law, provided that no such vessel intentionally deploys a purse seine net to encircle any dolphin or other marine mammal in the course of fishing.".*

***SEC. 8418. ENFORCEMENT.***

*(a) NOTICE REQUIREMENTS TO PACIFIC ISLAND PARTY CONCERNING INSTITUTION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.—Section 10(c)(1) (16 U.S.C. 973h(c)(1)) is amended—*

*(1) in the first sentence, by striking "paragraph 8 of Article 4 of"; and*

*(2) in the third sentence, by striking "Article 10 of".*

*(b) SEARCHES AND SEIZURES BY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS.—Section 10(d)(1)(A) (16 U.S.C. 973h(d)(1)(A)) is amended—*

*(1) in clause (ii), by striking "or" at the end; and*

*(2) in clause (iii), by adding "or" at the end.*

***SEC. 8419. FINDINGS BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.***

*(a) ORDER OF VESSEL TO LEAVE WATERS UPON FAILURE TO SUBMIT TO JURISDICTION OF PACIFIC ISLAND PARTY; PROCEDURE APPLICABLE.—Section 11(a) (16 U.S.C. 973i(a)) is amended—*

*(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ", all Limited Areas,";*

*(2) in paragraph (1)—*

*(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "paragraph 2 of Article 3 of"; and*

*(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking "within the Treaty Area" and inserting "under the jurisdiction"; and*

*(3) in paragraph (2)—*

*(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "section 5 (a)(4), (a)(5), (b)(2), or (b)(3)" and inserting "paragraph (3) of section 5(a) or paragraph (2) or (3) of section 5(b)";*

*(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "section 5(b)(7)" and inserting "section 5(b)(6)"; and*

*(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking "section 5(a)(7)" and inserting "section 5(a)(5)".*

*(b) ORDER OF VESSEL TO LEAVE WATERS WHERE PACIFIC ISLAND PARTY INVESTIGATING ALLEGED TREATY INFRINGEMENT.—Section 11(b) (16 U.S.C. 973i(b)) is amended by striking "paragraph 7 of Article 5 of".*

***SEC. 8420. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.***

*Section 12 (16 U.S.C. 973j) is amended to read as follows:*

***"SEC. 12. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.***

*"(a) PROHIBITED DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—Pursuant to section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code, except as provided in subsection (b), the Secretary shall keep confidential and may not disclose the following information:*

*"(1) Information provided to the Secretary by the Administrator that the Administrator has designated confidential.*

*"(2) Information collected by observers.*

*"(3) Information submitted to the Secretary by any person in compliance with the requirements of this Act.*

*"(b) AUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—The Secretary may disclose information described in subsection (a)—*

*"(1) if disclosure is ordered by a court;*

*"(2) if the information is used by a Federal employee—*

*"(A) for enforcement; or*

*"(B) in support of the homeland security missions and non-homeland security missions of the Coast Guard as defined in section 888 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 468);*

*"(3) if the information is used by a Federal employee or an employee of a Fishery Management Council for the administration of the Treaty or fishery management and monitoring;*

*"(4) to the Administrator, in accordance with the requirements of the Treaty and this Act;*

*"(5) to the secretariat or equivalent of an international fisheries management organization of which the United States is a member, in accordance with the requirements or decisions of such organization, and insofar as possible, in accordance with an agreement that prevents public disclosure of the identity of any person that submits such information;*

*"(6) if the Secretary has obtained written authorization from the person providing such information, and disclosure does not violate other requirements of this Act; or*

*"(7) in an aggregate or summary form that does not directly or indirectly disclose the identity of any person that submits such information.*

*"(c) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—*

*"(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to adversely affect the authority of Congress, including a Committee or Member thereof, to obtain any record or information.*

*"(2) The absence of a provision similar to paragraph (1) in any other provision of law shall not be construed to limit the ability of the Senate or the House of Representatives, including a Committee or Member thereof, to obtain any record or information.".*

***SEC. 8421. CLOSED AREA STOWAGE REQUIREMENTS.***

*Section 13 (16 U.S.C. 973k) is amended by striking ". In particular, the boom shall be lowered" and all that follows and inserting "and in accordance with any requirements established by the Secretary.".*

***SEC. 8422. OBSERVERS.***

*Section 14 (16 U.S.C. 973l) is repealed.*

***SEC. 8423. FISHERIES-RELATED ASSISTANCE.***

*Section 15 (16 U.S.C. 973m) is amended to read as follows:*

***"SEC. 15. FISHERIES-RELATED ASSISTANCE.***

*"The Secretary and the Secretary of State may provide assistance to a Pacific Island Party to benefit such Pacific Island Party from*

*the development of fisheries resources and the operation of fishing vessels that are licensed pursuant to the Treaty, including—*

*"(1) technical assistance;*

*"(2) training and capacity building opportunities;*

*"(3) facilitation of the implementation of private sector activities or partnerships; and*

*"(4) other activities as determined appropriate by the Secretary and the Secretary of State.".*

***SEC. 8424. ARBITRATION.***

*Section 16 (16 U.S.C. 973n) is amended—*

*(1) by striking "Article 6 of" after "arbitral tribunal under"; and*

*(2) by striking "paragraph 3 of that Article" and all that follows through "under such paragraph" and inserting "the Treaty, shall determine the location of the arbitration, and shall represent the United States in reaching agreement under the Treaty".*

***SEC. 8425. DISPOSITION OF FEES, PENALTIES, FORFEITURES, AND OTHER MONEYS.***

*Section 17 (16 U.S.C. 973o) is amended by striking "Article 4 of".*

***SEC. 8426. ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS.***

*Section 18 (16 U.S.C. 973p) is amended by striking "Within 30 days after" and all that follows and inserting "The Secretary may establish procedures for review of any agreements for additional fishing access entered into pursuant to the Treaty.".*

## *Subtitle C—Other Matters*

***SEC. 8431. NORTH PACIFIC RESEARCH BOARD ENHANCEMENT.***

*(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "North Pacific Research Board Enhancement Act".*

*(b) AMENDMENTS.—Section 401(e) of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (43 U.S.C. 1474d(e)) is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (3)—*

*(A) in subparagraph (L), by striking "and" after the semicolon;*

*(B) in subparagraph (M), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon;*

*(C) in subparagraph (N), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and";*

*(D) by inserting after subparagraph (N) the following:*

*"(O) one member who shall represent Alaska Natives and possesses personal knowledge of, and direct experience with, subsistence uses and shall be nominated by the Board and appointed by the Secretary."; and*

*(E) by adding at the end the following: "Board members appointed under subparagraphs (N) and (O) shall serve for 3-year terms, and may be reappointed once.";*

*(2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6); and*

*(3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:*

*"(5) If the amount made available for a fiscal year under subsection (c)(2) is less than the amount made available in the previous fiscal year, the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may increase the 15 percent cap on administrative expenses provided under paragraph (4)(B) for that fiscal year to prioritize—*

*"(A) continuing operation of the Board;*

*"(B) maximizing the percentage of funds directed to research; and*

*"(C) maintaining the highest quality standards in administering grants under this subsection.".*

*(c) WAIVER.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date that is 5 years after such date of enactment, the 15 percent cap on funds to provide support for the North Pacific Research Board and administer grants under section 401(e)(4)(B) of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998 (43 U.S.C. 1474d(e)(4)(B)) shall be waived.*

# *TITLE LXXXV—COMPREHENSIVE OUTBOUND INVESTMENT NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 2025*

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## *Subtitle A—General Matters*

***SEC. 8501. SECRETARY DEFINED.***

*Except as otherwise provided, in this title, the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Treasury.*

***SEC. 8502. SEVERABILITY.***

*If any provision of this title or any amendment made by this title, or the application thereof, is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this title or any amendment made by this title and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.*

***SEC. 8503. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated $150,000,000 to the Department of the Treasury, out of which amounts may be transferred to the Department of Commerce to jointly conduct outreach to industry and persons affected by this title or any amendment made by this title, and to administer the provisions of this title or any amendment made by this title, for each of the first two fiscal years beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this title, to carry out this title or any amendment made by this title.*

*(b) HIRING AUTHORITY.—*

*(1) BY THE PRESIDENT.—The President may appoint, without regard to the provisions of sections 3309 through 3318 of title 5, United States Code, not more than 15 individuals directly to positions in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102 of that title) to carry out this title or any amendment made by this title.*

*(2) BY AGENCIES.—The Secretary and the Secretary of Commerce may appoint, without regard to the provisions of sections 3309 through 3318 of title 5, United States Code, individuals directly to positions in the competitive service (as defined in section 2102 of that title) of the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Commerce, respectively, to carry out this title or any amendment made by this title.*

***SEC. 8504. SENSE OF CONGRESS.***

*It is the sense of Congress that—*

*(1) due to the fact that there are countless known and unknown entities in countries of concern, to include the People's Republic of China (PRC), developing dual-use strategic technologies that benefit a foreign adversary's military modernization efforts, surveillance states, and human rights abuses, restricting certain United States outbound investments into these technologies in countries of concern is necessary to prevent harm to United States national security and foreign policy interests; and*

*(2) the President should therefore exercise the authorities granted in this title or any amendment made by this title to prevent countries of concern from exploiting United States capital to undermine United States national security and foreign policy interests.*

***SEC. 8505. TERMINATION.***

*This title and any amendment made by this title shall cease to have any force or effect on the date that is seven years after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

## *Subtitle B—Imposition of Sanctions*

***SEC. 8511. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The President may impose the sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to any foreign person determined to be a covered foreign person.*

*(b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The President may exercise all of the powers granted to the President under the International Emergency*

*Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent necessary to prohibit any United States person from investing in or purchasing significant amounts of equity or debt instruments of a foreign person that is determined to be a covered foreign person pursuant to subsection (a).*

*(c) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to any person who violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of any prohibition of this section, or an order or regulation prescribed under this section, to the same extent that such penalties apply to a person that commits an unlawful act described in section 206(a) of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1705(a)).*

*(d) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under this section shall not apply with respect to—*

*(1) any activity subject to the reporting requirements under title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.); or*

*(2) any authorized intelligence activities of the United States.*

*(e) EXCEPTION FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this section shall prohibit transactions for the conduct of the official business of the Federal Government by employees, grantees, or contractors thereof.*

*(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for seven years, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that states whether any foreign person on the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List is a covered foreign person.*

*(2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.*

*(g) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—The President may exercise all authorities provided under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this section.*

*(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to limit the authority of the President to designate foreign persons for the imposition of sanctions pursuant to any other provision of Federal law, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).*

***SEC. 8512. DEFINITIONS.***

*In this subtitle:*

*(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term "appropriate congressional committees" means—*

*(A) the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and*

*(B) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.*

*(2) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term "country of concern" means the People's Republic of China, including the Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative Regions.*

*(3) COVERED FOREIGN PERSON.—The term "covered foreign person" means a foreign person—*

*(A) that is incorporated in, has a principal place of business in, or is organized under the laws of a country of concern;*

*(B) that is a member of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party or member of the political leadership of a country of concern;*

*(C) that is the state or the government of a country of concern, as well as any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof;*

*(D) that is subject to the direction or control of any entity described in subparagraphs (A) through (C); or*

*(E) that is owned in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, 50 percent or more by an entity or a group of entities described in subparagraphs (A) through (C); and*

*(F) that knowingly engaged in significant operations in the defense and related materiel sector or the surveillance technology sector of the economy of a country of concern.*

*(4) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term "foreign person" means a person that is not a United States person.*

*(5) KNOWINGLY.—The term "knowingly", with respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result, means that a person has actual knowledge, or should have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the result.*

*(6) NON-SDN CHINESE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX COMPANIES LIST.—The term "Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List" means the list maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury under Executive Order 13959, as amended by Executive Order 14032 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to addressing the threat from securities investments that finance certain companies of the People's Republic of China), or any successor order.*

*(7) PERSON.—The term "person" means an individual or entity.*

*(8) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term "United States person" means—*

*(A) any United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States;*

*(B) an entity organized under the laws of the United States or of any jurisdiction within the United States (including any foreign branch of such an entity); or*

*(C) any person in the United States.*

***SEC. 8513. EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF GOODS.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and requirements to impose sanctions authorized under this title shall not include the authority or requirement to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.*

*(b) GOOD DEFINED.—In this section, the term "good" means any article, natural or manmade substance, material, supply or manufactured product, including inspection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.*

## *Subtitle C—Prohibition and Notification on Investments Relating to Covered National Security Transactions*

***SEC. 8521. PROHIBITION AND NOTIFICATION ON INVESTMENTS RELATING TO COVERED NATIONAL SECURITY TRANSACTIONS.***

*The Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

## *"TITLE VIII—PROHIBITION AND NOTIFICATION ON INVESTMENTS RELATING TO COVERED NATIONAL SECURITY TRANSACTIONS*

***"SEC. 801. PROHIBITION ON INVESTMENTS.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may prohibit, in accordance with regulations issued under subsection (e), a United States person, including its controlled foreign entities, from knowingly engaging in a covered national security transaction in any prohibited technology.*

*"(b) EVASION.—Any action that evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding, causes a violation of, or attempts to violate the prohibition set forth in subsection (a) is prohibited.*

*"(c) EXEMPTIONS.—*

*"(1) NATIONAL INTEREST EXEMPTION.—Subject to subsection (d), the Secretary is authorized to exempt from the prohibition set forth in subsection (a) any activity determined by the President, in consultation with the Secretary, or delegated to the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of State, and, as appropriate, the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to be in the national interest of the United States.*

*"(2) INTELLIGENCE EXEMPTION.—Regulations issued under subsection (e) shall not apply to any authorized intelligence activities of the United States.*

*"(d) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall—*

*"(1) notify the appropriate congressional committees not later than five business days after issuing an exemption under subsection (c); and*

*"(2) include in such notification an identification of the national interest justifying the use of the exemption, subject to appropriate confidentiality and classification requirements.*

*"(e) REGULATIONS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of State and, as appropriate, the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, may issue or update existing regulations to carry out this section subject to public notice and comment in accordance with subchapter II of chapter 5 and chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, and not subject to the requirements of section 709. The regulations issued pursuant to this paragraph shall, as*

*necessary, amend, terminate, supersede, revoke, or streamline existing requirements in part 850 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (the Outbound Investment Rule) and shall provide a reasonable timeframe for compliance.*

*"(2) NON-BINDING FEEDBACK.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued under paragraph (1) shall include a process under which a person can request to receive non-binding feedback on a confidential basis, or as anonymized guidance to the public, as to whether a transaction would constitute a covered national security transaction in a prohibited technology.*

*"(B) AUTHORITY TO LIMIT FRIVOLOUS FEEDBACK REQUESTS.—In establishing the process required by subparagraph (A), the Secretary may prescribe limitations on requests for feedback identified as frivolous for purposes of this subsection.*

*"(3) NOTICE; OPPORTUNITY TO CURE.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued under paragraph (1) shall account for whether a United States person has self-identified and self-disclosed a violation of the prohibition set forth in subsection (a) in determining the legal consequences of that violation.*

*"(B) SELF-DISCLOSURE LETTERS.—The regulations issued under paragraph (1) shall dictate the form and content of a letter of self-disclosure, which shall include relevant facts about the violation, why the United States person believes its activity to have violated the prohibition set forth in subsection (a), and a proposal for mitigation of the harm of such action.*

*"(4) LOW-BURDEN REGULATIONS.—In issuing regulations under paragraph (1), the Secretary should balance the priority of protecting the national security interest of the United States while, to the extent practicable—*

*"(A) minimizing the cost and complexity of compliance for affected parties, including the duplication of reporting requirements under current regulations;*

*"(B) adopting the least burdensome alternative that achieves regulatory objectives; and*

*"(C) prioritizing transparency and stakeholder involvement in the process of issuing the rules.*

*"(5) BURDEN OF PROOF.—In accordance with section 556(d) of title 5, United States Code, in an enforcement action for a violation of the prohibition set forth in subsection (a), the burden of proof shall be upon the Secretary.*

***"SEC. 802. NOTIFICATION ON INVESTMENTS.***

*"(a) MANDATORY NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 450 days after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary shall issue regulations prescribed in accordance with subsection (b), to require a United States person that itself or whose controlled foreign entity knowingly engages in a covered national security transaction in a prohibited technology (unless the Secretary has exercised the authority provided by section 801(a) to prohibit knowingly engaging in such covered national security transaction) or a notifiable technology to submit to the Secretary a written notification of the trans-*

*action not later than 30 days after the completion date of the transaction.*

*"(b) REGULATIONS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 450 days after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of State, and, as appropriate, the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall issue regulations to carry out this section subject to public notice and comment in accordance with subchapter II of chapter 5 and chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, and not subject to the requirements of section 709. The regulations issued pursuant to this paragraph shall as necessary, amend, terminate, supersede, revoke, or streamline existing requirements in part 850 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (the Outbound Investment Rule) and shall provide a reasonable timeframe for compliance.*

*"(2) LOW-BURDEN REGULATIONS.—In issuing regulations under paragraph (1), the Secretary should balance the priority of protecting the national security interest of the United States while, to the extent practicable—*

*"(A) minimizing the cost and complexity of compliance for affected parties, including the duplication of reporting requirements under current regulation;*

*"(B) adopting the least burdensome alternative that achieves regulatory objectives; and*

*"(C) prioritizing transparency and stakeholder involvement in the process of issuing the rules.*

*"(3) BURDEN OF PROOF.—In accordance with section 556(d) of title 5, United States Code, in an enforcement action for a violation of the prohibition set forth in subsection (a), the burden of proof shall be upon the Secretary.*

*"(4) COMPLETENESS OF NOTIFICATION.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, upon receipt of a notification under subsection (a), promptly inspect the notification for completeness.*

*"(B) INCOMPLETE NOTIFICATIONS.—If a notification submitted under subsection (a) is incomplete, the Secretary shall promptly inform the United States person that submits the notification that the notification is not complete and provide an explanation of relevant material respects in which the notification is not complete.*

*"(5) IDENTIFICATION OF NON-NOTIFIED ACTIVITY.—The Secretary shall establish a process to identify covered national security transactions in a prohibited technology or a notifiable technology for which—*

*"(A) a notification is not submitted to the Secretary under subsection (a); and*

*"(B) information is reasonably available.*

*"(c) INAPPLICABILITY.—If the Secretary prohibits a covered national security transaction in a prohibited technology under section 801, the requirements of this section shall not apply with respect to the covered national security transaction.*

***"SEC. 803. REPORT.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this title, and not less frequently than annually thereafter, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and, as appropriate, the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report, subject to appropriate confidentiality and classification requirements, that—*

*"(1) lists all enforcement actions taken subject to the existing regulations and regulations issued under section 801(e) and 802(b) during the year preceding submission of the report, which includes, with respect to each such action, a description of—*

*"(A) the prohibited technology or notifiable technology;*

*"(B) the covered national security transaction;*

*"(C) the covered foreign person; and*

*"(D) the relevant United States person;*

*"(2) provides an assessment of the definition of the term 'prohibited technology' under existing regulations or regulations issued under section 801(e) or 802(b) by—*

*"(A) identifying additional technologies that the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce and, as applicable, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Energy, the Director of National Intelligence, and the heads of any other relevant Federal agencies, determined under existing regulations or regulations issued pursuant to 801(e) may pose an acute threat to the national security of the United States if developed or acquired by a country of concern;*

*"(B) explaining why each technology identified in subparagraph (A) may pose an acute threat to the national security of the United States if developed or acquired by a country of concern; and*

*"(C) describing any removal of technologies from the category of prohibited technology under existing regulations or regulations issued under section 801(e) during the reporting period to the extent that the technologies no longer pose an acute threat to the national security of the United States if developed or acquired by a country of concern;*

*"(3) lists all notifications submitted under existing regulations or regulations issued section 802 during the year preceding submission of the report and includes, with respect to each such notification—*

*"(A) basic information on each party to the covered national security transaction with respect to which the notification was submitted; and*

*"(B) the nature of the covered national security transaction that was the subject of the notification, including the elements of the covered national security transaction that necessitated a notification;*

*"(4) includes a summary of those notifications, disaggregated by prohibited technology, by notifiable technology, by covered national security transaction, and by country of concern;*

*"(5) provides additional context and information regarding trends in the prohibited technology, notifiable technology, the types of covered national security transaction, and the countries involved in those notifications; and*

*"(6) assesses the overall impact of those notifications, including recommendations for—*

*"(A) expanding existing Federal programs to support the production or supply of prohibited technologies or notifiable technologies in the United States, including the potential of existing authorities to address any related national security concerns;*

*"(B) investments needed to enhance prohibited technologies or notifiable technologies and reduce United States dependence on countries of concern regarding those technologies; and*

*"(C) the continuation, expansion, or modification of the implementation and administration of this title.*

*"(b) CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—In preparing the report pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary—*

*"(1) shall consider information provided jointly by the chairperson and ranking member of any of the appropriate congressional committees;*

*"(2) may consider credible information obtained by other countries and nongovernmental organizations that monitor the military, surveillance, intelligence, or technology capabilities of a country of concern; and*

*"(3) may consider any other information that the Secretary deems relevant.*

*"(c) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report required by this section shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.*

*"(d) TESTIMONY REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this title, and annually thereafter for five years, the Secretary and the Secretary of Commerce, or their designee, shall each provide to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Financial Services of the House of Representatives testimony with respect to the national security threats relating to investments by United States persons in countries of concern and broader international capital flows.*

*"(e) REQUESTS BY APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—After receiving a request that meets the requirements of paragraph (2) with respect to whether a technology should be included in the amendments as described in subsection (a)(2), the Secretary shall, in preparing the report pursuant to subsection (a)—*

*"(A) determine if that technology may pose an acute threat to the national security of the United States if developed or acquired by a country of concern; and*

*"(B) include in the report pursuant to subsection (a) an explanation with respect to that determination that includes—*

*"(i) a statement of whether or not the technology, as determined by the Secretary, may pose an acute threat*

*to the national security of the United States if developed or acquired by a country of concern; and*

*"(ii) if the Secretary determines that—*

*"(I) the technology may pose an acute threat to the national security of the United States if developed or acquired by a country of concern, an explanation for such determination and a recommendation whether that technology should be named a prohibited technology or a notifiable technology; and*

*"(II) the technology would not pose an acute threat to the national security of the United States if developed or acquired by a country of concern, an explanation for such determination.*

*"(2) REQUIREMENTS.—A request under paragraph (1) with respect to whether a technology may pose an acute threat to the national security of the United States if developed or acquired by a country of concern shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing jointly by the chairperson and ranking member of 1 or more of the appropriate congressional committees.*

***"SEC. 804. MULTILATERAL ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION.***

*"(a) AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, should—*

*"(1) conduct bilateral and multilateral engagement with the governments of countries that are allies and partners of the United States to promote and increase coordination of protocols and procedures to facilitate the effective implementation of and appropriate compliance with the prohibitions and notification requirement pursuant to this title;*

*"(2) upon adoption of protocols and procedures described in paragraph (1), work with those governments to establish mechanisms for sharing information, including trends, with respect to such activities; and*

*"(3) work with and encourage the governments of countries that are allies and partners of the United States to develop similar mechanisms of their own, for the exclusive purpose of preventing the development of prohibited technologies by a country of concern.*

*"(b) STRATEGY FOR MULTILATERAL ENGAGEMENT AND COORDINATION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the regulations implementing enactment of this title, the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, should—*

*"(1) develop a strategy to work with the governments of countries that are allies and partners of the United States to develop mechanisms that are comparable to the prohibitions and notification requirements pursuant to this title, for the exclusive purpose of preventing the development of prohibited technologies by a country of concern; and*

*"(2) assess opportunities to provide technical assistance to those countries with respect to the development of those mechanisms.*

*"(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the regulations implementing enactment of this title, and annually thereafter for four years, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report, subject to the appropriate confidentiality and classification requirements, that includes—*

*"(1) a discussion of any strategy developed pursuant to subsection (b)(1), including key tools and objectives for the development of comparable mechanisms by the governments of allies and partners of the United States;*

*"(2) a list of partner and allied countries to target for cooperation in developing their own prohibitions;*

*"(3) the status of the strategy's implementation and outcomes; and*

*"(4) a description of impediments to the establishment of comparable mechanisms by governments of allies and partners of the United States.*

*"(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'appropriate congressional committees' means—*

*"(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and*

*"(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives.*

***"SEC. 805. PUBLIC DATABASE OF COVERED FOREIGN PERSONS.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, may establish a publicly accessible, non-exhaustive database that identifies covered foreign persons that are either engaged in a prohibited technology or a notifiable technology pursuant to this title.*

*"(b) MODIFICATION PROCESS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, is authorized to establish a mechanism for a covered foreign person to petition for their removal from or inclusion in the publicly accessible, non-exhaustive database described in (a).*

*"(c) CONFIDENTIALITY OF EVIDENCE.—The Secretary shall establish a mechanism for the public, including Congress, stakeholders, investors, and nongovernmental organizations, to submit evidence on a confidential basis regarding whether a foreign person is a covered foreign person in a prohibited technology or notifiable technology and should be included in the database described in subsection (a), if any.*

*"(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The database described in subsection (a), if any, shall not be considered to be an exhaustive or comprehensive list of covered foreign persons for the purposes of this title.*

***"SEC. 806. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.***

*"Nothing in this title may be construed to negate the authority of the President under any authority, process, regulation, investigation, enforcement measure, or review provided by or established under any other provision of Federal law, including the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), or any other authority of the President or the Congress under the Constitution of the United States.*

***"SEC. 807. PENALTIES.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The regulations issued under section 801 or 802 shall provide for the imposition of civil penalties described in subsection (b).*

*"(b) PENALTIES DESCRIBED.—*

*"(1) UNLAWFUL ACTS.—It shall be unlawful for a person to violate, attempt to violate, conspire to violate, or cause a violation of any order, regulation, notification requirement, or prohibition issued under this title.*

*"(2) CIVIL PENALTY.—The Secretary may impose civil penalties on any person who commits an unlawful act described in paragraph (1) in amounts equivalent to amounts provided for under section 206(b) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705(b)) for violations under that Act.*

*"(3) DIVESTMENT.—The Secretary may compel the divestment of a covered national security transaction in a prohibited technology determined to be in violation of section 801(a) or regulations issued thereunder.*

*"(4) RELIEF.—The President may direct the Attorney General of the United States to seek appropriate relief, including divestment relief for violations of the prohibition set forth in subsection 801(a), in the district courts of the United States, in order to implement and enforce this title.*

***"SEC. 808. EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), any information or documentary material filed with the Secretary or the Secretary's designee pursuant to this title shall be exempt from disclosure under section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code, and no such information or documentary material may be made public.*

*"(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not prohibit the disclosure of the following, subject to appropriate confidentiality and classification requirements:*

*"(1) Information relevant to any administrative or judicial action or proceeding.*

*"(2) Information to Congress or any duly authorized committee or subcommittee of Congress.*

*"(3) Information important to the national security analysis or actions of the Secretary to any domestic governmental entity, or to any foreign governmental entity of a United States ally or partner, under the exclusive direction and authorization of the Secretary, only to the extent necessary for national security purposes, and subject to appropriate confidentiality and classification requirements.*

*"(4) Identity of a covered foreign person in the public database described in section 805.*

*"(5) Information that the parties have consented to be disclosed to third parties.*

*"(6) Information gathered by the Secretary or the Secretary's designee where the disclosure is determined to be in the national security interest, which may include publication of anonymized data.*

***"SEC. 809. DEFINITIONS.***

*"In this title:*

*"(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—Except as provided in section 804(d), the term 'appropriate congressional committees' means—*

*"(A) the Committee on Financial Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and*

*"(B) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.*

*"(2) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term 'country of concern' means—*

*"(A) the People's Republic of China, including the Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative Regions;*

*"(B) the Republic of Cuba;*

*"(C) the Islamic Republic of Iran;*

*"(D) the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;*

*"(E) the Russian Federation; and*

*"(F) the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela under the regime of Nicolas Maduro Moros.*

*"(3) COVERED FOREIGN PERSON.—Subject to regulations prescribed in accordance with this title, the term 'covered foreign person' means a foreign person that—*

*"(A) is incorporated in, has a principal place of business in, or is organized under the laws of a country of concern;*

*"(B) is a member of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party or is a member of the political leadership of a country of concern;*

*"(C) is subject to the direction or control of a country of concern, as defined by regulation, an entity described in subparagraph (A) or (B), or the state or the government of a country of concern (including any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof); or*

*"(D) is owned in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, 50 percent or more by a country of concern, an entity described in subparagraph (A) or (B), or the state or the government of a country of concern (including any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof).*

*"(4) COVERED NATIONAL SECURITY TRANSACTION.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to such regulations as may be issued in accordance with this title, the term 'covered national security transaction' means a United States person's direct or indirect—*

*"(i) acquisition of an equity interest or contingent equity interest in a covered foreign person that the United States person knows at the time of the acquisition is a covered foreign person;*

*"(ii) provision of a loan or similar debt financing arrangement to a covered foreign person that the United States person knows at the time of the provision is a covered foreign person, where such debt financing affords or will afford the United States person an interest in profits of the covered foreign person, the right to appoint members of the board of directors (or equivalent) of the covered foreign person, or other comparable*

*financial or governance rights characteristic of an equity investment but not typical of a loan;*

*"(iii) entrance by such United States person into a joint venture, wherever located, that is formed with a person of a country of concern, and that the subject United States person knows at the time of entrance into the joint venture that the joint venture will engage, or plans to engage, in a prohibited technology or notifiable technology;*

*"(iv) conversion of a contingent equity interest (or interest equivalent to a contingent equity interest) or conversion of debt to an equity interest in a covered foreign person;*

*"(v) acquisition, leasing, or other development of operations, land, property, or other assets in a country of concern that the United States person knows at the time of such acquisition, leasing, or other development will result in, or that the United States person plans to result in—*

*"(I) the establishment of a covered foreign person; or*

*"(II) the engagement of a person of a country of concern in a prohibited technology or notifiable technology;*

*"(vi) knowingly directing prohibited transactions or notifiable transactions by foreign persons that the United States person has knowledge at the time of the transaction would constitute an activity described in clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v), if engaged in by a United States person;*

*"(vii) acquisition of a limited partner or equivalent interest in a venture capital fund, private equity fund, fund of funds, or other pooled investment fund (in each case where the fund is not a United States person) that the United States person has knowledge at the time of the acquisition likely will invest in a person of a country of concern that is in one of the notifiable technology or prohibited technology sectors, and such fund undertakes a transaction that would be a covered national security transaction if undertaken by a United States person; or*

*"(viii) any other transaction identified by the Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate congressional committees and subject to public notice and comment in accordance with subchapter II of chapter 5 and chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, and not subject to the requirements of section 709, that is contributing to the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities of a country of concern.*

*"(B) EXCEPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS.—Subject to regulations prescribed in accordance with this title, the term 'covered national security transaction' does not include—*

*"(i) any transaction the value of which the Secretary determines is de minimis;*

*"(ii) any category of transactions that the Secretary determines is in the national interest of the United States;*

*"(iii) an investment—*

*"(I) in a security (as defined in section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a))) that is traded on an exchange or the over-the-counter market in any jurisdiction;*

*"(II) in a security issued by an investment company (as defined in section 3 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–3)) that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or, if the Secretary chooses to include it as an exception from a covered national security transaction, in a security issued by a non-United States investment company that is registered with a foreign regulator with comparable oversight standards and regulatory jurisdiction to the Securities and Exchange Commission as determined by the Secretary of Treasury;*

*"(III) made as a limited partner or equivalent in a venture capital fund, private equity fund, fund of funds, or other pooled investment fund (other than as described in subclause (II)) where—*

*"(aa) the limited partner or equivalent's committed capital is not more than a de minimis amount, as determined by the Secretary, aggregated across any investment and co-investment vehicles of the fund; or*

*"(bb) the limited partner or equivalent has secured a binding contractual assurance that its capital in the fund will not be used to engage in a transaction that would be a covered national security transaction if engaged in by a United States person; or*

*"(IV) in a derivative of a security described under subclause (I), (II), or (III);*

*"(iv) any ancillary transaction undertaken by a financial institution (as defined in section 5312 of title 31, United States Code);*

*"(v) the acquisition by a United States person of the equity or other interest owned or held by a covered foreign person in an entity or assets located outside of a country of concern in which the United States person is acquiring the totality of the interest in the entity held by the covered foreign person;*

*"(vi) an intracompany transfer of funds, as defined in regulations prescribed in accordance with this title, from a United States parent company to a subsidiary located in a country of concern or a transaction that, but for this clause, would be a covered national security transaction between a United States person and its controlled foreign person that supports operations that are not covered national security transactions or that*

*maintains covered national security transactions that the controlled foreign person was engaged in prior to the effective date of the regulations implementing this title;*

*"(vii) a transaction secondary to a covered national security transaction, including—*

*"(I) contractual arrangements (not including contractual arrangements for technology transfer or technical knowledge transfer) or the procurement of material inputs for any covered national security transaction (such as raw materials);*

*"(II) bank lending;*

*"(III) the processing, clearing, or sending of payments by a bank;*

*"(IV) underwriting services including, but not limited to, the temporary acquisition of an equity interest for the sole purpose of facilitating underwriting services;*

*"(V) debt rating services;*

*"(VI) prime brokerage;*

*"(VII) global custody;*

*"(VIII) equity research or analysis; or*

*"(IX) other similar services;*

*"(viii) any ordinary or administrative business transaction as may be defined in such regulations; or*

*"(ix) any transaction completed before the date of the enactment of this title.*

*"(C) ANCILLARY TRANSACTION DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term 'ancillary transaction' means, subject to regulations prescribed by the Secretary—*

*"(i) the processing, settling, clearing, or sending of payments and cash transactions;*

*"(ii) underwriting services, including the temporary acquisition of an equity interest for the sole purpose of facilitating underwriting services;*

*"(iii) credit rating services; and*

*"(iv) other services ordinarily incident to and part of the provision of financial services, such as opening deposit accounts, direct custody services, foreign exchange services, remittances services, and safe deposit services.*

*"(5) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term 'foreign person' has the meaning given that term in regulations prescribed in accordance with this title.*

*"(6) KNOWLEDGE; KNOW.—The terms 'knowledge' or 'know' mean—*

*"(A) actual knowledge that a fact or circumstance exists or is substantially certain to occur;*

*"(B) an awareness of a high probability of a fact or circumstance's existence or future occurrence; or*

*"(C) reason to know of a fact or circumstance's existence.*

*"(7) NOTIFIABLE TECHNOLOGY.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the regulations prescribed in accordance with this title, the term 'notifiable technology' means a technology within the following areas not already*

*captured by the technical thresholds specified by any regulations issued in accordance with section 801:*

*"(i) Semiconductor technology and microelectronics.*

*"(ii) Artificial intelligence systems.*

*"(iii) Quantum information technologies.*

*"(iv) High-performance computing and supercomputing.*

*"(v) Hypersonic systems.*

*"(B) UPDATES.—The Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate congressional committees and subject to notice and comment in accordance with subchapter II of chapter 5 and chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, and not subject to the requirements of section 709, may prescribe regulations in accordance with this title to—*

*"(i) define the technical parameters of technologies described in subparagraph (A),as reasonably needed for national security purposes; or*

*"(ii) to add and define categories to the list in subparagraph (A) that enable the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities of a country of concern.*

*"(8) PARTY.—The term 'party', with respect to a covered national security transaction, has the meaning given that term in regulations prescribed in accordance with this title.*

*"(9) PERSON.—The term 'person' includes an individual, corporation, partnership, association, or any other organized group of persons, or legal successor or representative thereof, or any State or local government or agency thereof.*

*"(10) PROHIBITED TECHNOLOGY.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the regulations prescribed in accordance with this title, the term 'prohibited technology' means a technology within the following areas, as specified by the regulations:*

*"(i) Advanced semiconductor technology and microelectronics.*

*"(ii) Artificial intelligence systems.*

*"(iii) Quantum information technologies.*

*"(iv) High-performance computing and supercomputing.*

*"(v) Hypersonic systems.*

*"(B) UPDATES.—The Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate congressional committees and subject to notice and comment in accordance with subchapter II of chapter 5 and chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, and not subject to the requirements of section 709, may prescribe regulations in accordance with this title to—*

*"(i) define the technical parameters of technologies described in subparagraph (A), as reasonably needed for national security purposes; or*

*"(ii) to add and define categories to the list in subparagraph (A) that enable the military, intelligence, surveillance, or cyber-enabled capabilities of a country of concern.*

*"(11) SECRETARY.—Except as otherwise provided, the term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Treasury.*

*"(12) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term 'United States person' means—*

*"(A) any United States citizen or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States;*

*"(B) an entity organized under the laws of the United States or of any jurisdiction within the United States (including any foreign branch of such an entity); or*

*"(C) any person in the United States.".*

## *Subtitle D—Securities and Related Matters*

### *SEC. 8531. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE NON-SDN CHINESE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX COMPANIES LIST.*

*(a) REPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and biennially thereafter for six years, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that states whether any of the following foreign persons qualifies for inclusion on the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List:*

*(A) Any PRC person listed on the Military End-User List (Supplement No. 7 to part 744 of the Export Administration Regulations).*

*(B) Any PRC person listed pursuant to section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note).*

*(C) Any PRC person listed on the Department of Commerce's Entity List (Supplement No. 4 to part 744 of the Export Administration Regulations).*

*(D) Any PRC person listed on the Federal Communications Commission's Covered List pursuant to the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601).*

*(E) Any PRC person listed on the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act Entity List pursuant to the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (P.L. 117-78).*

*(2) PROCESS REQUIRED.—To prepare the reports required by paragraph (1), the President shall establish a process under which the Federal agencies responsible for administering the lists described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (1) shall share with each other all relevant information that led to the identification of the entities described in such lists.*

*(3) RISK-BASED PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK.—In making the initial determinations under paragraph (1), the Secretary may establish a risk-based prioritization framework factoring in prioritization of entity review submitted to the Secretary by the Federal agencies administering the lists described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (1).*

*(4) ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The report under paragraph (1) may summarize findings concerning entities previously reviewed pursuant to*

*this section that do not necessitate additional review by the Secretary.*

*(5) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The Secretary shall include in the report required by paragraph (1) an overview of the criteria required for listing on the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List. The heads of the Federal agencies administering the lists described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (1) shall provide to the Secretary for use in the report an overview of the criteria for entity identification or listing on each respective list.*

*(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term "appropriate congressional committees" means—*

*(A) the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and*

*(B) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.*

*(2) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term "country of concern"—*

*(A) means the People's Republic of China; and*

*(B) includes the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Macau Special Administrative Region.*

*(3) NON-SDN CHINESE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX COMPANIES LIST.—The term "Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List" means the list maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury under Executive Order 13959, as amended by Executive Order 14032 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to addressing the threat from securities investments that finance certain companies of the People's Republic of China), and any successor order.*

*(4) PRC PERSON.—The term "PRC person" means a foreign person that—*

*(A) is incorporated in a principal place of business in, or is organized under the laws of, a country of concern;*

*(B) is a member of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party;*

*(C) is the state or the government of a country of concern, as well as any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof; or*

*(D) is owned in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, 50 percent or more by an entity or a group of entities described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C).*

# *TITLE LXXXVI—SECURING THE AIRSPACE, FACILITATING EMERGENCY RESPONSE, AND SAFEGUARDING KEY INFRASTRUCTURE, ENTERTAINMENT VENUES, AND STADIUMS*

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***SEC. 8601. SHORT TITLE.***

*This title may be cited as the "SAFER SKIES Act".*

***SEC. 8602. DRONE COUNTERMEASURES TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.***

*Section 210G of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124n) is amended—*

*(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:*

*"(a) AUTHORITIES.—*

*"(1) AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.—Notwithstanding section 46502 of title 49, United States Code, or sections 32, 1030, 1367 and chapters 119 and 206 of title 18, United States Code, the Secretary and the Attorney General may, for their respective Departments, take and may authorize personnel to take such actions as are described in subsection (b)(1) that are necessary to enforce the law, protect the public, or to mitigate a credible threat that an unmanned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft poses to the safety or security of a covered facility or asset.*

*"(2) AUTHORITY OF STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL AGENCIES.—Notwithstanding section 46502 of title 49, United States Code, or sections 32, 1030, 1367 and chapters 119 and 206 of title 18, United States Code, notwithstanding the laws of any particular State, local, Tribal, or territorial jurisdiction, and after completing the training detailed in subsection (d)(2), any State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement or correctional agency may, subject to subsection (d)(2), take, and authorize personnel with assigned duties that include the security or protection of people, facilities, or assets, to take such actions as are described in subsection (b)(1) that are necessary to mitigate a credible threat that an unmanned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft poses to the safety or security of people, facilities, and assets, a venue or set of venues used for large-scale public gatherings or events, critical infrastructure, or correctional facilities.";*

*(2) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by striking "and electromagnetic means" and inserting "electromagnetic means, and through the use of remote identification broadcast or other means"; and*

*(3) in subsection (c)—*

*(A) by inserting "pursuant to subsection (a)(1)" after "Attorney General";*

*(B) by striking "Any unmanned" and inserting the following:*

*"(1) FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Any unmanned"; and*

*(C) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(2) OTHER AGENCIES.—Any unmanned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft described in subsection (a) that is seized by a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement or correc-*

*tional agency pursuant to subsection (a)(2) is subject to forfeiture under the laws of the agency's jurisdiction.";*

*(4) in subsection (d)—*

*(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "or the Attorney General" and inserting ", the Attorney General, or any State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement or correctional agency";*

*(B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and*

*(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:*

*"(2) STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.—*

*"(A) TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—*

*"(i) IN GENERAL.—Only State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement and correctional officers who have been trained and certified by the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security through a national schoolhouse which will serve as the sole certifying authority for State, local, Tribal, territorial, and correctional officers in the use of the authority granted under subsection (a)(2), may exercise authorities in subsection (b)(1)(C), (D), and (F).*

*"(ii) TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES.—The Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Transportation, shall, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the SAFER SKIES Act, develop training and certification procedures for the use of the authority described in subsection (a)(2) that State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement and correctional officers shall be required to satisfy before taking any actions described in subsection (b)(1).*

*"(iii) TECHNOLOGIES.—Technologies used by State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement or correctional agencies to take actions described in subsection (b)(1) shall be limited to systems or technologies that are included on a list of authorized technologies maintained jointly by the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, the Department of Transportation, the Federal Communications Commission, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.*

*"(B) OVERSIGHT.—The Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, shall oversee compliance with the requirements set forth in subsection (e) with respect to the use of the authority granted under subsection (a)(2) by each State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agency that has been certified pursuant to the training and certification requirements described in subparagraph (A).*

*"(C) STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL AGENCIES MITIGATION NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—*

*"(i) IN GENERAL.—Any State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement or correctional agency exercising authority under subsection (a)(2) shall, within 48 hours of taking any mitigation action described in subsection (b)(1), submit a notification to the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security containing—*

*"(I) the date, time, and geographic location of the mitigation action;*

*"(II) a brief description of the credible threat or safety concern necessitating such action;*

*"(III) the type of mitigation capability employed; and*

*"(IV) any known operational effects, including the seizure, disabling, or destruction of an unmanned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft.*

*"(ii) REPORT MECHANISM.—The Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish a streamlined and secure submission mechanism to support the notification requirement under clause (i).*

*"(D) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the SAFER SKIES Act, and biannually thereafter, the Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Transportation, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an unclassified report with a classified annex on activities carried out by State, local, Tribal, and territorial law and correctional enforcement agencies exercising the authority granted under subsection (a)(2) and subject to the training and certification requirements described in subparagraph (A), including—*

*"(i) a description of the training and certification procedures developed and implemented pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ii);*

*"(ii) a list of State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement and correctional agencies that applied for and were certified to exercise the authorities granted by subsection (a)(2);*

*"(iii) a list of currently authorized technologies pursuant to subparagraph (A)(iii);*

*"(iv) the frequency, location, and circumstances of State, local, Tribal, territorial, and correctional officers mitigation deployments and types of mitigation employed;*

*"(v) a list of any aviation security or safety incidents that occurred due to State, local, Tribal, territorial, and correctional officers deployment of counter-UAS technologies;*

*"(vi) recommendations for improving State, local, Tribal, and territorial law and correctional agencies counter-UAS training, oversight, compliance, and exe-*

*cution and the compliance audits required by section 8606(b)(2) of the SAFER SKIES Act; and*

*"(vii) a determination on if State, local, Tribal, and territorial law and correctional agencies are able to fully protect critical infrastructure from the drone threat and if not, recommendations on how to expand counter-UAS authorities to critical infrastructure owners.";*

*(5) in subsection (e)—*

*(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "or the Attorney General" and inserting ", the Attorney General, or any State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement or correctional agency";*

*(B) in paragraph (3)—*

*(i) by striking "or the Attorney General" and inserting ", the Attorney General, or any State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement or correctional agency";*

*(ii) by inserting ", State, local, Tribal, or territorial" after "Federal"; and*

*(iii) by inserting "(as applicable)" after "law";*

*(C) in paragraph (4), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "or the Department of Justice" and inserting "the Department of Justice, or the State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement or correctional agency"; and*

*(D) in paragraph (5)—*

*(i) by striking "tribal" and inserting "Tribal"; and*

*(ii) by inserting "other than those of an aeronautical communications system, as allowed for in section 2511(2)(g)(ii)(IV) of title 18, United States Code, or information readily available to the public" after "which shall not include communications";*

*(6) in subsection (g)(3)(G)—*

*(A) by inserting "Tribal, territorial," after "State,"; and*

*(B) by inserting ", including those exercised under subsection (a)(2)" after "authorities";*

*(7) by redesignating subsections (j), (k), and (l) as subsections (k), (l), and (m);*

*(8) by striking subsection (i) and inserting the following:*

*"(i) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS TO ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE MITIGATION OF THREATS FROM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS OR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.—Sections 32, 1030, and 1367 and chapters 119 and 206 of title 18, United States Code, and section 46502 of title 49, United States Code, may not be construed to apply to activities of the Coast Guard, whether under this section or any other provision of law, that—*

*"(1) are conducted outside the United States; and*

*"(2) are related to the mitigation of threats from unmanned aircraft systems or unmanned aircraft.*

*"(j) TERMINATIONS.—*

*"(1) COUNTER-UAS AUTHORITY.—The authority to carry out this section with respect to a covered facility or asset, protecting the public, and enforcing the law shall terminate on September 30, 2031.*

*"(2) STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL AGENCIES.—Authority of State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement and correctional agencies under subsection (a)(2) shall terminate on December 31, 2031.";*

*(9) in subsection (l), as so redesignated—*

*(A) in paragraph (3)(C) by inserting "a Federal law enforcement, correctional, and homeland security agency mission necessary to enforce the law, protect the public or to" after "directly relates to";*

*(B) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:*

*"(6)(A) For purposes of subsection (a)(1), the term 'personnel' means officers, employees, contractors, detailed personnel, and deputized personnel who perform Federal law enforcement, correctional, homeland or national security duties.*

*"(B) For purposes of subsection (a)(2), the term 'personnel' means officers and employees of State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement and correctional agencies."; and*

*(C) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(9) The term 'correctional facility' means any jail, prison, or any other penal or detention facility operated by a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement agency, or by a private party that is under contract with a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement agency, and used to house individuals who have been arrested, detained, held, or charged with or convicted of criminal offenses.*

*"(10) The term 'critical infrastructure' has the meaning given the term in subsection (e) of the Critical Infrastructures Protection Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–56)."; and*

*(10) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(n) REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days of after the date of enactment of the SAFER SKIES Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General shall provide the appropriate congressional committees with a plan to establish a reimbursement program for Federal agencies providing counter-UAS protection to events that are not organized or operated by the Federal Government.".*

***SEC. 8603. USE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT AND COUNTER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.***

*Section 501(a)(1) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10152(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

*"(J) Programs to purchase and operate unmanned aircraft systems (as defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code) to benefit public safety.*

*"(K) Programs to purchase and operate counter-UAS systems (as defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code) included on the list of technologies established by subsection (d)(2)(A)(iii) section 210G of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124n(d)(2)(A)(iii)) to exercise the authority granted under subsection (a)(2) of such section.".*

***SEC. 8604. USE OF GRANT FUNDS FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.***

*Section 1701(b) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381(b)) is amended—*

*(1) by redesignating paragraphs (23) and (24) as paragraphs (24) and (25), respectively;*

*(2) by inserting after paragraph (22) the following:*

*"(23) to purchase and operate unmanned aircraft systems (as such term is defined in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code) to benefit public safety;"; and*

*(3) in paragraph (24), as so redesignated, by striking "(22)" and inserting "(23)".*

***SEC. 8605. PENALTIES.***

*(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "unmanned aircraft" has the meaning given the term in section 44801 of title 49, United States Code.*

*(b) FELONY PENALTY FOR REPEAT VIOLATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AIRSPACE.—Section 46307 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: "If a person is convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section, the punishment shall be imprisonment for not more than 5 years, a fine under title 18, or both.".*

*(c) INCREASED PENALTIES FOR OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT TO FACILITATE FELONY OFFENSE.—If a person who is convicted of a felony offense (other than an offense based solely on the operation of an unmanned aircraft) knowingly operated an unmanned aircraft during, in relation to, or in furtherance of such offense, the maximum imprisonment otherwise provided by law for that offense shall be doubled or increased by 5 years, whichever is less.*

*(d) INCREASED PENALTIES FOR USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT TO INTRODUCE CONTRABAND INTO PRISONS.—If a defendant who is convicted under section 1791 of title 18, United States Code, knowingly used an unmanned aircraft to provide a prohibited object to an inmate of a prison, the maximum imprisonment otherwise provided by law for that offense shall be increased by 5 years.*

*(e) DIRECTIVE TO UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION: ENHANCED SENTENCING RANGE FOR USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out the purposes of this section, during the Sentencing Commission's amendment cycle in progress at the time this Act is enacted, the Commission shall, under section 994 of title 28, United States Code,—*

*(A) promulgate guidelines, or amendments to guidelines, that substantially increase the sentencing range for all offenses involving the use of an unmanned aircraft; and*

*(B) as necessary, promulgate policy statements, or amendments to policy statements to assist in the application of this section.*

*(2) ENHANCED PENALTIES.—In any case in which the enhanced penalties of subsection (c) apply, the guidelines and amendments issued under paragraph (1) shall call for an increase of at least 6 levels in the base offense level and in all other cases, the base offense level shall be increased by at least 4 levels.*

*(f) PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED COUNTER-UAS ACTIONS.—Any entity or individual authorized to take such actions to mitigate the threat posed by an unmanned aircraft system or unmanned aircraft pursuant to section 210G of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6*

*U.S.C. 124n) who knowingly engages in such actions without Federal coordination as required by those statutes, shall be subject to—*

*(1) a civil fine up to $100,000 per violation; or*

*(2) suspension of counter-UAS authority pending review by the Attorney General or Secretary of Homeland Security.*

*(g) CIVIL ENFORCEMENT.—The Attorney General is authorized to bring a civil action in a United States district court to collect fines and enforce civil penalties imposed under this section.*

*(h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect 30 days after enactment of this Act.*

***SEC. 8606. RULEMAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION.***

*(a) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Transportation, shall develop and publish regulations governing counter-UAS authority for SLTT law enforcement agencies and correctional agencies under this title and the amendments made by this title.*

*(2) ROLE OF FAA.—In carrying out the rulemaking in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General shall coordinate with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on any aspect of the rulemaking that affects aviation safety, civilian aviation and aerospace operations, aircraft airworthiness, or the use of airspace.*

*(3) SAVING CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to vest in the Secretary or the Attorney General any authority of the Secretary of Transportation or the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.*

*(4) AUTHORIZED EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and the Administrator of National Telecommunications and Information Administrator shall authorize equipment and technology to be used for actions in subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), and (F) of section 210G(b)(1) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002.*

*(b) TRAINING AND COMPLIANCE.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Defense, and the Department of Transportation, shall approve standards for training programs for SLTT law enforcement agencies or correctional agencies for the safe and lawful interception of drones. Such training programs shall include instruction on the legal, operational, and technological aspects of counter-UAS operations.*

*(2) COMPLIANCE AUDITS.—The Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall periodically conduct compliance audits to prevent misuse of counter-UAS authority.*

*(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) SLTT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.—The term "SLTT law enforcement agency" means a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement agency.*

*(2) CORRECTIONAL AGENCY.—The term "correctional agency" means a Federal, State, local, Tribal, or territorial government body responsible for operating correctional facilities or a private party that is under contract with a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement agency to operate such facilities.*

*(3) CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.—The term "correctional facility" means any jail, prison, or any other penal or detention facility operated by a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement agency, or by a private party that is under contract with a State, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement agency, and used to house individuals who have been arrested, detained, held, or charged with or convicted of criminal offenses.*

***SEC. 8607. SEVERABILITY.***

*If any provision of this title, or the application of any provision of this title to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the application of such provision or circumstance and the remainder of this title shall not be affected thereby.*

# *TITLE LXXXVII—DFC MODERNIZATION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025*

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***SEC. 8701. SHORT TITLE.***

*This title may be cited as the "DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025".*

# *Subtitle A—Definitions and Less Developed Country Focus*

***SEC. 8711. DEFINITIONS.***

*Section 1402 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9601) is amended—*

*(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) as paragraphs (2), (5), (6), and (7), respectively;*

*(2) by inserting before paragraph (2), as so redesignated, the following:*

*"(1) ADVANCING INCOME COUNTRY.—The term 'advancing income country', with respect to a fiscal year for the Corporation, means a country the gross national income per capita of which at the start of such fiscal year is—*

*"(A) greater than the World Bank threshold for initiating the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development graduation process; and*

*"(B) is equal to or less than the per capita income threshold for classification as a high-income economy (as defined by the World Bank).";*

*(3) by inserting after paragraph (2), as so redesignated, the following:*

*"(3) COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The term 'country of concern' means any of the following countries:*

*"(A) The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.*

*"(B) The Republic of Cuba.*

*"(C) The Democratic People's Republic of Korea.*

*"(D) The Islamic Republic of Iran.*

*"(E) The People's Republic of China.*

*"(F) The Russian Federation.*

*"(G) The Republic of Belarus.*

*"(4) HIGH-INCOME COUNTRY.—The term 'high-income country', with respect to a fiscal year for the Corporation, means a country with a high-income economy (as defined by the World Bank) at the start of such fiscal year but does not include any wealthy country except to the extent investments in such wealthy country are permitted pursuant to section 1412(f).";*

*(4) by striking paragraph (5), as so redesignated, and inserting the following:*

*"(5) LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRY.—The term 'less developed country', with respect to a fiscal year for the Corporation, means a country the gross national income per capita of which at the start of such fiscal year is equal to or less than the World Bank threshold for initiating the International Bank for Reconstruction Development graduation process."; and*

*(5) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(8) WEALTHY COUNTRY.—The term 'wealthy country', with respect to a fiscal year for the Corporation—*

*"(A) means a country that is among the top 20 countries with the highest gross domestic product per capita at purchasing power parity, as calculated by the World Bank; and*

*"(B) does not include members of the 'Five Eyes' alliance or the overseas territories of the 20 countries referred to in subparagraph (A).".*

***SEC. 8712. LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRY FOCUS.***

*Section 1412 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9612) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (b), in the first sentence—*

*(A) by striking "and countries in transition from nonmarket to market economies" and inserting "countries in transition from nonmarket to market economies, and other eligible foreign countries"; and*

*(B) by inserting "and national security" after "foreign policy"; and*

*(2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:*

*"(c) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—*

*"(1) LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRY FOCUS.—The Corporation shall prioritize the provision of support under title II in less developed countries.*

*"(2) ADVANCING INCOME COUNTRIES.—The Corporation may provide support for a project under title II in an advancing income country if, before providing such support, the Chief Executive Officer certifies in writing to the appropriate congressional committees, that such support will be provided in accordance with the policy established pursuant to subsection (d)(2). Such certification may be included as an appendix to the report required by section 1446.*

*"(3) HIGH-INCOME COUNTRIES.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation may provide support for a project under title II in a high-income country if, before providing such support, the Chief Executive Officer certifies in writing to the appropriate congressional committees that such support will be provided in accordance with the policy established pursuant to subsection (d)(3). Such certification may be included as an appendix to the report required by section 1446.*

*"(B) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of the DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025, and annually thereafter, the Corporation shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report, which may be submitted in classified or confidential form, that includes—*

*"(i) a list of all high-income countries in which the Corporation anticipates providing support in the subsequent fiscal year (and, with respect to the first such report, the then-current fiscal year); and*

*"(ii) to the extent practicable, a description of the type of projects anticipated to receive such support.*

*"(C) PROJECTS IN HIGH-INCOME COUNTRIES NOT PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IN REPORT.—The Corporation may not provide support for a project in a high-income country in*

*any year for which that high-income country is not included on the list required by subparagraph (B)(i), unless, not later than 15 days before commitment, the Corporation consults with and submits to the appropriate congressional committees a notification describing how the proposed project advances the foreign policy interests of the United States.*

*"(4) CONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Projects previously approved by the Corporation shall remain eligible for support notwithstanding any change in the income classification of the country.*

*"(d) STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS POLICY.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall establish policies, which shall be applied on a project-by-project basis, to evaluate and determine the strategic merits of providing support for projects and investments in advancing income countries and high-income countries.*

*"(2) INVESTMENT POLICY FOR ADVANCING INCOME COUNTRIES.—Any policy used to evaluate and determine the strategic merits of providing support for projects in an advancing income country shall require that such projects—*

*"(A) advance—*

*"(i) the national security interests of the United States in accordance with United States foreign policy, as determined by the Secretary of State; or*

*"(ii) significant strategic economic competitiveness imperatives;*

*"(B) are designed in a manner to produce significant developmental outcomes or provide developmental impacts to the poorest populations of such country; and*

*"(C) are structured in a manner that maximizes private capital mobilization.*

*"(3) INVESTMENT POLICY FOR HIGH-INCOME COUNTRIES.—Any policy used to evaluate and determine the strategic merits of providing support for projects in high-income countries shall require that—*

*"(A) each such project meets the requirements described in paragraph (2);*

*"(B) with respect to each project in a high-income country—*

*"(i) private sector entities have been afforded an opportunity to support the project on viable terms in place of support by the Corporation; and*

*"(ii) such support by the Corporation does not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project;*

*"(C) with respect to support for all projects in all high-income countries, the aggregate amount of such support does not exceed 10 percent of the total contingent liability authorized by section 1433; and*

*"(D) the Chief Executive Officer submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report, which may be submitted as an appendix to a report required by section 1446, that—*

*"(i) certifies that the Corporation has applied the policy to each supported project in a high-income country; and*

*"(ii) describes whether such support—*

*"(I) is a preferred alternative to state-directed investments by a foreign country of concern; or*

*"(II) otherwise furthers the strategic interest of the United States to counter or limit the influence of foreign countries of concern.*

*"(e) INELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—The Corporation shall not provide support for a project in—*

*"(1) a country of concern; or*

*"(2) a wealthy country, except to the extent permitted pursuant to subsection (f).*

*"(f) SECTORAL EXCEPTIONS.—Subject to the requirements in subsection (d)(3), the restriction in subsection (e)(2) shall not apply to projects in the following sectors:*

*"(1) Energy.*

*"(2) Critical minerals and rare earths.*

*"(3) Information and communications technology, including undersea cables.*

*"(g) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—*

*"(1) the Corporation should continuously operate in a manner that advances its core mission and purposes, as described in this title; and*

*"(2) resources of the Corporation should not be diverted for domestic or other activities extending beyond the scope of such mission and purpose.".*

## *Subtitle B—Management of Corporation*

***SEC. 8721. STRUCTURE OF CORPORATION.***

*Section 1413(a) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613(a)) is amended by inserting "a Chief Strategic Officer," after "Chief Development Officer,".*

***SEC. 8722. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.***

*Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) in paragraph (2)(A)(iii), by striking "5 individuals" each place it appears and inserting "3 individuals"; and*

*(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

*"(6) SUNSHINE ACT COMPLIANCE.—Meetings of the Board are subject to section 552b of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the 'Government in the Sunshine Act').."; and*

*(2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:*

*"(c) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—The Board shall—*

*"(1) hold at least 2 public hearings each year in order to afford an opportunity for any person to present views with respect to whether—*

*"(A) the Corporation is carrying out its activities in accordance with this division; and*

*"(B) any support provided by the Corporation under title II in any country should be suspended, expanded, or extended;*

*"(2) as necessary and appropriate, provide responses to the issues and questions discussed during each such hearing following the conclusion of the hearing;*

*"(3) post the minutes from each such hearing on a website of the Corporation and, consistent with applicable laws related to privacy and the protection of proprietary business information, the responses to issues and questions discussed in the hearing; and*

*"(4) implement appropriate procedures to ensure the protection from unlawful disclosure of the proprietary information submitted by private sector applicants marked as business confidential information unless—*

*"(A) the party submitting the confidential business information waives such protection or consents to the release of the information; or*

*"(B) to the extent some form of such protected information may be included in official documents of the Corporation, a nonconfidential form of the information may be provided, in which the business confidential information is summarized or deleted in a manner that provides appropriate protections for the owner of the information.".*

***SEC. 8723. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.***

*Section 1413(d)(3) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613(d)(3)) is amended to read as follows:*

*"(3) RELATIONSHIP TO BOARD.—The Chief Executive Officer shall—*

*"(A) report to and be under the direct authority of the Board; and*

*"(B) take input from the Board when assessing the performance of the Chief Risk Officer, established pursuant to subsection (f), the Chief Development Officer, established pursuant to subsection (g), and the Chief Strategic Officer, established pursuant to subsection (h).".*

***SEC. 8724. CHIEF RISK OFFICER.***

*Section 1413(f) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613(f)) is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1)—*

*(A) by striking "who—" and inserting "who shall be removable only by a majority vote of the Board."; and*

*(B) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B); and*

*(2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:*

*"(2) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Chief Risk Officer shall—*

*"(A) report directly to the Chief Executive Officer;*

*"(B) support the risk committee of the Board established under section 1441 in carrying out its responsibilities as set forth in subsection (b) of that section, including by—*

*"(i) developing, implementing, and managing a comprehensive framework and process for identifying, assessing, and monitoring risk;*

*"(ii) developing a transparent risk management framework designed to evaluate risks to the Corporation's overall portfolio, giving due consideration to the policy imperatives of ensuring investment and regional diversification of the Corporation's overall portfolio;*

*"(iii) assessing the Corporation's overall risk tolerance, including recommendations for managing and improving the Corporation's risk tolerance and regularly advising the Board on recommended steps the Corporation may take to responsibly increase risk tolerance; and*

*"(iv) regularly collaborating with the Chief Development Officer and the Chief Strategic Officer to ensure the Corporation's overall portfolio is appropriately balancing risk tolerance with development and strategic impact.".*

***SEC. 8725. CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.***

*Section 1413(g) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613) is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (1)—*

*(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—*

*(i) by striking "Subject to the approval of the Board, the" and inserting "The"; and*

*(ii) by striking "in development" and inserting "in international development and development finance"; and*

*(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking "the Board" and inserting "the Chief Executive Officer"; and*

*(2) in paragraph (2)—*

*(A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting "AND RESPONSIBILITIES" after "DUTIES";*

*(B) by redesignating subparagraph (A) as subparagraph (E);*

*(C) by striking subparagraphs (B) through (F) and inserting before subparagraph (E), as so redesignated, the following:*

*"(A) advise the Chief Executive Officer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on international development policy matters;*

*"(B) in addition to the Chief Executive Officer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, represent the Corporation in interagency meetings and processes relating to international development;*

*"(C) be an ex officio member of the Development Finance Advisory Council established under subsection (i) and participate in or send a representative to each meeting of the Council;*

*"(D) work with other relevant Federal departments and agencies to—*

*"(i) identify projects that advance United States international development interests; and*

*"(ii) explore investment opportunities that bring evidence-based, cost-effective development innovations to scale in a manner that can be sustained by markets;";*

*(D) in subparagraph (E), as so redesignated—*

*(i) by striking "coordinate" and inserting "support— "(i) coordination of";*

*(ii) in clause (i), as so redesignated, by striking "United States Government" and all that follows through the semicolon and inserting "Federal departments and agencies, including by directly liaising with the relevant members of United States country teams serving overseas, to ensure that such Federal departments, agencies, and country teams have the training and awareness necessary to fully leverage the Corporation's development tools overseas;"; and*

*(iii) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(ii) management of employees of the Corporation that are dedicated to structuring, monitoring, and evaluating transactions and projects codesigned with other relevant Federal departments and agencies for development impact;*

*"(iii) coordination of funds or other resources transferred to and from such Federal departments, agencies, or overseas country teams, upon concurrence of those institutions, in support of the Corporation's international development projects or activities;*

*"(iv) management of the responsibilities of the Corporation under paragraphs (1) and (4) of section 1442(b) and paragraphs (1)(A) and (3)(A) of section 1443(b);*

*"(v) coordination and implementation of the activities of the Corporation under section 1445; and*

*"(vi) implementation of the Corporation's development impact strategy and work to ensure development impact at the transaction level and portfolio-wide;"; and*

*(E) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(F) foster and maintain relationships both within and external to the Corporation that enhance the capacity of the Corporation to achieve its mission to advance United States international development policy and interests; and*

*"(G) coordinate within the Corporation to ensure United States international development policy and interests are considered together with the Corporation's foreign policy and national security goals.".*

***SEC. 8726. CHIEF STRATEGIC OFFICER.***

*Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613) is amended—*

*(1) by redesignating subsections (h) and (i) as subsections (i) and (j), respectively; and*

*(2) by inserting after subsection (g) the following:*

*"(h) CHIEF STRATEGIC OFFICER.—*

*"(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Chief Executive Officer shall appoint a Chief Strategic Officer, from among individuals with*

*experience in United States national security matters and foreign investment, who—*

*"(A) shall report directly to the Chief Executive Officer; and*

*"(B) shall be removable only by a majority vote of the Board.*

*"(2) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Chief Strategic Officer shall—*

*"(A) advise the Chief Executive Officer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer on national security and foreign policy matters;*

*"(B) in addition to the Chief Executive Officer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, represent the Corporation in interagency meetings and processes relating to United States national security and foreign policy;*

*"(C) be an ex officio member of the Development Finance Advisory Council established under subsection (i) and participate in or send a representative to each meeting of the Council;*

*"(D) work with other relevant Federal departments and agencies to identify projects that advance United States national security and foreign policy priorities, including by complementing United States domestic investments in critical and emerging technologies;*

*"(E) support—*

*"(i) coordination of efforts to develop the Corporation's strategic investment initiatives—*

*"(I) to counter predatory state-directed investment and coercive economic practices of adversaries of the United States;*

*"(II) to preserve the sovereignty of partner countries; and*

*"(III) to advance economic growth and national security through the highest standards of transparency, accessibility, and competition;*

*"(ii) the establishment of performance measurement frameworks and reporting on development outcomes of strategic investments, consistent with sections 1442 and 1443; and*

*"(iii) management of employees of the Corporation that are dedicated to ensuring that the Corporation's activities advance United States national security and foreign policy interests, including through—*

*"(I) long-term strategic planning;*

*"(II) issue and crisis management;*

*"(III) the advancement of strategic initiatives; and*

*"(IV) strategic planning on how the Corporation's foreign investments may complement United States domestic production of critical and emerging technologies;*

*"(F) foster and maintain relationships both within and external to the Corporation that enhance the capacity of the*

*Corporation to achieve its mission to advance United States national security and foreign policy interests; and*

*"(G) collaborate with the Chief Development Officer to ensure United States national security interests are considered together with the Corporation's development policy goals.".*

***SEC. 8727. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.***

*Section 1413(i) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613(i)), as so redesignated, is amended—*

*(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, officers, employees, and agents shall be selected and appointed by, or under the authority of, the Chief Executive Officer, and shall be vested with such powers and duties as the Chief Executive Officer may determine.";*

*(2) in paragraph (2)—*

*(A) in subparagraph (A)—*

*(i) by striking "50" and inserting "100"; and*

*(ii) by striking "Code" and inserting "Code, and such positions—*

*"(i) shall be reserved for individuals meeting the expert qualifications established by the Corporation's qualification review board; and*

*"(ii) should be prioritized for the development of the Corporation's next generation of talent, particularly for the recruitment of early career financial or legal sector equivalent positions."; and*

*(B) in subparagraph (D), by inserting ", provided that no such officer or employee may be compensated at a rate exceeding level II of the Executive Schedule" after "respectively"; and*

*(3) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking "subsection (i)" and inserting "subsection (j)".*

***SEC. 8728. DEVELOPMENT FINANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL.***

*Section 1413(j) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613(j)), as so redesignated, is amended—*

*(1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting the following:*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established a Development Finance Advisory Council (in this subsection referred to as the 'Council') that shall advise the Board and the Congressional Strategic Advisory Group established by subsection (k) on the development priorities and objectives of the Corporation.*

*"(2) MEMBERSHIP.—Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Board, on the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, and shall be composed of not more than 9 members broadly representative of nongovernmental organizations, think tanks, advocacy organizations, foundations, private industry, and other institutions engaged in international development and international development finance, of whom not fewer*

*than 5 members shall be experts from the international development sector.";*

*(2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (6); and*

*(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:*

*"(4) BOARD MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet with the Council at least twice each year and engage directly with the Board on its recommendations to improve the policies and practices of the Corporation to achieve the development priorities and objectives of the Corporation.*

*"(5) ADMINISTRATION.—The Board shall—*

*"(A) prioritize maintaining the full membership and composition of the Council;*

*"(B) inform the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives when a vacancy of the Council occurs, including the date that the vacancy occurred; and*

*"(C) for any vacancy on the Council that remains for 120 days or more, submit a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives explaining why a vacancy is not being filled and provide an update on progress made toward filling such vacancy, including a reasonable estimation for when the Board expects to have the vacancy filled.".*

***SEC. 8729. STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP.***

*Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613), as amended by this title, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

*"(k) CONGRESSIONAL STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP.—*

*"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the enactment of the DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025, there shall be established a Congressional Strategic Advisory Group (referred to in this subsection as the 'Group'), which shall meet not less frequently than annually, including after the budget of the President submitted under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for a fiscal year.*

*"(2) COMPOSITION.—The Group shall be composed of the following:*

*"(A) The Chief Executive Officer.*

*"(B) Other representatives of the Corporation, as deemed necessary by the Chief Executive Officer.*

*"(C) The Strategic Advisors of the Senate, as described in paragraph (3)(A).*

*"(D) The Strategic Advisors of the House of Representatives, as described in paragraph (3)(B).*

*"(3) STRATEGIC ADVISORS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—*

*"(A) STRATEGIC ADVISORS OF THE SENATE.—*

*"(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a group to be known as the 'Strategic Advisors of the Senate'.*

*"(ii) COMPOSITION.—The group established by clause (i) shall be composed of the following:*

*"(I) The chair of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, who shall serve as chair of the Strategic Advisors of the Senate.*

*"(II) The ranking member of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, who shall serve as vice-chair of the Strategic Advisors of the Senate.*

*"(III) Not more than 6 additional individuals who are members of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, designated by the chair, with the consent of the ranking member.*

*"(B) STRATEGIC ADVISORS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—*

*"(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a group to be known as the 'Strategic Advisors of the House of Representatives'.*

*"(ii) COMPOSITION.—The group established by clause (i) shall be composed of the following:*

*"(I) The chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, who shall serve as chair of the Strategic Advisors of the House.*

*"(II) The ranking member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, who shall serve as vice-chair of the Strategic Advisors of the House.*

*"(III) Not more than 6 additional individuals who are members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, designated by the chair, with the consent of the ranking member.*

*"(4) OBJECTIVES.—The Chief Executive Officer shall consult with the Strategic Advisors of the Senate and the Strategic Advisors of the House of Representatives established under paragraph (3) in order to solicit and receive congressional views and advice on the strategic priorities and investments of the Corporation, including—*

*"(A) the challenges presented by adversary countries to the national security interests of the United States and strategic objectives of the Corporation's investments;*

*"(B) priority regions, countries, and sectors that require focused consideration for strategic investment;*

*"(C) the priorities and trends pursued by similarly-situated development finance institutions of friendly nations, including opportunities for partnerships, complementarity, or coinvestment;*

*"(D) evolving methods of financing projects, including efforts to partner with public sector and private sector institutional investors;*

*"(E) institutional or policy changes required to improve efficiencies within the Corporation; and*

*"(F) potential legislative changes required to improve the Corporation's performance in meeting strategic and development imperatives.*

*"(5) MEETINGS.—*

*"(A) TIMES.—The chair and the vice-chair of the Strategic Advisors of the Senate and the chair and the vice-chair of the Strategic Advisors of the House of Representatives, in coordination with the Chief Executive Officer, shall determine the meeting times of the Group, which may be arranged separately or on a bicameral basis by agreement.*

*"(B) AGENDA.—Not later than 7 days before each meeting of the Group, the Chief Executive Officer shall submit a proposed agenda for discussion to the chair and the vice-chair of each strategic advisory group referred to in subparagraph (A).*

*"(C) QUESTIONS.—To ensure a robust flow of information, members of the Group may submit questions for consideration before any meeting. A question submitted orally or in writing shall receive a response not later than 15 days after the conclusion of the first meeting convened wherein such question was asked or submitted in writing.*

*"(D) CLASSIFIED SETTING.—At the request of the Chief Executive Officer or the chair and vice-chair of a strategic advisory group established under paragraph (3), business of the Group may be conducted in a classified setting, including for the purpose of protecting business confidential information and to discuss sensitive information with respect to foreign competitors.".*

***SEC. 8730. FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PLAN.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613), as amended by this title, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

*"(l) STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PLAN.—*

*"(1) PLAN REQUIRED.—Based upon guidance received from the Group established pursuant to section 1413(k), the Chief Executive Officer shall develop a Strategic Priorities Plan, which shall provide—*

*"(A) guidance for the Corporation's strategic investments portfolio and the identification and engagement of priority strategic investment sectors and regions of importance to the United States; and*

*"(B) justifications for the certifications of such investments in accordance with section 1412(c).*

*"(2) EVALUATIONS.—The Strategic Priorities Plan should determine the objectives and goals of the Corporation's strategic investment portfolio by evaluating economic, security, and geopolitical dynamics affecting United States strategic interests, including—*

*"(A) determining priority countries, regions, sectors, and related administrative actions;*

*"(B) plans for the establishment of regional offices outside of the United States;*

*"(C) identifying countries where the Corporation's support—*

*"(i) is necessary;*

*"(ii) would be the preferred alternative to state-directed investments by foreign countries of concern; or*

*"(iii) otherwise furthers the strategic interests of the United States to counter or limit the influence of foreign countries of concern;*

*"(D) evaluating the interest and willingness of potential private finance institutions and private sector project implementers to partner with the Corporation on strategic investment projects; and*

*"(E) identifying bilateral and multilateral project finance partnership opportunities for the Corporation to pursue with United States partner and ally countries.*

*"(3) REVISIONS.—At any time during the relevant period, the Chief Executive Officer may request to convene a meeting of the Congressional Strategic Advisory Group for the purpose of discussing revisions to the Strategic Priorities Plan.*

*"(4) TRANSPARENCY.—The Chief Executive Officer shall publish, on a website of the Corporation—*

*"(A) procedures for applying for products offered by the Corporation; and*

*"(B) any other appropriate guidelines and compliance restrictions with respect to designated strategic priorities.".*

*(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that the Corporation, during the 2-year period beginning on October 1, 2025, should consider—*

*(1) advancing secure supply chains to meet the critical minerals needs of the United States and its allies and partners;*

*(2) making investments to promote and secure the telecommunications sector, particularly undersea cables; and*

*(3) establishing, maintaining, and supporting regional offices outside the United States for the purpose of identifying and supporting priority investment opportunities.*

***SEC. 8731. DEVELOPMENT FINANCE EDUCATION.***

*Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613), as amended by this title, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

*"(m) REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A DEVELOPMENT FINANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM AT THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025, the Secretary of State, acting through the Director of the Foreign Service Institute and in collaboration with the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, shall conduct a review of and submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the utility of establishing elective training classes or programs on development finance within the School of Professional and Area Studies for all levels of the foreign service.*

*"(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include a description of how a proposed class would be structured to ensure an appropriate level of training in development finance, including descriptions of—*

*"(A) the potential benefits and challenges of development finance as a component of United States foreign policy in promoting development outcomes and in promoting United*

*States interests in advocating for the advancement of free-market principles;*

*"(B) the operations of the Corporation, generally, and a comparative analysis of similarly situated development finance institutions, both bilateral and multilateral;*

*"(C) how development finance can further the foreign policies of the United States, generally;*

*"(D) the anticipated foreign service consumers of any proposed classes on development finance;*

*"(E) the resources that may be required to establish such training classes, including through the use of detailed staff from the Corporation or temporary fellows brought in from the development finance community; and*

*"(F) other relevant issues, as determined by the Secretary of State and the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation determines appropriate.".*

***SEC. 8732. INTERNSHIPS.***

*Section 1413 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9613), as amended by this title, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

*"(n) INTERNSHIPS.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Executive Officer shall establish the Development Finance Corporation Student Internship Program (referred to in this subsection as the 'Program') to offer internship opportunities at the Corporation to eligible individuals to provide important professional development and work experience opportunities and raise awareness among future development and international finance professionals of the career opportunities at the Corporation and to supply important human capital for the implementation of the Corporation's critically important development finance tools.*

*"(2) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible to participate in the Program if the applicant—*

*"(A) is a United States citizen;*

*"(B) is enrolled at least half-time at—*

*"(i) an institution of higher education (as such term is defined in section 102(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002(a))); or*

*"(ii) an institution of higher education based outside the United States, as determined by the Secretary of State; and*

*"(C) satisfies such other qualifications as established by the Chief Executive Officer.*

*"(3) SELECTION.—The Chief Executive Officer shall establish selection criteria for individuals to be admitted into the Program that includes a demonstrated interest in a career in international relations and international economic development policy.*

*"(4) COMPENSATION.—*

*"(A) HOUSING ASSISTANCE.—The Chief Executive Officer may provide housing assistance to an eligible individual participating in the Program whose permanent address is within the United States if the location of the internship in*

*which such individual is participating is more than 50 miles away from such individual's permanent address.*

*"(B) TRAVEL ASSISTANCE.—The Chief Executive Officer shall provide to an eligible individual participating in the Program, whose permanent address is within the United States, financial assistance that is sufficient to cover the travel costs of a single round trip by air, train, bus, or other appropriate transportation between the eligible individual's permanent address and the location of the internship in which such eligible individual is participating if such location is—*

*"(i) more than 50 miles from the eligible individual's permanent address; or*

*"(ii) outside of the United States.*

*"(5) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section may be construed to compel any individual who is a participant in an internship program of the Corporation to participate in the collection of the data or divulge any personal information. Such individuals shall be informed that any participation in data collection under this subsection is voluntary.*

*"(B) PRIVACY PROTECTION.—Any data collected under this subsection shall be subject to the relevant privacy protection statutes and regulations applicable to Federal employees.*

*"(6) SPECIAL HIRING AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, with respect to the number of interns to be hired under this subsection each year, may—*

*"(A) select, appoint, and employ individuals for up to 1 year through compensated internships in the excepted service; and*

*"(B) remove any compensated intern employed pursuant to subparagraph (A) without regard to the provisions of law governing appointments in the competitive excepted service.*

*"(7) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Internships offered and compensated by the Corporation under this subsection shall be funded solely by available amounts appropriated after the date of the enactment of the DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025 to the Corporate Capital Account established under section 1434.".*

***SEC. 8733. INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM.***

*Section 1415 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9614) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

*"(c) CONSOLIDATION OF FUNCTIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025, the Board shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees describing any efficiencies that may be gained through the consolidation of functions of the independent accountability mechanism under the authorities of the Office of the Inspector General of the Corporation under section 1414. The report shall include an outline as to how the Inspector General of the Corporation would develop an internal environmental, social, and gov-*

*ernance expertise to adequately replace the independent accountability mechanism's environmental, social, and governance expertise.".*

## *Subtitle C—Authorities Relating to the Provision of Support*

***SEC. 8741. EQUITY INVESTMENT.***

*(a) CORPORATE EQUITY INVESTMENT FUND.—Section 1421(c) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9621(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

*"(7) CORPORATE EQUITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.—*

*"(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the 'Development Finance Corporate Equity Investment Account' (referred to in this division as the 'Equity Investment Account'), which shall be administered by the Corporation as a revolving account to carry out the purposes of this section.*

*"(B) PURPOSE.—The Corporation shall—*

*"(i) manage the Equity Investment Account in ways that demonstrate a commitment to pursuing catalytic investments in less developed countries in accordance with section 1412(c)(1) and paragraph (1); and*

*"(ii) collect data and information about the use of the Equity Investment Account to inform the Corporation's record of returns on investments and reevaluation of equity investment subsidy rates prior to the termination of the authorities provided under this title.*

*"(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Equity Investment Account $5,000,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 through 2031.*

*"(D) OFFSETTING COLLECTIONS AND FUNDS.—Earnings and proceeds from the sale or redemption of, and fees, credits, and other collections from, the equity investments of the Corporation under the Equity Investment Account shall be retained and deposited into the Fund and shall remain available to carry out this subsection without fiscal year limitation without further appropriation.*

*"(E) IMPACT QUOTIENT.—The Corporation shall ensure that at least 25 percent of its obligations from funds authorized to be appropriated under subparagraph (C) or otherwise made available for the Fund for Corporation projects are rated in the upper 20 percent on the Impact Quotient tier system, or any similar or successor assessment tool, developed pursuant to section 1442(b)(1).".*

*(b) GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA.—Section 1421(c)(3)(C) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9621(c)(3)(C)), is amended by inserting ", localized workforces, and partner country economic security" after "markets".*

*(c) LIMITATIONS ON EQUITY INVESTMENTS.—Section 1421(c)(4)(A) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act*

*of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9621(c)(4)(A)), by striking "30" and inserting "40".*

***SEC. 8742. SPECIAL PROJECTS.***

*Section 1421 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9621) is amended by striking subsection (f) and inserting the following:*

*"(f) SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.—The Corporation may administer and manage special projects and programs in support of specific transactions undertaken by the Corporation—*

*"(1) for the provision of post-investment technical assistance for existing projects of the Corporation, including programs of financial and advisory support that provide private technical, professional, or managerial assistance in the development of human resources, skills, technology, or capital savings; or*

*"(2) subject to the nondelegable review and approval of the Board, by creating companies, corporations, and partnerships that advance both the development objectives and foreign policy interests outlined in the purpose of this division if, not later than 30 days prior to entering into an agreement or other arrangement to provide support pursuant to this section, the Chief Executive Officer—*

*"(A) notifies the appropriate congressional committees; and*

*"(B) includes in the notification required by subparagraph (A) a certification that such support—*

*"(i) is designed to meet an exigent need that is critical to the national security interests of the United States; and*

*"(ii) could not otherwise be secured utilizing the authorities under this section.".*

***SEC. 8743. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.***

*Section 1422 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9622) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:*

*"(3) The Corporation shall, with respect to providing any loan guaranty to a project, require the parties to the project to bear a risk of loss on the project in an amount equal to at least 20 percent of the amount of such guaranty. The Corporation shall continue to work with the President to streamline the process for securing waivers that would enable the Corporation to guarantee up to 100 percent of the amount of a loan, provided that risk of loss in the project borne by the parties to the project is equal to at least 20 percent of the guaranty amount."; and*

*(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

*"(c) BEST PRACTICES TO PREVENT USURIOUS OR ABUSIVE LENDING BY INTERMEDIARIES.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall ensure that terms, conditions, penalties, rules for collections practices, and other finance administration policies that govern Corporation-backed lending, guarantees and other financial instruments through intermediaries are consistent with industry best practices and*

*the Corporation's rules with respect to direct lending to its clients.*

*"(2) TRUTH IN LENDING POLICIES.—The Corporation shall develop required truth in lending rules, guidelines, and related implementing policies and practices to govern secondary lending through intermediaries and shall report such policies and practices to the appropriate committees not later than 180 days of enactment of the DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025, with annual updates, as needed, thereafter.*

*"(3) POLICY DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS.—In developing such policies and practices required by paragraph (2), the Corporation shall—*

*"(A) take into account any particular vulnerabilities generally faced by potential applicants or recipients of microlending and other forms of microfinance, such as lack of experience with lending or lack of financial literacy;*

*"(B) develop and apply, generally, rules and terms to ensure Corporation-backed lending through an intermediary does not carry excessively punitive or disproportionate penalties for customers in default;*

*"(C) ensure that such policies and practices include effective safeguards to prevent usurious or abusive lending by intermediaries, including in the provision of microfinance; and*

*"(D) ensure the intermediary includes in any lending contract with microfinance borrowers that is supported by the Corporation an appropriate level of financial disclosure to the borrower, including—*

*"(i) disclosures that explain in all material respects to the customer both lender and customer rights and obligations under the contract in language that is accessible to the customer;*

*"(ii) the material loan terms and tenure of the contract;*

*"(iii) the procedures and potential penalties or forfeitures in case of default;*

*"(iv) information on privacy and personal data protection; and*

*"(v) any other information that the Corporation determines is needed to inform the borrower of the material terms of the loan.*

*"(4) AUDIT REQUIREMENTS.—The Corporation shall establish appropriate auditing mechanisms to oversee and monitor secondary lending provided through intermediaries in partner countries and include in each annual report to Congress required under paragraph (2) a summary of the results of such audits.".*

***SEC. 8744. TERMINATION.***

*Section 1424(a) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9624) is amended by striking "the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment of this Act" and inserting "December 31, 2031".*

## Subtitle D—Other Matters

***SEC. 8751. OPERATIONS.***

*Section 1431 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9631) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:*

*"(e) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—*

*"(1) the Corporation is obligated to consult with and collect input from current employees on plans to substantially reorganize the Corporation prior to implementation of such plan; and*

*"(2) the Corporation should consider preference, experience, and, when relevant, seniority when reassigning existing employees to new areas of work.".*

***SEC. 8752. CORPORATE POWERS.***

*Section 1432(a)(10) of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9632(a)(10)) is amended by striking "until the expiration of the current lease under predecessor authority, as of the day before the date of the enactment of this Act".*

***SEC. 8753. MAXIMUM CONTINGENT LIABILITY.***

*Section 1433 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9633) is amended to read as follows:*

***"SEC. 1433. MAXIMUM CONTINGENT LIABILITY.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The maximum contingent liability of the Corporation outstanding at any one time shall not exceed in the aggregate $205,000,000,000.*

*"(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The maximum contingent liability shall apply to all extension of liability by the Corporation regardless of the authority cited thereto.".*

***SEC. 8754. PERFORMANCE MEASURES, EVALUATION, AND LEARNING.***

*Section 1442 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9652) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:*

*"(1) develop a development impact measurement system, to be known as the Corporation's Impact Quotient, which shall—*

*"(A) serve as a metrics-based measurement system to assess a project's expected outcomes and development impact on a country, a region, and populations throughout the sourcing, origination, management, monitoring, and evaluation stages of a project's lifecycle;*

*"(B) enable the Corporation to assess development impact at both the project and portfolio level;*

*"(C) provide guidance on when to take appropriate corrective measures to further development goals throughout a project's lifecycle; and*

*"(D) inform congressional notification requirements outlining the Corporation's project development impacts;";*

*(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;*

*(C) in paragraph (4)—*

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "method for ensuring, appropriate development performance" and inserting "method for evaluating and documenting the development impacts"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) develop standards for, and a method for ensuring, appropriate monitoring of the Corporation's compliance with environmental and social standards consistent with the guidance published by the Corporation following broad consultation with appropriate stakeholders to include civil society; and

"(6) develop standards for, and a method for ensuring, appropriate monitoring of the Corporation's portfolio, including standards for ensuring employees or agents of the Corporation identify and conduct in-person site visits of each high-risk loan, loan guarantee, and equity project, as necessary and appropriate, after the initial disbursement of funds.";

(2) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

(3) by inserting the following after subsection (b):

"(c) REQUIRED PERFORMANCE MEASURES UPDATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP.—At any meeting of the Congressional Strategic Advisory Group, the Corporation shall be prepared discuss the standards developed in subsection (b) for all ongoing projects."; and

(4) by inserting at the end the following:

"(f) STAFFING FOR PORTFOLIO OVERSIGHT AND REPORTING.—

"(1) REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN CAPACITY.—The Corporation shall maintain an adequate number of full-time personnel with appropriate expertise to fulfill its obligations under this section and section 1443, including—

"(A) monitoring and evaluating the financial performance of the Corporation's portfolio;

"(B) evaluating the development and strategic impact of investments throughout the program lifecycle;

"(C) preparing required annual reporting on the Corporation's portfolio of investments, including the information set forth in section 1443(a)(6); and

"(D) monitoring for compliance with all applicable laws and ethics requirements.

"(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—Personnel assigned to carry out the obligations described in paragraph (1) shall possess demonstrable professional experience in relevant areas, such as development finance, financial analysis, investment portfolio management, monitoring and evaluation, impact measurement, or legal and ethics expertise.

"(3) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.—The Corporation shall maintain such personnel within 1 or more dedicated units or offices, which shall—

"(A) be functionally independent from investment origination teams;

"(B) be managed by senior staff who report to the Chief Executive Officer or Deputy Chief Executive Officer; and

*"(C) be allocated resources sufficient to fulfill the Corporation's obligations under this section and to support transparency and accountability to Congress and to the public.*

*"(4) INSULATION FROM REDUCTIONS.—The Corporation may not reduce the staffing, funding, or organizational independence of the units or personnel responsible for fulfilling the obligations under this section unless—*

*"(A) the Chief Executive Officer certifies in writing to the appropriate congressional committees that such reductions are necessary due to operational exigency, statutory change, or budgetary shortfall; and*

*"(B) the Corporation includes in its annual report a detailed explanation of the impact of any such changes on its capacity to analyze and report on portfolio performance.".*

***SEC. 8755. ANNUAL REPORT.***

*Section 1443 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9653) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) in paragraph (3), by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;*

*(B) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

*(C) by inserting at the end the following:*

*"(5) the United States strategic, foreign policy, and development objectives advanced through projects supported by the Corporation; and*

*"(6) the health of the Corporation's portfolio, including an annual overview of funds committed, funds disbursed, default and recovery rates, capital mobilized, equity investments' year on year returns, and any difference between how investments were modeled at commitment and how they ultimately performed, to include a narrative explanation explaining any changes."; and*

*(2) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:*

*"(A) the desired development impact and strategic outcomes for projects, and whether or not the Corporation is meeting the associated metrics, goals, and development objectives, including, to the extent practicable, in the years after conclusion of projects;*

*"(B) whether the Corporation's support for projects that focus on achieving strategic outcomes are achieving such strategic objectives of such investments over the duration of the support and lasting after the Corporation's support is completed;*

*"(C) the value of private sector assets brought to bear relative to the amount of support provided by the Corporation and the value of any other public sector support;*

*"(D) the total private capital projected to be mobilized by projects supported by the Corporation during that year, including an analysis of the lenders and investors involved and investment instruments used;*

*"(E) the total private capital actually mobilized by projects supported by the Corporation that were fully funded by the end of that year, including—*

*"(i) an analysis of the lenders and investors involved and investment instruments used; and*

*"(ii) a comparison with the private capital projected to be mobilized for the projects described in this paragraph;*

*"(F) a breakdown of—*

*"(i) the amount and percentage of Corporation support provided to less developed countries, advancing income countries, and high-income countries in the previous fiscal year; and*

*"(ii) the amount and percentage of Corporation support provided to less developed countries, advancing income countries and high-income countries averaged over the last 5 fiscal years;*

*"(G) a breakdown of the aggregate amounts and percentage of the maximum contingent liability of the Corporation authorized to be outstanding pursuant to section 1433 in less developed countries, advancing income countries, and high-income countries;*

*"(H) the risk appetite of the Corporation to undertake projects in less developed countries and in sectors that are critical to development but less likely to deliver substantial financial returns; and*

*"(I) efforts by the Chief Executive Officer to incentivize calculated risk-taking by transaction teams, including through the conduct of development performance reviews and provision of development performance rewards;";*

*(B) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;*

*(C) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and*

*(D) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:*

*"(4) to the extent practicable, recommendations for measures that could enhance the strategic goals of projects to adapt to changing circumstances; and".*

***SEC. 8756. PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PROJECT INFORMATION.***

*Section 1444 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9654) is amended in paragraph (1) to read as follows:*

*"(1) maintain a user-friendly, publicly available, machine-readable database with detailed project-level information, as appropriate and to the extent practicable, including a description of the support provided by the Corporation under title II, which shall include, to the greatest extent feasible for each project—*

*"(A) the information included in the report to Congress under section 1443;*

*"(B) project-level performance metrics; and*

*"(C) a description of the development impact of the project, including anticipated impact prior to initiation of the project and assessed impact during and after the completion of the project; and".*

***SEC. 8757. NOTIFICATIONS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CORPORATION.***

*Section 1446 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9656) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a), by striking "$10,000,000" and inserting "$20,000,000"; and*

*(2) in subsection (b)—*

*(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "; and" and inserting a semicolon;*

*(B) in paragraph (3)—*

*(i) by inserting "the Corporation's impact quotient outlining" after "asset and"; and*

*(ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and*

*(C) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(4)(A) information relating to whether the Corporation has accepted a creditor status that is subordinate to that of other creditors in the project, activity, or asset; and*

*"(B) for all projects, activities, or assets that the Corporation has accepted a creditor status that is subordinate to that of other creditors the Corporation shall include a description of the substantive policy rationale required by section 1422(b)(12) that influenced the decision to accept such a creditor status.".*

***SEC. 8758. LIMITATIONS AND PREFERENCES.***

*Section 1451 of the Better Utilization of Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018 (22 U.S.C. 9671) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a), by striking "5 percent" and inserting "2.5 percent"; and*

*(2) by adding at the end the following:*

*"(j) POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES, ANTICOMPETITIVE PRACTICES, AND COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.—*

*"(1) POLICY.—The Corporation shall develop appropriate policies and guidelines for support provided under title II for a project involving a state-owned enterprise, sovereign wealth fund, or a parastatal entity to ensure such support is provided consistent with appropriate principles and practices of competitive neutrality.*

*"(2) PROHIBITIONS.—*

*"(A) ANTICOMPETITIVE PRACTICES.—The Corporation may not provide support under title II for a project that involves a private sector entity engaged in anticompetitive practices.*

*"(B) COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.—The Corporation may not provide support under title II for projects that would be operated, managed, or controlled by the government of a county of concern or a state-owned enterprise that belongs to or is under the control of a country of concern.*

*"(C) EXCEPTION.—The President may waive the restriction under subparagraph (B) on a project-by-project basis if the President submits to the appropriate congressional committees—*

*"(i) a certification, which may be included as a classified or confidential annex to a report required by section 1446, that such support is important to the national security interests of the United States; and*

"(ii) a written justification of how such support directly counters or significantly limits the influence of an entity described in such subparagraph.

"(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

"(A) CONTROL.—The term 'control', with respect to an enterprise, means the power by any means to control the enterprise regardless of—

"(i) the level of ownership; and

"(ii) whether or not the power is exercised.

"(B) OWNED.—The term 'owned', with respect to an enterprise, means a majority or controlling interest, whether by value or voting interest, of the shares of that enterprise, including through fiduciaries, agents, or other means.

"(C) STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISE.—The term 'state-owned enterprise' means any enterprise established for a commercial or business purpose that is directly owned or controlled by one or more governments, including any agency, instrumentality, subdivision, or other unit of government at any level of jurisdiction.".

# TITLE LXXXVIII—OTHER MATTERS

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## SEC. 8801. PILOT PROGRAM FOR SOUND INSULATION REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT.

(a) GOVERNMENT SHARE.—Section 47109 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(i) SPECIAL RULE FOR SOUND INSULATION REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT.—With respect to a project to carry out sound insulation that is granted a waiver under section 47110(j), the allowable project cost for such project shall be calculated without consideration of any costs that were previously paid by the Government.".

(b) SOUND INSULATION TREATMENT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROJECTS.—Section 47110 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(j) PILOT PROGRAM FOR SOUND INSULATION REPAIR AND REPLACEMENTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a pilot program at up to two large hub public-use airports for local airport operators that have established a local program to fund secondary noise insulation using nonaeronautical revenue that provides a one-time waiver of the requirement of subsection (b)(4) for a qualifying airport as applied to projects to carry out repair and replacement of sound insulation for a residential building for

*which the airport previously received Federal assistance or Federally authorized airport assistance under this subchapter if—*

*"(A) the Secretary determines that the additional assistance is justified due to the residence containing any sound insulation treatment or other type of sound proofing material previously installed under this subchapter that is determined to be eligible pursuant to paragraph (2);*

*"(B) the residence—*

*"(i) falls within the Day Night Level (DNL) of 65 to 75 decibel (dB) noise contours, according to the most recent noise exposure map (as such term is defined in section 150.7 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations) available as of the date of enactment of this subsection;*

*"(ii) fell within such noise contours at the time the initial sound insulation treatment was installed, but a qualified noise auditor has determined that—*

*"(I) such sound insulation treatment caused physical damage to the residence; or*

*"(II) the materials used for sound insulation treatment were of low quality and have deteriorated, broken, or otherwise no longer function as intended; and*

*"(iii) is shown through testing that current interior noise levels exceed DNL 45 dB, and the new insulation would have the ability to achieve a 5 dB noise reduction; and*

*"(C) the qualifying airport—*

*"(i) is a large hub airport (as defined in section 40102 of title 49, United States Code);*

*"(ii) is located in a dense residential area, with a minimum population of 200,000 residents within a 5-mile radius of the airport;*

*"(iii) has an established residential sound insulation program that has been operational for at least 30 years and began in the year 1985;*

*"(iv) is located in a metropolitan statistical area with a population of at least 4,000,000 people; and*

*"(v) has at least 22,000,000 enplanements annually.*

*"(2) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION.—To be eligible for waiver under this subsection for repair or replacement of sound insulation treatment projects, an applicant shall—*

*"(A) ensure that the applicant and the property owner have made a good faith effort to exhaust any amounts available through warranties, insurance coverage, and legal remedies for the sound insulation treatment previously installed on the eligible residence;*

*"(B) verify the sound insulation treatment for which Federal assistance was previously provided was installed prior to the year 2002; and*

*"(C) demonstrate that a qualified noise auditor, based on an inspection of the residence, determined that—*

*"(i) the sound insulation treatment for which Federal assistance was previously provided has resulted in structural deterioration that was not caused by failure*

*of the property owner to repair or adequately maintain the residential building or through the negligence of the applicant or the property owner; and*

*"(ii) the condition of the sound insulation treatment described in subparagraph (A) is not attributed to actions taken by an owner or occupant of the residence.*

*"(3) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR SURVEYS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall consider a cost allowable under this subchapter for an airport to conduct periodic surveys of properties in which repair and replacement of sound insulation treatment was carried out as described in paragraph (1) and for which the airport previously received Federal assistance or Federally authorized airport assistance under this subchapter. The surveys shall be conducted only for those properties for which the airport has identified a property owner who is interested in having a survey be undertaken to assess the current effectiveness of the sound insulation treatment. Such surveys shall be carried out to identify any properties described in the preceding sentence that are eligible for funds under this subsection.".*

***SEC. 8802. ALIGNMENT OF TIMING OF UPDATES OF STRATEGIC PLAN WITH UPDATES TO NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 34(i) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278s(i)) is amended—*

*(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking "and update not less frequently than once every 3 years thereafter,";*

*(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (M) as subparagraphs (E) through (N), respectively; and*

*(3) by inserting after subparagraph (C), the following new subparagraph:*

*"(D) to update the strategic plan developed under subparagraph (C) not less frequently than once every four years such that the planning cycle for each such update aligns with the planning cycle for updates to the strategic plan required under section 102(c)(4) of the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 (42 U.S.C. 6622(c)(4)) to better ensure the Program reflects the priorities of such strategic plan under such section 102(c)(4);".*

*(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 34(i) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278s(i)) is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (3), by striking "developing and updating the strategic plan under paragraph (2)(C)" and inserting "developing the strategic plan under subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) and updating such plan under subparagraph (D) of such paragraph"; and*

*(2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following new sentence: "Upon completion of each update required under paragraph (2)(D), the Secretary shall transmit such strategic plan to such committees.".*

***SEC. 8803. LUMBEE FAIRNESS ACT.***

*(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Lumbee Fairness Act".*

*(b) FEDERAL RECOGNITION.—The Act of June 7, 1956 (70 Stat. 254, chapter 375), is amended—*

*(1) by striking section 2;*

*(2) in the first sentence of the first section, by striking "That the Indians" and inserting the following:*

***"SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF LUMBEE INDIANS.***

*"The Indians";*

*(3) in the preamble—*

*(A) by inserting before the first undesignated clause the following:*

***"SECTION 1. FINDINGS.***

*"Congress finds that—";*

*(B) by designating the undesignated clauses as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively, and indenting appropriately;*

*(C) by striking "Whereas" each place it appears;*

*(D) by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of each of paragraphs (1) and (2) (as so designated); and*

*(E) in paragraph (4) (as so designated), by striking ": Now, therefore," and inserting a period;*

*(4) by moving the enacting clause so as to appear before section 1 (as so designated);*

*(5) by striking the last sentence of section 3 (as designated by paragraph (2));*

*(6) by inserting before section 3 (as designated by paragraph (2)) the following:*

***"SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.***

*"In this Act:*

*"(1) CLAIM.—The term 'claim' means any claim that has been asserted or could have been asserted by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina or any member relating to a right, title, or interest in property, to trespass or property damages, or hunting, fishing, or other rights to natural resources, subject to the condition that the claim is based on aboriginal title, recognized title, or title by grant, patent, or treaty.*

*"(2) FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE.—The term 'federally recognized Indian tribe' means any Indian tribe included on the most recent list published by the Secretary under section 104(a) of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 5131(a)).*

*"(3) MEMBER.—The term 'member' means any individual enrolled as a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina—*

*"(A) as of the date of enactment of the Lumbee Fairness Act; and*

*"(B) after that date of enactment.*

*"(4) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Interior."; and*

*(7) by adding at the end the following:*

***"SEC. 4. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Federal recognition is extended to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.*

*"(b) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS.—Except as otherwise provided in this Act, all Federal laws (including regulations) of general application to Indians and federally recognized Indian tribes, including the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the 'Indian Reorganization Act') (48 Stat. 984, chapter 576; 25 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.), shall apply to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and its members.*

***"SEC. 5. ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL SERVICES.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and its members shall be eligible for all services and benefits provided by the Federal Government to federally recognized Indian tribes when—*

*"(1) the Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human Services has developed a determination of needs under section subsection (c); and*

*"(2) the Secretary has completed the verification of the tribal roll under subsection (d)(1).*

*"(b) SERVICE AREA.—For the purpose of the delivery of Federal services and benefits described in subsection (a), members residing in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland Counties in North Carolina shall be deemed to be residing on or near an Indian reservation.*

*"(c) DETERMINATION OF NEEDS.—On verification by the Secretary of a tribal roll under subsection (d)(1), the Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—*

*"(1) develop, in consultation with the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a determination of needs to provide the services for which members are eligible; and*

*"(2) in the first fiscal year following the date on which the tribal roll is verified, each submit to Congress a written statement of those needs, which shall be included in the materials submitted to Congress in support of the President's budget submitted pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for that fiscal year.*

*"(d) TRIBAL ROLL.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving Federal services and benefits described in subsection (a), the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina shall submit to the Secretary the tribal roll in effect on the date of enactment of this section, which shall be verified by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2).*

*"(2) VERIFICATION LIMITATION AND DEADLINE.—The verification by the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall be—*

*"(A) limited to confirming the presence of documentary proof of compliance with the membership criteria described in the constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina adopted on November 16, 2001; and*

*"(B) completed not later than 2 years after the submission of a digitized roll with supporting documentary proof by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to the Secretary.*

*"(e) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section prevents the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina from changing its tribal roll or*

*membership qualifications after the date of enactment of this section.*

***"SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION TO TAKE LAND INTO TRUST.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to take land into trust for the benefit of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, if such land is located within the boundaries of Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, or Scotland Counties in North Carolina.*

*"(b) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN LAND.—An application to take into trust land located within Robeson County in North Carolina under this section shall be treated by the Secretary as an 'on reservation' trust acquisition under part 151 of title 25, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation).*

*"(c) CLAIMS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.—Any claim accruing before the date of enactment of this section against the United States shall first be authorized by an Act of Congress.*

***"SEC. 7. JURISDICTION OF STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to land located within the State of North Carolina that is owned by, or held in trust by the United States for the benefit of, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, or any dependent Indian community of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, the State of North Carolina shall exercise jurisdiction over—*

*"(1) all criminal offenses that are committed; and*

*"(2) all civil actions that arise.*

*"(b) TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION.—*

*"(1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to section 403 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (25 U.S.C. 1323), and subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may accept on behalf of the United States, after consulting with the Attorney General of the United States, any transfer by the State of North Carolina to the United States of any portion of the jurisdiction of the State of North Carolina described in subsection (a) over Indian country occupied by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina pursuant to an agreement between the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and the State of North Carolina.*

*"(2) RESTRICTION.—A transfer of jurisdiction described in paragraph (1) may not take effect until 2 years after the effective date of the agreement described in that paragraph.*

*"(c) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section affects the application of section 109 of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 1919).*

***"SEC. 8. SAVINGS PROVISION.***

*"(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c)—*

*"(1) the delivery of services to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina or its members shall not occur before the third fiscal year following the date of enactment of this section; but*

*"(2) that delay in the delivery of services shall not extend beyond 3 fiscal years following that date of enactment.*

*"(b) NEW AND RESTORED TRIBES FUNDING.—The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina shall be eligible for funding provided by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Human Services that is only available to newly federally recognized and restored Indian tribes.*

*"(c) CURRENT FUNDING AND SERVICES.—Nothing in this section affects the level of funding or services being delivered by any Federal agency to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina on or before the date of enactment of this section.".*

***SEC. 8804. DRINKING WATER WELL REPLACEMENT FOR CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may enter into an agreement, as appropriate, with the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia, for a period of up to five years, for reimbursement of the Town of Chincoteague's costs directly associated with the development of a plan for the following:*

*(1) The decommissioning of drinking water wells currently situated on property administered by National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

*(2) The establishment of alternative drinking water wells, which are located on property under the administrative control, whether through lease, ownership, or easement, of the Town of Chincoteague.*

*(b) ELEMENTS.—The plan under subsection (a) shall include, to the extent practicable, information relating to the following:*

*(1) Any drinking water well described in paragraph (1) such subsection, including an identification relating thereto, that is to be decommissioned.*

*(2) The location under paragraph (2) of such subsection of the site to which any alternative drinking water well is be established.*

*(3) The estimated cost of any such establishment, including for the purchase, lease, or use of additional property, engineering, design, permitting, or construction relating thereto.*

*(c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in coordination with the head or other appropriate representative of any entity relevant to any agreement entered into under subsection (a), shall submit to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a copy of any such agreement.*

***SEC. 8805. BRIEFING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2024 WITH RESPECT TO VETERANS IN THE FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.***

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than monthly thereafter until the date that is five years after such date of enactment, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a briefing on the status of implementation of the provisions of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2024 (title II of division G of Public Law 118–42) relating to veterans in the Freely Associated States in a way that is consistent with the intent of Congress, including—*

*(1) engagement with the governments of the Freely Associated States;*

*(2) a projected timeline for veterans in the Freely Associated States to receive hospital care and medical services; and*

*(3) an estimate of the cost of implementation of such provisions.*

*(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

*(1) FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—The term "Freely Associated States" means—*

*(A) the Federated States of Micronesia;*

*(B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and*

*(C) the Republic of Palau.*

*(2) HOSPITAL CARE; MEDICAL SERVICES.—The terms "hospital care" and "medical services" have the meanings given those terms in section 1701 of title 38, United States Code.*

***SEC. 8806. DISINTERMENT OF REMAINS OF FERNANDO V. COTA FROM FORT SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, TEXAS.***

*(a) DISINTERMENT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas.*

*(b) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not carry out subsection (a) until after notifying the next of kin of Fernando V. Cota.*

*(c) DISPOSITION.—After carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall—*

*(1) relinquish the remains to the next of kin described in subsection (b); or*

*(2) if no such next of kin responds to the notification under subsection (b), arrange for disposition of the remains as the Secretary determines appropriate.*

# JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

*[Note from the Director, Legislative Operations: The following is the Joint Explanatory Statement to Accompany the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, as printed in the Congressional Record on December 10, 2025.]*

*Overview*

The following consists of the joint explanatory material to accompany the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.

Section 5 of the Act specifies that this joint explanatory statement shall have the same effect with respect to the implementation of this legislation as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

In this joint explanatory statement, the provisions of H.R. 3838, the House-passed version of the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, are generally referred to as "the House bill." The provisions of S. 2296, the Senate-passed version of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, are generally referred to as "the Senate bill." The final form of the agreements reached during negotiations between the House and the Senate are referred to as "the agreement."

*Disclosure of earmarks and congressionally directed spending items*

Although not required by the Rules of the House of Representatives, the joint explanatory statement includes a table that lists the congressional earmarks (as defined in paragraph (e) of clause 9 of rule XXI of the House of Representatives) that are contained in the bill or this joint explanatory statement at the request of a Member of the House of Representatives. The bill or this joint explanatory statement does not contain any congressional earmarks at the request of a Senator. Neither the bill nor the joint explanatory statement contains any limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in paragraphs (f) or (g) of clause 9 of rule XXI of the House of Representatives.

*Summary of discretionary authorizations and budget authority implication*

The budget request for national defense discretionary programs within the jurisdiction of the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives for fiscal year 2026 was $882.6 billion. Of this amount, $848.2 billion was requested for Department of Defense programs, $33.9 billion was requested for national security programs in the Department of Energy and the De-

fense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and $492 million for defense-related activities.

The agreement would authorize $890.6 billion in fiscal year 2026, including $855.7 billion for Department of Defense programs, $34.3 billion for national security programs in the Department of Energy and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and $512.4 million for defense-related activities.

The two tables preceding the detailed program adjustments in division D of the accompanying joint explanatory statement summarize the discretionary authorizations in the agreement and the equivalent budget authority levels for fiscal year 2026 defense programs.

*Sec. 4—Budgetary effects of this Act*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 4) that would state the budgetary effects of this Act for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–139).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

## DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS

### TITLE I—PROCUREMENT

#### Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

*Sec. 101—Authorization of appropriations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 101) that would authorize appropriations for procurement at the levels identified in section 4101 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 101).

The agreement includes this provision.

#### Subtitle B—Army Programs

*Sec. 111—Strategy for Army tactical wheeled vehicle program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 111) that would amend section 112(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) by inserting "2027," after "fiscal years 2025,".

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 112—Multiyear procurement authority for UH–60 Blackhawk aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 111) that would provide multiyear procurement authority for UH–60 Blackhawk aircraft.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

We encourage the Secretary of the Army to consider the continued use of the UH–60 Blackhawk aircraft in the future.

*Sec. 113—Authorization to initiate early production of future long-range assault aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 112) that would authorize the Secretary of the Army to enter into contracts, in advance of full-rate production, for the procurement of future long-range assault aircraft as part of an accelerated low-rate early production effort.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would ensure the program completes a rigorous developmental test flight campaign prior to delivering the platform to the operational forces or entering into full rate production.

*Sec. 114—Limitation on availability of funds for the Next Generation Command and Control portfolio of capabilities of the Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 114) that would limit the availability of funds for Next Generation Command and Control until the Secretary of the Army submits a report to the congressional defense committees that ensures the cost, security and integration of the new system.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that requires a rigorous developmental test campaign, as well as a formal operational test and evaluation, prior to fielding to the operational forces for use other than experimentation.

Subtitle C—Navy Programs

*Sec. 121—Modification to requirements for recapitalization of tactical fighter aircraft of the Navy Reserve*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 130) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to designate at least eight Block II or

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 122—Modification to limitations on Navy medium and large unmanned surface vessels*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 124) that would amend section 122 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) to prevent the Secretary of the Navy from accepting delivery of a medium unmanned surface vessel or large unmanned surface vessel unless a vessel demonstrate not less than 720 continuous hours of operations without preventative maintenance, corrective maintenance, emergent repair, or any other form of repair or maintenance, on any of the following:

(1) The main propulsion system, including the fuel and lube oil systems; and

(2) The electrical generation and distribution system.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 123—Recapitalization of Navy waterborne security barriers; modification of prohibition on availability of funds for legacy waterborne security barriers*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 123) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to submit a plan, not later than April 1, 2026, for recapitalizing Navy waterborne security barriers. The plan would need to include: (1) A statement of requirements; (2) A certification that requirements are not being relaxed; (3) An acquisition strategy; and (4) A certification that the acquisition will include free and open competition.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 124—Contract authority for Ford-class aircraft carrier program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 121) that would authorize the procurement of two Ford-class aircraft carriers and allow for the use of incremental funding to make payments under the contract.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 125—Contract authority for Columbia-class submarine program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 122) that would allow the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a contract for up to five Columbia-class submarines and utilize incremental funding to make payments under the contract.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 121).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 126—Authority for advance procurement of certain components to support continuous production of Virginia-class submarines*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 123) that would authorize the Secretary of the Navy to utilize continuous production authority for specific components required on Virginia-class submarines.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 127—Procurement authorities for Medium Landing Ships*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 122) that would provide authorities for a block buy of up to 15 Medium Landing Ships to support testing and experimentation of the Marine Littoral Regiment formation. The Senate Report accompanying S. 2296 (S. Rept. 119–39) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 noted that this authority may include the lead ship and follow on commercial or non-developmental ships as authorized under section 128(b) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (118–159).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would extend the period which the Secretary of the Navy may enter into block buy contracts until the end of fiscal year 2029.

*Sec. 128—Multiyear procurement authority for Yard, Repair, Berthing, and Messing Barges*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 125) that would authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into one or more multiyear contracts for the purchase of yard, repair, berthing, and messing barges and associated material.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 129—Vessel construction managers for the construction of certain Navy vessels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 126) that would require that, after the construction of the lead ship of the Landing Ship Medium program has commenced, the Secretary of the Navy shall seek to enter into an agreement with an appropriate vessel construction manager pursuant to which the vessel construction manager shall seek to enter into one or more contracts for the construction of not more than 8 additional landing ships under the program. The provision would require that the additional landing ships authorized to be constructed would be non-developmental items constructed using a design that is:

(1) The same as the design of the lead ship; or

(2) Derived from such design.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1011) that the Secretary of the Navy:

(1) Ensure that Landing Ship Medium and Light Replenishment Oilers procured by the Secretary are, to the maximum extent practical, constructed using commercial design standards and commercial construction practices that are consistent with the best interests of the Federal Government; and

(2) Use an entity other than the Department of the Navy to contract for the construction of such vessels.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Light Replenishment Oilers be procured using a vessel construction manager and authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to utilize a vessel construction manager for auxiliary vessels and support vessels. We note that such a vessel construction manager must have full contractual and administrative oversight of the construction process, including inspection of the shipyard's work and managing design maturity consistent with commercial best practices.

*Sec. 130—Limitation on construction of Modular Attack Surface Craft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 127) that would prevent the Secretary of the Navy from entering into a contract or other agreement that includes a scope of work, including priced or unpriced options, for the construction, advance procurement, or long-lead material of the lead ship of the Modular Attack Surface Craft program until the Secretary certifies to the congressional defense committees that such ship will be designed and constructed for the primary purpose of operating autonomously.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that clarifies that such vessels will be purpose-built unmanned vessels engineered to operate without human support systems or operational requirements intended for crewed vessels.

*Sec. 131—Limitation on availability of funds for TAGOS ship program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 125) the would create a limitation on the availability of funds for the Tactical Auxiliary General Ocean Surveillance (TAGOS) ship program pending the submission of a report by the Secretary of the Navy on the maturity of the design for the TAGOS vessels, among other things.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 132—Inclusion of information on amphibious warfare ship spares and repair parts in Navy budget justification materials*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 128) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to include separate line items for spare and repair parts specifically for amphibious warships within the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code. This requirement would begin with the budget request for fiscal year 2027.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

We direct the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the spares and repair parts contained on the budget request for amphibious ships with the submission of the budget request for fiscal year 2027.

Subtitle D—Air Force Programs

*Sec. 141—Modification of minimum inventory requirements for air refueling tanker aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 141) that would raise the air refueling aircraft floor to 504 by fiscal year 2027. The provision would also prevent the Air Force from reducing the number of KC–135 aircraft designated as primary mission aircraft inventory within the reserve components of the Air Force.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 139) that would:

(1) Prevent the Secretary of the Air Force from reducing the number of KC–135 tanker aircraft as primary mission aircraft inventory as such aircraft are replaced by KC–46 aircraft in order to meet air refueling requirements of the Air Force and the U.S. Transportation Command; and

(2) Require the Secretary of the Air Force to reassign KC–135 tanker aircraft retained as primary mission aircraft inventory and replaced by KC46 aircraft to reassign those KC–135 aircraft to air refueling wings that have the capacity to expand their primary mission aircraft inventory fleet of KC–135, based on the ability of an air refueling wing to man the additional aircraft, and support pilot training requirements.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would mandate the increase in tanker total aircraft inventory to 502 over a three-year period instead of two and would provide more flexibility to the Air Force regarding where to station aircraft retained under this provision.

*Sec. 142—Modification of prohibition on retirement of F–15E aircraft*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 136) that would amend section 9062(l)(1) of title 10, United States Code, by striking "September 30, 2029" and inserting "September 30, 2027" and by striking "68 F–15E aircraft" and inserting "34 F–15E aircraft." The provision would also repeal certain portions of section 150 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would: (1) Prevent retiring any F–15E aircraft in fiscal year 2026; (2) Allow retirement of up to 21 F–15E aircraft during fiscal year 2027; and (3) Allow retirement of up to 30 F–15E aircraft during fiscal year 2028.

*Sec. 143—Extension of limitations and minimum inventory requirement relating to RQ–4 aircraft*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 138) that would amend section 9062(m)(1) of title 10, United States Code, to extend the mandatory retention of RQ–4 aircraft from September 30, 2029 to September 30, 2030.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 144—Modification to annual report on Air Force tactical fighter aircraft force structure*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 150) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to develop a plan for the recapitalization and modernization of the fighter fleet of the Air National Guard.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision modified to amend section 9062a of title 10, United Stated Code, that requires an annual report on fighter force structure, to change "consultation" to "coordination," and to extend the sunset date to 2030.

*Sec. 145—Extension of requirements relating to C–130 aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 142) that would extend the minimum inventory requirement for C–130 aircraft through 2026 and extend prohibition on reduction of the C–130 aircraft assigned to the Air National Guard through 2026.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 140) that would extend these dates through 2028 and require the Secretary of the Air Force to submit an annual report to the congressional defense committees providing information on the Air Force's C–130 inventory regarding:

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

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

(3) Modernization and recapitalization efforts, including block upgrades and procurement schedules; and

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

The agreement includes the Senate provision, with an amendment that would substitute the year 2026 for year 2028.

*Sec. 146—Extension of prohibition on certain reductions to B–1 bomber aircraft squadrons*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 149) that would amend subsection (d)(1) of section 133 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81), as most recently amended by section 146 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), is further amended by striking "September 30, 2026" and inserting "September 30, 2030".

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 142).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 147—Modification to minimum inventory requirement for A–10 aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 143) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing, not later than March 31, 2026, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the status of A–10 aircraft inventory and the proposed plan for divesting all A–10 aircraft prior to fiscal year 2029. The provision would also prevent the Air Force from retiring any A–10 aircraft in fiscal year 2026 and require the Air Force to maintain 96 A–10 aircraft in primary mission aircraft inventory.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 137) that would permit the Air Force to retire 59 A–10 aircraft during fiscal year 2026.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would allow the Air Force to retire 59 A–10 aircraft in fiscal year 2026 and reduce primary mission aircraft inventory to 93 aircraft.

*Sec. 148—Preservation of retired KC–10 aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 144) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to preserve each KC–10 aircraft that is retired by the Secretary during a period in which the total inventory of air refueling aircraft of the Air Force is less than 504. The Secretary would be required to maintain these KC–10 aircraft such that that aircraft:

(1) Is in flyable condition;

(2) Can be returned to service as an air refueling aircraft (which shall include retaining the air refueling boom on the aircraft); and

(3) Is not used to supply parts to other aircraft unless specifically authorized by the Secretary of Defense upon a request by the Secretary of the Air Force.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require that: (1) The retention of KC–10 aircraft be on a no-extra-cost basis; and (2) KC–10 aircraft so retained could be disposed of in accordance with chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code.

*Sec. 149—Prohibition on certain reductions to inventory of E–3 airborne warning and control system aircraft*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 143) that would prevent retirement of E–3 aircraft unless the Secretary of the Air Force: (1) Submits a plan for maintaining readiness and ensuring there is no lapse in mission capabilities; or (2) Procures enough E–7 Wedgetail aircraft to accomplish the required mission.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 150—B–21 bomber aircraft program accountability matrices*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 131) that would:

(1) Replace section 238 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–238) with a new provision to account for advances in the B–21 program as it advances from engineering to manufacturing and production;

(2) Direct the Secretary of the Air Force to submit, beginning with the President's annual budget request for fiscal year 2027 and every 180 days after, information on B–21 program costs, goals, and program execution to the congressional defense committees and the Comptroller General of the United States; and

(3) Direct the Comptroller General, not less frequently than annually, to review the information submitted by the Secretary of the Air Force and submit to the congressional defense committees an assessment of this information.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 151—Bomber aircraft force structure and transition roadmap*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 132) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to submit to the congressional defense committees a comprehensive roadmap detailing the planned force structure, basing, modernization, and transition strategy for the bomber aircraft fleet of the Air Force through fiscal year 2040.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 152—Requirement for an intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance roadmap for the Air Force*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 133) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to submit to the congressional defense committees a comprehensive roadmap detailing the strategic plan for the development, acquisition, modernization, and in-

tegration of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities of the Air Force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would also require the Secretary to provide an individualized justification of the modernization or investment plan for each legacy ISR system.

*Sec. 153—Report on the F–47 advanced fighter aircraft program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 148) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a report on the F–47 aircraft program that includes a description of the program, the acquisition strategy of the program, and a proposed fielding strategy for the program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to specifically include a strategy for integrating units of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve into F–47 fighter aircraft operations, including planned force structure, association, training, and mobilization models.

*Sec. 154—Limitation on availability of funds pending report on acquisition strategy for Airborne Command Post Capability*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 347) that would limit the obligation or expenditure of fiscal year 2026 operation and maintenance funds, Air Force, available to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for travel purposes to no more than 80 percent of the total amount appropriated until the Secretary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, submits a report on the acquisition strategy of the Air Force to maintain the Airborne Command Post capability.

The House bill had no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

Subtitle E—Defense-Wide, Joint, and Multiservice Matters

*Sec. 161—Requirements relating to executive airlift aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 147) that would require that the:

(1) Secretary of the Air Force conduct an analysis of alternatives to identify potential solutions for the recapitalization of the executive airlift aircraft fleet of the Air Force. In conducting such analysis, the Secretary would be required to identify aircraft solutions that have capabilities comparable to the capabilities of commercial passenger aircraft in terms of range;

(2) Secretary of the Air Force establish standards for prioritizing access to executive airlift aircraft among authorized users of such aircraft within the Federal Government; and

(3) Secretary of Defense assign a career appointee in the Senior Executive Service at the Department of Defense to coordinate:

(a) the efficient tasking of executive airlift aircraft; and

(b) compliance with rules, regulations, policies and guidance relating to such aircraft.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would instead task the Secretary of Defense with: (1) Completing the analysis of alternatives; and (2) Establishing standards for prioritizing access to executive airlift aircraft.

*Sec. 162—Amendments to prohibition on operation, procurement, and contracting related to foreign-made light detection and ranging*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 151) that would amend section 164 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) to expand prohibitions related to covered Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) technology to include a prohibition on use of such technology in the performance of a Department of Defense contract.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment that directs the Department of Defense to develop a strategy and implementation plan to mitigate the risks of use of LiDAR technology by Department of Defense contractors.

*Sec. 163—Prohibition on availability of funds for contract termination or production line shutdown for E–7A Wedgetail aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 145) that would prevent funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense to be obligated or expended:

(1) To terminate the mid-tier acquisition rapid prototype contract for the E–7A aircraft; or

(2) To terminate the operations of, or to prepare to terminate the operations of, a production line for the E–7A aircraft.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 164—Limitation on procurement of KC–46 aircraft pending certification on correction of deficiencies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 146) that section would limit delivery of the KC–46 aircraft until the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense committees certain corrective action plans for all Category 1 deficiencies.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 165—Plan for open mission systems of F–35 aircraft*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 135) that would require: (1) The Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to establish an open mission systems computing environment that is controlled by the Federal Government on the F–35 aircraft of the Department of Defense; and (2) The Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report on that plan.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision amended to have the Secretary of Defense to submit the required report.

*Sec. 166—Annual GAO reviews of the F–35 aircraft program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 152) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to: (1) Complete an annual review of the F–35 aircraft program; and (2) Submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the review.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision amended to include a sunset on the reporting requirement after 5 years.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Limitation on reductions to Army Prepositioned Stocks-Afloat program sealift capability*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 113) that would limit reductions to Army Prepositioned Stocks-Afloat program sealift capability.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on fielding of Link 16 military tactical data network*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 115) that would direct the Secretary of the Army to provide a report to the congressional defense committees not later than December 1, 2025, on the Army's plans to require and accelerate the fielding of Link 16 military tactical data networking capabilities, including on UH–60M and CH–47H aircraft.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on the Army's plans to require and accelerate the fielding of Link 16 military tactical data networking capabilities throughout the Army, including on UH–60M and CH–47F aircraft:

(1) For command and control and fires;

(2) To ensure maximum interoperability, lethality, and survivability of combat and combat support elements supporting the Joint Force within highly contested airborne combat environments in the area of responsibility of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; and

(3) To meet joint all-domain command and control goals worldwide.

*Authority to use incremental funding to enter into a contract for the construction of a Guided Missile Destroyer (DDG)*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 124) that would authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into an incrementally funded contract for the construction of one guided missile destroyer.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Limitation on availability of funds relating to amphibious warfare ship requirement*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 126) that would limit certain funds for the Secretary of the Navy unless the 30-year shipbuilding plan for fiscal year 2027 meets the requirement to maintain 31 amphibious warfare ships pursuant to section 8062 of title 10, United States Code. The provision would further limit certain funds for the Secretary of Defense unless the defense budget materials for fiscal year 2027 support the same requirement for 31 amphibious warfare ships.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Report on procurement strategy for submarine cable laying and repair ships*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 131) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on a strategy for procuring two cable laying and repair ships.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, on the strategy of the Navy for procuring at least two cable laying and repair ships to replace the United States Naval Ship Zeus as it nears the end of its expected service life. The report shall include: (1) A description of the full scope of the planned capabilities for the next generation of cable laying and repair ships to meet anticipated Navy requirements, including the feasibility of establishing organic capabilities; (2) A projected timeline for the procurement of such ships, including the expected time until such ships will be operational; and (3) An explanation of how the Navy plans to meet service requirements for submarine cable laying and repair during the period before which the Navy is able to field new capabilities.

*Information on future large and oversized air cargo transportation services*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 141) that would require the Secretary of Defense to solicit information from industry and provide a report to the congressional defense committees on future large and oversized air cargo transportation services.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to solicit from industry information on acquiring services of an airplane that: (1) Is, as of June 2025, under development as a civilian aircraft; (2) Would be capable of carrying space launch vehicles and other Department of Defense articles not more than 300 feet long that cannot be or, as of June 2025, are not readily transported in an airplane due to cargo dimensions; (3) Could enter service not later than December 31, 2035; (4) Could provide and supplement large and oversized fixed

wing air cargo transportation services to support the readiness and logistical needs of the Department by December 31, 2035, and thereafter; and (5) Could provide to the Department at least 2,000 hours and not more than 7,500 hours of airplane time for at least 2 and not more than 5 years beginning when such airplane could enter service. We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on

*Sense of Congress on domestic procurement of defense articles for AUKUS partnership*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 153) that expresses the sense of Congress regarding Pillar 1 of the Australia, United Kingdom, and United States (AUKUS) defense trade partnership.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

The AUKUS defense trade partnership, to include the transfer of conventionally armed nuclear-powered submarines, continues to enjoy strong bipartisan support in Congress. We direct the Department of Defense to move with urgency to comply with the briefing and reporting requirements established in law by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31).

*Prohibition on availability of funds for non-tactical electric vehicles or components produced by child and slave labor*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 154) that would prohibit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense for the procurement of non-tactical electric vehicles, advanced-biofuel-powered vehicles, hydrogen-powered vehicles, or any components or spare parts associated with such vehicles that are not in compliance with the prohibition on the acquisition of products produced by forced or indentured child labor under subpart 22.15 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (or any successor regulations).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We remain concerned about the use of child and slave labor in non-tactical vehicle manufacturing and encourage the Department of Defense to remain diligent in their efforts to ensure no products or components are purchased from sources utilizing child or slave labor as directed in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation 22.1502.

*Report on next-generation fuel cells*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 155) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the development and integration of next-generation self-sealing fuel cells.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a briefing, not later than March 15, 2026, on the development and integration of next-generation self-sealing fuel cells into the rotorcraft fleets of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. Such briefing shall include:

(1) An assessment of any negative effects on readiness associated with using the fuel cells in use as of the date on the enactment of this Act that are based on legacy technology and manufacturing processes;

(2) An identification of any readiness, fiscal, and other benefits of incorporating next generation fuel cells into the rotorcraft fleets of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force;

(3) Plans or concepts for developing and incorporating next generation fuel cells into the H–60 fleets of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force; and

(4) Such other matters the Secretary determines appropriate.

## TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

### Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

*Sec. 201—Authorization of appropriations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 201) that would authorize appropriations for research, development, test, and evaluation at the levels identified in section 4201 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 201).

The agreement includes this provision.

### Subtitle B—Program Requirements, Restrictions, and Limitations

*Sec. 211—Modification to authority to award prizes for advanced technology achievements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 211) that would amend the authority to operate prize competitions to enable the Secretary of Defense to delegate the authority and increases the potential value of the prize challenges.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 212—Modification to mechanisms to provide funds to defense laboratories and other entities for research and development of technologies for military missions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 212) that would amend section 4123 of title 10, United States Code, by including test organizations under that authority.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 213—Program for the enhancement of the research, development, test, and evaluation centers of the Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 212) that would amend chapter 305 of title 10, United States Code, by adding a new section, 4145, and codify the authority from section 233 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328), which allows eligible centers in the Department of Defense research, development, test and evaluation enterprise to waive certain policies or regulations if the waiver is demonstrated to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of such organizations

and is approved by the respective military department's Assistant Secretary or the Deputy Secretary of Defense for organizations within the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 214—Modification to authority for acquisition, construction, or furnishing of test facilities and equipment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 213) that would allow the Department of Defense to create jointly funded test facility projects with other agencies or entities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 215—Extension of limitation on availability of funds for fundamental research collaboration with certain academic institutions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 214) that would extend the limitation on availability of funds for fundamental research collaboration with certain academic institutions.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 220C).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 216—Modification of requirement for Department of Defense policies for management and certification of Link 16 military tactical data link network*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 215) that would authorize Link 16 frequency use in all military special use airspaces.

The Senate contained an identical provision (sec. 218).

The agreement includes the provision.

*Sec. 217—Extension of authority for assignment to Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency of private sector personnel with critical research and development expertise*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 217) that would extend the authority for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to temporarily assign employees of nontraditional defense contractors to the Agency by 5 years.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 213).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 218—Alternative test and evaluation pathway for designated defense acquisition programs*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 805) that would establish an alternative pathway for the test and evaluation of software acquisition programs using authorities in section 3603 of title 10, United States Code, and other programs designated by the Secretary of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 219—Congressionally directed programs for test and evaluation oversight*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 225) that would add three efforts to the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation's oversight requirements in section 139 of title 10, United States Code, and require that any effort identified in this section designated as a software acquisition pathway under section 3603 of title 10, United States Code, by the Department of Defense be evaluated in accordance with the alternative test and evaluation pathway created elsewhere in this Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 220—Application of software innovation to modernize test and evaluation infrastructure*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 224) that would require the Director of the Test Resource Management Center to establish and maintain a digital test and evaluation environment and to create a data management plan as part of the Test and Evaluation Master plan, or similar document such as a test strategy.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 221—Review and alignment of standards, guidance, and policies relating to digital engineering*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 223) that would require each Secretary of a military department to complete a review of the standards, guidance, and policies relating to digital engineering within the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of that Secretary.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 222—Catalyst Pathfinder Program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 221) that would direct the Secretary of the Army to establish a soldier-inspired innovation program known as the "Catalyst Pathfinder Program."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that modified the scope and governance of the requirement.

*Sec. 223—Modifications to defense research capacity building program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 211) that would require separate funding solicitations focused toward Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Tribal Colleges and Universities and toward other Minority-Serving Institutions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 224—National Security and Defense Artificial Intelligence Institute*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 219) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish at least one National Security and Defense Artificial Intelligence Institute.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to include military colleges.

*Sec. 225—Advanced robotic automation for munitions manufacturing*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 219) that would direct the Secretary of Army to establish a program to support the maturation and expansion of robotic automation capabilities for munitions manufacturing at government-owned, contractor-operated production facilities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical correction changing the briefing requirement from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Army.

*Sec. 226—Evaluation of additional test corridors for hypersonic and long-range weapons*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 223, 5221) that would require the Secretary of Defense to evaluate the suitability of a corridor for testing hypersonic and long-range weapons in the continental United States, focusing on special activity airspace, test range requirements, and specific locations. The Senate provision would also require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than December 1, 2026, describing the evaluation's progress and estimated completion date.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment. We direct the Secretary of Defense to investigate continental test range launch locations including, but not limited to: (1) Bearpaw Air Traffic Control Assigned Airspace, Montana; (2) Mountain Home Range Complex, Idaho; (3) Fallon Range Training Complex, Nevada; (4) Utah Test and Training Range, Utah; (5) Nevada Test and Training Range, Nevada; (6) Green River Test Complex, Utah; and (7) White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. Moreover, we direct the Secretary of Defense to investigate continental test range impact locations including, but not limited to, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

*Sec. 227—Western regional range complex demonstration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 226) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a demonstration of a joint multidomain kinetic and non-kinetic testing and training environment across the military departments by interconnecting existing ranges and training sites in the western States to improve joint multi-domain training and further testing, research, and development.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 217).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 228—Demonstration of near real-time monitoring capabilities to enhance weapon system platforms*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1612) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of each military department and the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the feasibility and advisability of establishing a program for implementing real-time monitoring for self-protection capabilities across Department of Defense weapon system platforms.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 225).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 229—Pilot program on modernized health and usage monitoring systems to address obsolescence in rotary-wing and tiltrotor aircraft*

The House bill contained two provisions (sec. 233 and sec. 234) that would allow the Secretary of the Army and Secretary of the Navy to establish and carry out a pilot program to evaluate commercially available, next-generation Health and Usage Monitoring Systems technologies intended to address obsolescence issues of systems currently installed on Army and Marine Corps rotary-wing and tiltrotor aircraft.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provisions with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 230—Prohibition on modification of indirect cost rates for institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 226) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from changing or modifying indirect cost rates for Department of Defense grants and contracts to institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations until the Secretary makes certain certifications to the congressional defense committees.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 231—Limitation on availability of funds pending compliance with requirements relating to the Joint Energetics Transition Office*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 230) that would limit funds made available for fiscal year 2026 for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment until the Secretary of Defense establishes the Joint Energetics Transition Office, as required under section 148 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 906) that would limit funds made available for fiscal year 2026 for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and

Engineering until the Secretary of Defense notifies the congressional defense committees that the Department of Defense has established the Joint Energetics Transition Office as required by section 148 of title 10, United States Code, and provides that Office with the staff and resources necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would extend the funding limitation to include the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, amend the limitation on availability of funds to not more than 80 percent, require the Office to be staffed and resourced at the necessary levels, and remove the waiver authority.

*Sec. 232—Limitation on availability of funds for realignment of research, development, test, and evaluation functions of Joint conventional armaments and ammunition*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 238) that would prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds to disestablish, or modify, the duties assigned to an organization responsible for research, development, test, and evaluation functions of Joint conventional armaments and ammunition until a period of 180 days after certain reporting requirements are completed.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provisions with an amendment that modifies the reporting requirement.

*Sec. 233—Limitation on use of funds for certain Navy software*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 214) that would limit funding for the Navy's Autonomy Baseline Manager and Common Control System software until the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations submit program schedule and cost information to the congressional defense committees.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 234—Limitation on availability of funds for Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering pending report on study results*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 215) that would limit the obligation or expenditure of fiscal year 2026 Defense-wide operation and maintenance funds available to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering for travel purposes to no more than 80 percent of the appropriated amount until the date on which the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering submits to the congressional defense committees the report required by section 245(d) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

Subtitle C—Biotechnology Matters

*Sec. 241—Support for research and development of bioindustrial manufacturing processes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 216) that would amend section 215 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) to include the design and construction of facilities as applicable to funds authorized for research, development, test, and evaluation.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 242—Biotechnology Management Office*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 231) that would require the Secretary of Defense, within 90 days of the date of the enactment of this Act, to designate a senior official in the Department of Defense to serve as

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 243—Bioindustrial commercialization program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 877) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a program to expand the domestic capacity for bioindustrial manufacturing through commercial awards.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 244—Biotechnology supply chain resiliency program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 222) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish a program to develop and transition biotechnology research from the military service laboratories to support the defense supply chain.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 245—Biological data for artificial intelligence*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1521) that would require the Secretary of Defense to implement requirements on the handling and storage of biological data resources for advanced computing methods.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, not later 180 days after the date of implementation of biological data requirements authorized in this provision, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the progress made in developing and implementing the requirements including the quantity of the biological data generated and stored

in accordance with such requirement and accessible through application programming interfaces and user engagement with biological data in accordance with such requirements.

*Sec. 246—Department of Defense biotechnology strategy*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 232) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a Department of Defense-wide strategy to enhance the use of biotechnology-developed and biotechnology-manufactured products.

The House bill contained similar provisions (sec. 241, sec. 242, sec. 247).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment that incorporates the three House provisions into the underlying Senate provision.

*Sec. 247—Ethical and responsible development and deployment of biotechnology within the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 220) that would require the Secretary of Defense to issue policies and guidelines on the responsible development and deployment of biotechnology in the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 233).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 248—Establishing biobased product merit guidance*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 893) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to develop and make publicly available guidance for private entities to prove biobased products meet Department of Defense requirements.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle D—Plans, Reports, and Other Matters

*Sec. 251—Modification of energetic materials strategic plan and investment strategy of Joint Energetics Transition Office*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 905) that would amend section 148(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, to add a new element for the energetic materials strategic plan and investment strategy of the Joint Energetics Transition Office to identify raw material waste produced during the explosives manufacturing process and to develop plans to reduce waste and optimize production.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 252—Extension of period for annual reports on critical technology areas supportive of the National Defense Strategy*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 222) that would extend the reporting requirement in section 217(c)(1) of the William

M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) to December 1, 2030.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 253—Quarterly briefings on research, development, test, and evaluation laboratories and facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2854) that would raise the Defense Laboratory Modernization Program fiscal year cap to $300.0 million.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

We note that raising statutory thresholds, on its own, would not meaningfully address the underlying causes of chronic underinvestment in the Department's laboratory and test infrastructure. These challenges stem from longstanding funding practices, lack of prioritization by the Department, and barriers that prevent laboratories from receiving the resourcing required to develop and maintain world-class capabilities. This agreement requires quarterly briefings for 2 years to provide the Congress with the information necessary to pursue comprehensive reforms and better align resources for defense laboratories. We are committed to pursuing meaningful, long-term solutions to strengthen and modernize the Department's laboratories.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Funding for virtual engineering for Army readiness and sustainment*

The House contained a provision (sec. 202) that would increase Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Next-Generation Combat Vehicle Advanced Technology, line 052, by $7,000,000 for Virtual Engineering for Army Readiness and Sustainment, and make a corresponding decrease in Operation and Maintenance, Army, for Land Forces Systems Readiness, line 080.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

The specific authorization of appropriations amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Funding for humanitarian airborne mobile infrastructure capability*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 203) that would increase Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army for Ground Advanced Technology, line 043, by $4,200,000 for Humanitarian Airborne Mobile Infrastructure Capability, and make a corresponding decrease in Operation and Maintenance, Army, for Land Forces Systems Readiness, line 080.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

Authorization of specific funding amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Funding for fuel cell multi-modular use utilizing hydrogen*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 204) that would increase Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army for Ground Advanced Technology, line 043, by $10,000,000 for Fuel Cell Multi-Modular Use Utilizing Hydrogen, and make a corresponding decrease in Operation and Maintenance, Army, for Land Forces Systems Readiness, line 080.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

Authorization of specific funding amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Funding for advanced group 1 small unmanned aerial systems for special operations forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 205) that would increase research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, U.S. Special Operations Command, intelligence systems development, line 290 (program element 1160405BB), by $3,000,000 for ultra-lightweight Group 1 small unmanned aerial systems and advanced Group 1 small unmanned aerial systems, and make a corresponding decrease in Operation and Maintenance, Army, line 010.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Funding for National Defense Education Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 206) that would increase research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, for basic research, National Defense Education Program, line 6, by $5,000,000 for strengthening and expanding scientific, technical, engineering and mathematics education opportunities and workforce initiatives targeted at military students, and make a corresponding decrease in Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, for Washington Headquarters Services, line 530.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

Authorization of specific funding amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Funding for the development, test, and integration of adaptable radar capabilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 207) that would increase the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Defense-Wide, line 75, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for development, test, and integration of adaptable radar capabilities by $6,000,000, and reduce the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operation and

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that authorization of specific funding amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Funding for advanced drone development for special operations and low-intensity conflict*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 208) that would increase research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, SO/LIC ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT, by $3,000,000 for drone development, and make a corresponding decrease in SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION, ARMY, line 390.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Funding for quantum communications corridor for Navy research, development, test, and evaluation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 209) that would increase Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Navy, for Future Naval Capabilities Applied Research, Line 012, by $50,000,000 for the development of a quantum communications corridor linking certain Department of Defense installations, national laboratories, and universities conducting Department of Defense research, and make a corresponding decrease to Operation and Maintenance, Army, for Force Readiness Operations Support, Line 070.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

Authorization of specific funding amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Funding for smart susceptor technology*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 210) that would increase Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Manufacturing Technology Program, line 28, by $5 million for Smart Susceptor Technology, and make a corresponding decrease to Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, for Washington Headquarters Services, line 530.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

Authorization of specific funding amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Prohibition on contracts between certain foreign entities and institutions of higher education conducting Department of Defense-funded research*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 216) that would prohibit, beginning on January 1, 2027, any institution of higher education that conducts research funded by the Department of Defense from entering into a contract with a covered nation as defined by section 4872(d) of title 10, United States Code, or a foreign entity of concern as recorded on one of the defined lists in the underlying provision.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Post-employment restrictions for participants in certain defense research*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 218) that would establish post-employment restrictions for participants in certain defense research.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Department of Defense biotechnology workforce training*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 221) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish and carry out a training program on biotechnology and other emerging technologies.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the major role that biotechnology will play in the future of national defense and innovation. Therefore, we believe it is paramount for the Department of Defense's workforce to be well-trained in the field of biotechnology and related technologies—like artificial intelligence and quantum computing that are leveraged to bring biotechnology to its fullest potential. As guidelines for Department biotechnology workforce training are included in a broader biotechnology strategy elsewhere in this bill, this specific provision is not included.

*Technical correction*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 224) that makes a technical correction to chapter 9 of title 10, United States Code, by redesignating the section 222e that was added by section 211 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) as section 222f.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Reimbursement of National Guard for research, development, test, and evaluation expenses*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 227) that would allow National Guard Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation activities to be reimbursed to the National Guard.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Enhance international coordination for advanced manufacturing techniques, technologies, and adoption*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 227) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to establish a working group to enhance information sharing and interoperability of advanced manufacturing techniques and technologies with countries that have a reciprocal defense procurement agreement or security of supply arrangement with the United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We encourage the Department of Defense to coordinate with allies that have a reciprocal defense procurement agreement or security of supply arrangement on information sharing related to advanced manufacturing techniques and technology.

*Prohibition on availability of funds for animal research in collaboration with foreign countries of concern*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 228) that would prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to fund animal testing in countries of concern.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense is not currently engaging in animal testing with countries of concern and does not have any planned funding for such activity in fiscal year 2026.

*Prohibition on availability of funds for gain of function research*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 229) that would prohibit funding made available for fiscal year 2026 to be expended for conducting gain-of-function research on potential pandemic pathogens.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense is not currently conducting gain-of-function research nor are any funds planned for gain-of-function research in fiscal year 2026.

*Prioritization of partnerships with institutions of higher education in certain research areas*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 231) that would require the Secretary of Defense to prioritize partnerships with institutes of higher education conducting research in hypersonics, biotechnology, and artificial intelligence, and provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate on such partnerships.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the high quality of hypersonics, biotechnology, and artificial intelligence research coming from institutions of higher education and believe that partnerships between the Department of Defense and such institutions would bolster the research, development, test, and evaluation activities of the Department. Therefore, we support the Department and its ongoing efforts to prioritize research partnerships with institutions of higher education.

*Research, development, and implementation of unattended robotic process automation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 232) that would require the Secretary of Defense to support the research, development, implementation, and oversight of unattended robotic process automation within the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the efficiency that unattended robotic process automation can yield when used to optimize essential Department activities like combat, intelligence analysis, and management of defense infrastructure. We continue to show interest in ongoing research, development, and oversight of unattended robotic process automation and encourage the Department to carry out activities to further study and implement this innovative technology.

*Initiative on studying advanced artificial intelligence, national security, and strategic competition*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 235) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish an initiative to assess the national security implications of advanced artificial intelligence and analyze strategic competition with artificial intelligence development of the People's Republic of China.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Joint Reserve Detachment of the Defense Innovation Unit*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 236) that would amend Section 1766(a) of title

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Development of internet access technologies by the Defense Innovation Unit*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 237) that would direct the Defense Innovation Unit to undertake efforts to support the development of low-cost, easily scalable, and rapidly deployable technologies to counter internet shutdowns or limitations on network access abroad, particularly those imposed by adversary countries.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Quarterly reports on termination of critical technology research awards*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 243) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a quarterly report to the congressional defense committees identifying any award for specified research and development that was terminated by the Department of Defense on the basis that the award no longer effectuates the program's goals or agency priorities, as provided under the Department of Defense Research and Development General Terms and Conditions (dated March 2025), or any related or successor guidance.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on Department of Defense market research of critical technology and capabilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 244) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report reviewing the Department of Defense's ability to

conduct effective market research on critical existing and emerging defense technologies and to make recommendations on the improvements of such capabilities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We understand that staying informed about the available and developing technologies of the defense sector is essential to ensuring the Department can efficiently leverage technologies that fill existing and future capability gaps. We support efforts by the Department to evaluate and perfect their capabilities regarding market research. Therefore, we direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to submit a report, not later than March 30, 2026, to the congressional defense committees that includes:

(1) An assessment of the strategic market evaluation practices across developmental innovation and acquisition offices;

(2) Recommendations on methods to improve market research and commercial sector due diligence within key Department of Defense innovation and acquisition offices;

(3) An assessment of regulatory, legal, and administrative barriers in testing and evaluation of critical technologies that may delay their maturation and development and how to address them;

(4) Recommendations for enhancing private sector participation, and lowering barriers to entry for commercial sector entities; and

(5) Recommendations for the creation of standardized best practices for market research and commercial sector due diligence within key innovation and acquisition organizations in the Department of Defense.

*Report on low-cost undersea effectors*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 245) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing on the Defense Innovation Unit's (DIU) Low Cost Undersea Effectors Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO) program. This is a program which seeks to demonstrate affordable, mission-specific small and medium unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs) capable of supporting subsea and seabed warfare, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (ISR), and expeditionary warfare, that would offer the potential to deliver kinetic effects, ISR, and expeditionary capabilities at low cost, with reduced training and logistics burdens, and in quantities sufficient to enable distributed maritime operations;

The Senate bill included no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We agree that the Secretary of the Navy shall, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit a report, and, in coordination with DIU, provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees on the Low-Cost Undersea Effectors CSO, that includes:

(1) The funding plan and execution status for the Low-Cost Undersea Effectors CSO;

(2) Navy plans to begin limited procurement of successful CSO awardees for operational experimentation and fleet integration;

(3) Pathways for scaling production of low-cost UUVs; and

(4) Steps to ensure small business and non-traditional defense contractors remain central to future acquisition in this domain.

*Report on electronic warfare capability for unmanned surface vessels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 246) that would require the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition to submit to the congressional defense committees within 90 days an unclassified report on planned development on a configurable, low-cost, expendable electronic warfare capability to support unmanned surface vessel survivability.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition to submit to the congressional defense committees, within 90 days of the enactment of this Act, an unclassified report on planned development on a configurable, low-cost, expendable electronic warfare capability to support unmanned surface vessel survivability. The report shall include: (1) An assessment of currently available electronic warfare capabilities for unmanned surface vessels and limitations of current technology; A determination of funding availability for fiscal years 2026 through 2030 by program element to support the rapid development of configurable low-cost electronic warfare capabilities for multiclass unmanned surface vessels; (3) A determination of funding availability from Public Law 119–21; (4) An assessment of current and future satellite radar detection capabilities in finding and tracking ocean-going unmanned surface vessels by any country determined by the Secretary of State to be a foreign adversary with such capabilities; (5) A list of possible technical requirements for a multiclass, affordable, low-power, and expendable electronic warfare system; and (6) A rapid acquisition strategy for this capability.

*Plan to support advanced manufacturing and materials for hypersonics research and development*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 248) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to develop a plan to support advanced manufacturing and materials for hypersonics research and development.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision. The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than June 1, 2026 on advanced manufacturing practices and advanced materials for hypersonics research and development. Such report shall include: (1) Assessment of capabilities for intelligence-optimized robotic forming, additive and subtractive manufacturing methods, precision joining (laser, e-beam, friction stir) for dis-

similar metals and metal and ceramic matric composite interfaces, and advanced materials and processing; and (2) Definition of qualification artifacts (process allowable, non-destructive inspection procedures, and digital-thread data standards) and pilot lines executed by consortia of primes, startups, and Federal labs, with appropriate Technology Readiness Levels and Manufacturing Readiness Levels, cost, and lead-time objectives.

*Strategy for the development of friction stir additive manufacturing technologies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 249) that would require a report outlining the strategy of the Department of Defense for the research, development, and deployment of friction stir additive manufacturing technologies.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on research relating to the upper atmosphere and near-space environment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 250) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report that includes: (1) An assessment of intelligence activities and other competitive activities undertaken by foreign nations with respect to the upper atmosphere and near-space environment; and (2) A comprehensive strategy to address the upper atmosphere and near-space environment, which shall include requirements for high-altitude, long-duration, and heavy-lift propulsion systems and platforms.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We agree that the Secretary of Defense should provide the report directed in the House bill, along with a briefing, to the congressional defense committees not later than March 31, 2026.

*Avoiding duplication of hypersonic testing efforts*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 5211 (Div. E)) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to use existing hypersonic testing facilities or hypersonic testing facilities currently undergoing refurbishment, including those owned by other departments and agencies, for testing related to the development of hypersonic systems.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We recognize there are opportunities for the Department of Defense to take better advantage of testing assets in other federal agencies that might benefit the Department's hypersonic efforts. We encourage the Department to do more to reduce duplication in testing assets in order to be a better steward of federal resources.

## TITLE III—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

### Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

*Sec. 301—Authorization of appropriations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 301) that would authorize appropriations for operation and maintenance activities at the levels identified in section 4301 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 301).

The agreement includes this provision.

### Subtitle B—Energy and Environment

*Sec. 311—Inclusion of information about PFAS investigation and remediation in annual report on defense environmental programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 312) that would require the Department of Defense to include, in its annual environmental report, detailed per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances cleanup costs and conduct an analysis of cost contributors.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 333).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 312—Elimination of preference for motor vehicles using electric or hybrid propulsion systems and related requirements of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 324) that would eliminate preference for motor vehicles using electric or hybrid propulsion systems and related requirements of the Department of Defense, by amending chapter 173 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment changing the "shall" to "may" in reference to section 2922g chapter 173 of title 10, United States Code.

*Sec. 313—Modification of availability and use of energy cost savings*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 314) that would amend section 2912(e)(1) of title 10, United States Code, by requiring the Secretary of Defense to transfer savings derived from this section, not later than 60 days after being notified of said savings, and make additional technical changes as requested by the Department of the Air Force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 314—Requirement to support National Guard training on wildfire prevention and response*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 312) that would amend Section 351 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "may" and inserting "shall".

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 315—Modification of requirements relating to replacement of fluorinated aqueous film-forming foam*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 313) that would modify requirements relating to replacement of fluorinated aqueous film-forming foam.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 316—Modification to restriction on procurement or purchasing of personal protective equipment for firefighters containing perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The Senate bill contained a provision (S. 316) that would modify the existing restriction on firefighter protective equipment by allowing procurement of gear that meets the National Fire Protection Association's Standard 1970.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 317—Provision of alternative drinking water to households whose private drinking water is contaminated with perfluorooctanesulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid substances from Department of Defense activities*

The House bill contained a provision (H. 314) that would require the Department of Defense (DOD) to provide alternative drinking water to households with private wells contaminated by perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances from DOD activities until permanent safe water solutions are in place or contamination levels are remediated.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 318—Responsibilities of executive agent for installation and operational nuclear energy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 315) that would require the Secretary of Defense to designate an executive agent of the Department of Defense for installation and operational nuclear energy. The provision would also require the executive agent to provide annual reports to the congressional defense committees on the implementation of this provision and require the Secretary to submit a plan for establishing a program of record for the use of nuclear energy to meet installation energy and operational energy needs.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 319—Establishment of Advanced Nuclear Transition Working Group*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 316) that would require the Secretary of Defense, within 180 days of enactment, to establish a working group to be known as the "Advanced Nuclear Technologies Transition Working Group" composed of senior officials within the Department of Defense to develop and execute a departmental strategy for advancing the use of nuclear energy technologies, require a briefing on efforts to establish such group, and require an annual report to the congressional defense committees on the activities of such group.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 922) that would also direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program for deploying microreactors at U.S. military installations.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment to eliminate the requirement for the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program for deploying microreactors at U.S. military installations.

*Sec. 320—Department of Air Force program of record for commercial weather data*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 317) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to establish the Commercial Weather Data Program as a Program of Record not later than September 30, 2027.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement amends the House provision limiting the program of record to non-space-based commercial weather data.

We note that the Space Force has existing programs of record within the Space Based Environmental Monitoring Program that are developing space-based commercial weather augmentation systems for weather data as a service.

*Sec. 321—Pilot program on Navy installation nuclear energy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 318) that would require the Navy to carry out a 10-year pilot program at one or more naval installations to determine how small modular reactors or mobile reactors could be used to meet coastal installation energy needs and explore the co-location of small modular reactors or mobile reactors with data centers.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 322—Strategy to accelerate remediation of contamination from perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 320) that would require the Department of Defense to develop a strategy and public dashboard to accelerate and track per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances cleanup efforts across military installations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 323—Notification requirement with respect to nuclear power in Guam*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3124) that would require the Secretary of Defense to notify Congress and the Government of Guam at least 180 days before the placement of a nuclear reactor in Guam.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to require notification at least 1 year prior to the placement of a permanent nuclear reactor in Guam.

*Sec. 324—Authority to use certain technologies to destroy or dispose of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 315) that would authorize the Department of Defense to use any Federal or state-approved methodology to destroy or dispose of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle C—Logistics and Sustainment

*Sec. 331—Modification of readiness report to include summary count of certain mishaps*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 332) that would amend Section 482(b)(8) of title 10, United States Code, to include a summary count of certain mishaps.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 332—Authority to provide supplies incidental to support and services for eligible non-Department of Defense organizations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 384) that would authorize funds to be appropriated by this Act for fiscal year 2026 for operation and maintenance for the Innovative

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 333—Extension of authorization of depot working capital funds for unspecified minor military construction*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 331) that would extend the authority for depot working capital funds to be used for unspecified minor military construction from September 30, 2025, to September 30, 2027.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2807).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 334—Designation of senior officials responsible for integration of global contested logistics posture management*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 332) that would require the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to designate an in-

dividual to serve as the official responsible for the integration of global contested logistics posture management.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 323) that would designate U.S. Transportation Command as the global manager for contested logistics. The provision would also require an interim briefing on progress and a report within 1 year on implementation of this designation.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that in addition to designating senior officials with the task of integrating contested logistics planning and execution across the Department of Defense, would also codify procedures and oversight requirements related to their duties.

We note that section 2926(d) of title 10, United States Code, established a working group within the Department of Defense whose function is to develop solutions to contested logistics problems within the Department and mitigate contested logistics risk. We encourage the senior officials who have been designated in this provision to make use of the working group in the execution of their duties.

*Sec. 335—Modification of prohibition on contracts for performance of firefighting or security-guard functions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 323) that would amend section 2465 of title 10, United States Code, to revise the prohibition on contracts for performance of firefighting or security-guard functions.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 336—Responsibilities for oversight of certain defense personal property matters*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 327) that would establish the Defense Personal Property Management Office (DPPMO) under the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would allow the Secretary of Defense to decide where the DPPMO would be located within the Department of Defense and allow the Secretary 180 days after enactment of the Act to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on his plan for establishing. The amendment would also make other technical changes to the provision.

*Sec. 337—Roles and responsibilities relating to sustainment and readiness of certain naval surface vessels*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 321) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to enhance surface ship maintenance at private shipyards through processes led by the Type Commanders (TYCOMs) that emphasize workforce stability, ship-specific assignments, collaborative planning, and small business involvement. The provision would authorize the TYCOMs to oversee maintenance and delegate decision-making authority to project

managers, port engineers, and ship commanding officers. The requirements under this section would terminate on January 1, 2031.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that retains only the requirement for the TYCOMs to lead conventional surface ship maintenance and align personnel responsibilities that would start not later than 1 year after the enactment of this Act.

*Sec. 338—Strategy to improve infrastructure of certain depots of Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 336) that would amend Section 359 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 339—Modification of report on improved oversight for implementation of Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program of the Navy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 335) that would amend the reporting requirement on the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program to include reporting on the incorporation of digital infrastructure (including hardware, software, and cloud storage) and platforms into such program.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 331).

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 340—Extension and modification of semiannual briefings on operational status of amphibious warship fleet*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 325) that would amend section 352 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) by extending the sunset date for the reporting requirements on the operational status of the amphibious warship fleet from 2026 to 2028 and by including an additional requirement to report on a plan for maintenance and service life extensions that would retain active amphibious warships until replacement warships enter service in order to meet the requirement for operationally available amphibious warships set forth in section 8062 of title 10, United States Code.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 341—Maintenance inspection capabilities and requirements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 339) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to ensure that when the Department of Defense conducts maintenance of aviation critical safety items and mission critical parts, such maintenance includes the use of a technical data requirement or organic or commercially available diagnostic tool, if such a requirement or tool is required and available; and is not conducted solely through visual inspection unless no such requirement or tool is available; or only a visual inspection is required under a technical data requirement.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 342—Joint Strike Fighter sustainment*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 340) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force, by September 30, 2028, to ensure that sufficient wartime spares support equipment and depot level capabilities are available for the F–35 Joint Strike Fighter Program to sustain such Fighter for at least 90 days in the most stressing operational plan; and to meet the fleet wide minimum readiness targets established by each such Secretary. Additionally, the provision would require that the Secretary of Defense ensure that the F–35 Joint Strike Fighter contractor has validated all information necessary for the Department of Defense to successfully complete an audit. The provision would allow the Secretary to waive the requirements of this provision if the Secretary determines that such waiver is in the national security interests of the United States. Finally, this section would require a report on various sustainment elements of the F–35 Joint Strike Fighter program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment clarifying the treatment of global spare pool for F–35 aircraft.

*Sec. 343—Depot-level maintenance coordination in multinational exercises*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 338) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to incorporate depot-level maintenance in at least one multinational exercise conducted in the area of operations of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and submit a report to the Congress summarizing the lessons learned.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 344—Proposed actions with respect to causes and effects of declining aircraft readiness rates*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 363) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report on the declining rates of aircraft readiness to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would narrow the focus of the report to providing proposed actions to reverse the declining rates of aircraft readiness, improve the effectiveness of aircraft sustainment, and ensure more accurate readiness reporting, including any recommendations for relevant legislative actions.

*Sec. 345—Technology enhancement for surface ship maintenance*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 322) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to expedite the investigation, qualification, and integration of specified advanced technologies and

processes into Navy surface ship maintenance to improve readiness, reduce costs, and address delays. The

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 346—Oversight requirements for contracts relating to relocation logistics for household goods*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 343) that would require the Secretary of Defense to include additional oversight mechanisms for any renegotiation of the contract under the Global Household Goods Contract, or negotiation of a new contract under the Global Household Goods Contract. This provision derived from a concern that the original Global Household Goods contract lacked proper oversight mechanisms, leading to an inability of the Department of Defense to safeguard the best interests of servicemembers and their families.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 347—Integration of commercially available artificial intelligence capabilities into logistics operations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 328) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to facilitate the integration of commercially available artificial intelligence capabilities specifically designed for logistics tracking, planning, operations, and analytics into two relevant Department of Defense exercises to be conducted during fiscal year 2026.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with clarifying amendments.

*Sec. 348—Pilot program on Army depot and arsenal workload sustainment*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 329) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program on arsenal workload.

The House bill contained a similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with technical amendments.

*Sec. 349—Limitation on use of funds to establish or expand Space Force Special Operations Component Command*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 342) that would prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for Major Force Program 11 for the U.S. Special Operations Command to establish or expand a Space Force Special Operations Component Command until the date that is 30 days after the date on which the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict and the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, in consultation with the Chief of Space Operations, submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of

Representatives a report articulating the requirement for such a component command and the resourcing, personnel, and other requirements necessary for reaching initial and full operational capability.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 350—Pilot program for data-enabled ground vehicle maintenance*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1532) that would require the Secretaries of the military departments to establish a pilot program using commercially available artificial intelligence to improve maintenance of ground vehicles.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

We note the efforts made in the Army to implement condition-based maintenance systems to improve their logistics maintenance processes. We encourage the other services as they establish their own pilot projects to utilize lessons learned from the Army in those endeavors.

*Sec. 351—Modernization of the organic industrial base of the Army*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 849) that would direct the Secretary of the Army to accelerate the modernization of the organic industrial base of the Army to meet the requirements of the Department of Defense by ensuring additional production of materials, or expanded use of capabilities are done across the Organic Industrial Base.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 341).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would expand the scope of acceleration to include all propellant and eliminates the requirement for investing in facilities that have seen lower investments in the past 2 years.

Subtitle D—Matters Relating to Munitions

*Sec. 361—Reporting requirements for Out-Year Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirements and Out-Year inventory numbers*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 872) that would amend section 222c of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Chiefs of Staff of the Armed Forces, to annually determine the minimum production level for each variant of munitions required to meet the Out-Year Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirement. The provision would also require the Secretary of Defense to incorporate the determined minimum production levels into the planning, programming, budgeting, and execution process of the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require the Out-Year Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirement and Out-Year inventory numbers to include an

estimate of the annual aggregate demand from U.S. allies and partners.

We direct the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense to deliver a one-time briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than January 1, 2026, that includes a roadmap for evolving the Total Munitions Requirement to include portfolios by mission or capability. This roadmap should also include consideration of alternative production lines and developmental weapons to meet capability or mission gaps.

*Sec. 362—Inclusion of air and missile defense in Out-Year Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirement and Out-Year inventory numbers*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1533) that would amend section 222c(c) of title 10, United States Code, to include air and missile defense munitions in the unconstrained total munitions requirement.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 363—Reports on munitions response projects at sites formerly used by the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 362) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, to provide quarterly reports to the congressional defense committees on munitions response projects at sites formerly used by the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 364—Report on critical munitions required for simultaneous conflicts*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 864) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, detailing the stockpiles of critical munitions required to fight simultaneous conflicts in different theaters. Not later than 90 days after the report's submission, the Secretary of Defense would also be required to submit a plan to implement critical munitions requirements to fight simultaneous conflicts in the next budget cycle.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary to include in the report an exploration of the projected munitions requirements of the relevant allies of the United States in each theater for munitions produced in the United States, as well as an analysis of how those requirements impact some of the other elements of the report.

Subtitle E—Other Matters

*Sec. 371—Adjustment and diversification assistance for State and local governments affected by depot reductions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 375) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to provide adjustment and diversification assistance, pursuant to section 2391(b) of title 10, United States Code, to state and local governments affected by the actions taken under the Army Transformation Initiative.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would modify Section 2391(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, by striking "or" after "military installation resilience", by inserting "or (G) by any action of the Department of Defense that negatively affects a covered depot (as such term is defined in section 2476(f) of this title)," after " the defense facility,"; and by striking "(C), or (F)" and inserting "(C), (F), or (G)".

We remain concerned about the impacts of the Army Transformation Initiative and hereby direct the Secretary of the Army to provide quarterly updates during calendar year 2026 on the status of transformation efforts.

*Sec. 372—Authority to evacuate family pets and contract working dogs during noncombatant evacuations of foreign countries*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 371) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to enter into agreements with appropriate nonprofit entities under which such entities provide for the evacuation of family pets of citizens of the United States who are evacuated by the Department and contract working dogs located in such country.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment creating a freestanding provision in the appropriate area of

*Sec. 373—Manned rotary wing aircraft safety*

The House bill contained provision (sec. 372) that would require any manned rotary wing aircraft of the Department of Defense conducting a training mission in a highly trafficked domestic airspace to actively provide warning to nearby commercial aircraft, in a manner compatible with the traffic alert and collision avoidance system of such commercial aircraft.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 324) that would require all aircraft of the Department of Defense operating near commercial airports to be equipped with position broadcast technology. It also required a recurring report on near misses.

The agreement includes the House provisions with an amendment that incorporates the near miss reporting requirement of the Senate provision.

*Sec. 374—Establishment of Army museum system*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 351) that would direct the Secretary of the Army to support a system of official Army museums within the United States Army Center of Military History.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 375—Establishment of United States Navy Museum System*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 354) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to support a system of official Navy museums, that will collectively be known as the United States Navy Museum System.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 376—Establishment of Air Force and Space Force Museum System*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2878) that would amend Chapter 979 of title 10, United States Code, to establish an Air Force and Space Force Museum system.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment to match other services' museum bill language.

*Sec. 377—Transportation of certain domestic animals by foreign air carrier*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 374) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to pay for the transportation of family pets of Department of Defense personnel by a foreign carrier.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 378—Minimum standards for military working dog kennels and facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 377) that would require the Secretary of Defense, through the Executive Agent for the Department of Defense Military Working Dog Program, to establish and implement minimum standards for kennels and other facilities used to house military working dogs. The provision also requires an assessment of the extent to which existing facilities meet the standards within 1 year after enactment, and any necessary modification to meet the standards within 3 years after enactment. All new facilities would also be required to meet these standards.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 379—Restroom access at military installations for certain transportation service providers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 378) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide restroom access at military installations for certain transportation service providers.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment to reflect that the name of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command has been changed to the U.S. Army Transportation Command.

*Sec. 380—Use of expeditionary solid waste disposal systems by Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 313) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to use expeditionary solid waste disposal systems for the destruction of illicit contraband, including seized counterfeit materials, unauthorized military gear, and classified materials.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 381—Pilot program for contracted amphibious air resources for the area of responsibility of the United States Indo-Pacific Command*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 348) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish and maintain a 3-year pilot program for the contracted operation of a fleet of commercial amphibious aviation resources for tasking within the area of responsibility of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 382—Initiative to control spread of greater banded hornet in Guam*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 380) that would enhance efforts to manage, control, and interdict the greater banded hornet on military installations in Guam.

The provision requires the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment to provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the implementation of this section, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for each of the next 3 years.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 383—Reserve mobilization exercise to assess the capability of the Armed Forces to respond to a high-intensity contingency in the Indo-Pacific region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 370A) that would, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, to conduct a comprehensive joint mobilization and sustainment readiness study to assess the capability of the Armed Forces to respond to a high-intensity contingency in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 384—Limitation on transformation by the Army of primary helicopter training program at Fort Rucker, Alabama*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 344) that would limit funding for the Secretary of the Army to transform initial entry rotary wing (IERW) training until the Army completes its proof of concept plan, validates the training pilot, the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) conducts an independent assessment, and the Secretary of the Army submits a report to congressional defense committees.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 381).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would eliminate the external CAPE assessment and clarify required actions prior to IERW transformation.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Department of Defense guidelines regarding implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 311) that would require the Secretary of Defense to rescind all existing Department of Defense directives regarding implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91–190) and replace those directives with a new directive with uniform guidance that the military departments and other agencies of the Department of Defense must implement.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2026, on any improvements seen with the updated National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 guidance that was promulgated in June 2025. The briefing shall include but not be limited to: (1) Any metrics identified to measure timeline improvements for projects; (2) Any updates on successful implementation of the new directives, to include data from the identified metrics; (3) Any projects in which Environmental Impact Statements from another agency or executive agent was utilized or provided and whether or not that improved timelines of projects; and (4) Any other matters the Secretary determines relevant.

*Repeal of prohibition on procurement by Department of Defense of certain items containing perfluorooctane sulfonate or perfluorooctanoic acid*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 318) that would repeal a prohibition on the Department of Defense procuring certain items containing perfluorooctane sulfonate or perfluorooctanoic acid.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Pilot program to install propane-powered generators at a domestic defense industrial base facility*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 319) that would establish a pilot program to install propane powered generators at a qualified domestic organic defense industrial base facility.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 directed the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a pilot program to install propane-

*Repeal of temporary moratorium on incineration by Department of Defense of perfluoroalkyl substances, polyfluoroalkyl substances, and aqueous film forming foam*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 319) that would repeal a temporary moratorium on incineration by the Department of Defense of perfluoroalkyl substances, polyfluoroalkyl substances, and aqueous film forming foam.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Interim responses to address releases or threatened releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 320) that would require the Department of Defense to carry out certain interim responses as part of the Department's ongoing efforts to identify and remediate releases or threatened releases of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances caused by Department of Defense activities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Study on small modular nuclear reactors*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 321) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a comprehensive study on the feasibility, costs, and benefits of deploying small modular nuclear reactors to provide secure, resilient, and reliable power for Department of Defense installations and require a report to the congressional defense committees on the results of this study not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize that the Department has provided the Congress with a number of reports and briefings regarding small modular reactor development efforts over the past several years, appreciate the consistent communication on this topic, and encourage the Department to continue an open and productive dialogue in the future.

*Coordinator for engagement with defense communities affected by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 322) that would require the Secretary of Defense to designate an official of the Department of Defense as the Coordinator for Engagement with Defense Communities Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the importance of the Department's continued outreach and engagement with defense communities affected by PFAS, and direct the Department to continue such outreach, including by liaising with state and local governments, advocacy organizations, and individual citizens who are affected by PFAS contamination caused by the Department's activities.

*Modification of minimum capital investment for certain depots of Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 333) that would modify Section 2476(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Capital expenditure write-offs for Department of Defense depots and arsenals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 343) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to write off any depreciated cost or debt associated with capital that does not generate revenue due to Government-directed mission changes.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Authority to establish Advanced Technology Centers to enhance workforce training in certain critical skills*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 344) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to establish advanced technology centers to enhance workforce training in certain critical skills.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the importance of the Department of Defense (DOD) working with community colleges, as these institutions often provide invaluable workforce programs that can advance critical DOD workforce requirements. We encourage the Department to assess the advisability and feasibility of establishing advanced technology centers at community colleges with workforce programs that include a critical national production facility, to provide workforce training on the following:

(1) Advanced composite material layup;

(2) Advanced coatings applications;

(3) Computer numerical control manufacturing;

(4) Aircraft mechanical assembly and integrated circuit development, including with respect to aircraft such as B–21 and F–35; and

(5) Welding, pipefitting, and metal fabrication related to vessel construction, repair and maintenance.

*Authorization to maintain a library in the Department of the Navy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 352) that would allow the Secretary of the Navy to maintain a Department of the Navy library.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Authorization to maintain a Navy art gallery*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 353) that would allow the Secretary of the Navy to maintain in a Department of the Navy art gallery.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Establishment of Center for the Study of the National Guard*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 355) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a center, to be known as the "Center for the Study of the National Guard" at an appropriate academic institution

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the importance of the National Guard as well as maintaining its great legacy. We encourage the Department of Defense to explore the option of establishing a center for the study of the National Guard utilizing a Private-Public Partnership.

*Recognition of certain aspects of the National Navy Underwater Demolition Team-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as a national memorial, national memorial garden, and national K9 memorial*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 356) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to recognize the National Navy SEAL Museum Memorial, the Memorial Garden and Living Beach, and the Naval Special Warfare K9 Memorial of the National Navy Underwater Demolition Team-SEAL Museum, in Fort Pierce, Florida, as a national memorial, national memorial garden, and national K9 memorial, respectively, of the Navy SEALs.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Assessments and plan for increasing access to nutritious food on military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 361) that would amend chapter 23 of title 10, United States Code, to require a biennial assessment on nutrition standards across the military departments. This provision would also require the Department to submit a plan to increase access to nutritious food on military installations, consistent with recommendations of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report published on June 24, 2024, titled "DOD Food Program: Additional Actions Needed to Implement, Oversee, and Evaluate Nutrition Efforts for Service Members" (GAO–24–106155).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not contain the House provision.

We direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than June 1, 2026, on efforts to assess and improve access to nutritious food on military installations. The briefing shall include:

(1) A summary of current nutrition standards and policies within each military department;

(2) An overview of actions taken since the June 2024 GAO report to implement its recommendations;

(3) The extent to which nutrition standards are reflected in food options at both appropriated and nonappropriated fund food venues; and

(4) Any ongoing or planned initiatives by the Department to increase access to nutritious foods for servicemembers and their families.

*Driver simulators in military vehicles*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 364) that would direct the Secretary of the Army to submit a report on the Army efforts to develop, procure, field, and sustain driver training simulators as a component of vehicle procurement.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We believe the Army and the Marine Corps should include resourcing for immersive driver training simulators as part of development, procurement, fielding, and sustainment phases of their military vehicle fleets. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy to independently brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 28, 2026, on service efforts related to driving simulators. This briefing shall include:

(1) A summary of the current use of simulators as part of the each service's driver training program;

(2) A description of how each service is incorporating driver training simulators across life cycle management of current and projected fleet of vehicles;

(3) Current and projected availability, across the Future Years Defense Program, by vehicle type, of driver simulators; and

(4) An assessment of current availability of driving simulators for initial entry and sustainment level drivers training.

*Department of Defense report on creatine supplements in Meals Ready-to-Eat*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 365) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, to submit a report evaluating the feasibility, safety, and potential benefits of including creatine supplements in Meals Ready-to-Eat for members of the Armed Forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Study and report on effects of Defense Logistics Agency class IX recovery rates on military depots and arsenals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 366) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency and each Secretary of a military department, to conduct a study on the effects of the Defense Logistics Agency Class IX recovery rates on military depots and arsenals.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency and each Secretary of a military department, to conduct a study on the effects of the Defense Logistics Agency Class IX recovery rates on military depots and arsenals, and brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than September, 30, 2026. The briefing shall include but not be limited to: (1) The methodology used by the Defense Logistics Agency to set recovery rates for class IX items for all customers; (2) How class IX recovery rates affect the cost structures, budgeting, and execution of workload at military depots and arsenals; (3) Any differences between the effects of recovery rates on depot-level maintenance compared to other customers of the Defense Logistics Agency; (4) Any unintended consequences resulting from such cost recovery practices, including delays, cost overruns, or degraded readiness in depot and arsenal operations; (5) Recommendations for improving alignment between Defense Logistics Agency pricing policies and the sustainment, affordability, and readiness goals of military depots and arsenals; and (6) Any other matters the Secretary determines relevant.

*Briefing on sustainment and funding of Department of the Army directed energy programs of record*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 367) that would direct the Chief of Staff of the Army to submit a briefing on sustainment and funding of Department of the Army directed energy programs of record.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We believe the Army should continue its effort in directed energy programs of record. Therefore, we direct the Chief of Staff of the Army, in coordination with the head of Army Aviation and Missile Command, to provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, a briefing, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on the sustainment and funding plan for directed energy programs of record of the Department of the Army. Such briefing shall include an assessment of comparative cost efficiencies and operational advantages to:

(1) Support readiness;

(2) Reduce dependence on original equipment manufacturers; and

(3) Develop a workforce trained to address the requirements and safety aspects of directed energy technology.

*Report on reducing frequency of permanent changes of station and naval vessel to onshore rotations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 368) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to submit a report on options to reduce the frequency of permanent changes of station (PCS) and naval sea-shore rotations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense has already initiated an internal review of PCS practices and potential targeted reductions, as outlined in the May 28, 2025, memorandum titled "Permanent Change of Station Targeted Reductions Review and Personnel Policy Changes." We direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on this review not later than March 1, 2026. The briefing shall include:

(1) Current data on the costs associated with PCS moves and sea-shore rotations by service and occupational specialty;

(2) An assessment of potential cost savings and quality-of-life benefits associated with reducing PCS frequency or extending tour lengths;

(3) An overview of any ongoing or planned efforts to pilot extended tour lengths or modified rotation models; and

(4) Any legislative or policy changes the Department believes would be required to implement such adjustments.

*Report on encroachment management related to the Nevada Test and Training Range*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 369) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on ongoing encroachment management efforts and coordination with relevant stakeholders to ensure the long-term viability of the Nevada Test and Training Range.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026, outlining ongoing encroachment management projects, landscape partnerships, and stakeholder engagements to ensure the long-term viability of the Nevada Test and Training Range. The briefing shall also describe the resources required for such efforts, the specific encroachment issues identified, the coordination process among all relevant stakeholders regarding foreign land acquisitions, and any areas where congressional engagement may be warranted.

*Report on local coordination efforts to address contamination caused by activities at former George Air Force Base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 370) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on the efforts of the Department of the Air Force to coordinate with local officials to identify potential solutions for addressing the contamination caused by activities in connection with the former George Air Force Base.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of the Air Force, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than January 31, 2026, on the efforts of the Department of the Air Force to coordinate with local officials to identify potential solutions for address-

ing the contamination caused by activities in connection with the former George Air Force Base. The briefing shall include the following:

(1) A description of ongoing and planned efforts to address such contamination;

(2) A description of opportunities for partnership with Federal, State, and local entities with respect to such efforts;

(3) Plans to ensure that the responsibilities for the cleanup of such contamination is not shifted to affected communities and that such cleanup does not restrict economic development; and

(4) An assessment of the estimated costs, timelines, and feasibility of each proposed solution for addressing such contamination.

*Report on use of ultra-short takeoff and landing aircraft for last mile logistics and disaster response operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 370B) that would require the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, in coordination with the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the integration potential and value of ultra-short takeoff and landing aircraft.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Chief of Staff of the Air Force to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by June 1, 2026, on the integration potential and value of ultra-short takeoff and landing aircraft. The report shall include: (1) An assessment of the comparative cost efficiencies and operational advantages provided by ultra-short takeoff and landing aircraft in contested logistics and disaster response scenarios; (2) Identification of critical capability gaps in last-mile or last-tactical-mile logistics where such aircraft could serve as a force multiplier; (3) An evaluation of specific mission sets and end users across the Indo-Pacific theater that could benefit from the deployment of such aircraft, especially mission

*Availability of milk at dining facilities on military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 376) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure milk is available to members of the Armed Forces at dining facilities and prohibit purchasing of milk from an entity owned or controlled by a foreign adversary.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that numerous scientific reports have resolved that milk minerals are crucial building blocks for human health and development. We further note that the Department of Agriculture recommends three daily servings of dairy as a key source of critical nutrients, including potassium, calcium, and vitamin D. Therefore, we support the Department's continued strict adherence to both Department of Defense Manual 1338.10, which requires milk to be provided at all dining facilities, and section 4862 of title 10, United

States Code, which prohibits the procurement of milk from foreign sources.

*Prohibition on Department of Defense ban of clean agent fire suppression products*

The House bill contained a section (H. 382) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from banning clean agent fire suppression products containing fluorine-carbon bonds when no suitable alternative exists.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026, outlining Department policies and practices regarding the use of clean agent fire suppression products. The briefing shall describe current applications across the military departments, ongoing efforts to identify and test fluorine-free alternatives, cost and performance considerations, and any mission or safety impacts related to the transition to alternative products.

*Inapplicability of recommendations, procedures, and plans of commission relating to assigning, modifying, or removing of names, symbols, displays, monuments, and paraphernalia to assets of the Department of Defense that commemorate the Confederate States*

The House bill contained provisions (sec. 383, sec. 2833, sec. 2834, and sec. 2866) that would direct the naming of certain installations of the Department of Defense, and prohibit renaming installations in contravention of the recommendations made by the Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America, established by section 370 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law No. 116–283).

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 349) that would direct the naming of certain Department of Defense installations in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The agreement does not include the House provisions or the Senate provision.

*Funding for flight hours for expeditionary combat aviation brigades*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 385) that would increase funding for flight hours for expeditionary combat aviation brigades.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on adoption of graphite oxide-based firefighting foams*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 5331) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than February 1, 2026, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the progress and strategy of the Department of Defense for accelerating adoption of graphite oxide-based firefighting foams.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a report not later than February 1, 2026, on the progress and strategy of the Department of Defense for accelerating adoption of graphite oxide-based firefighting foams. The report shall include:

(1) A summary of current testing, evaluation, and certification efforts for graphite oxide-based firefighting foams, including performance data and environmental assessments;

(2) An identification of any remaining technical, regulatory, or logistical barriers to full-scale adoption of such foams, along with proposed mitigation strategies;

(3) A timeline for the phased replacement throughout the Department of firefighting foams containing perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances with graphite oxide-based alternatives; and

(4) A description of interagency coordination and partnerships with industry and academia to ensure such foams meet relevant safety, operational, and environmental standards for military use.

## TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS

### Subtitle A—Active Forces

*Sec. 401—End strengths for active forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 401) that would authorize Active-Duty end strength as of September 30, 2026 as follows: Army, 454,000; Navy, 344,600; Marine Corps, 172,300; Air Force, 321,500; and Space Force, 10,400.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 401).

The agreement includes this provision.

### Subtitle B—Reserve Forces

*Sec. 411—End strengths for Selected Reserve*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 411) that would authorize end strengths for Selected Reserve personnel, including the end strength for Reserves on active duty in support of the Reserves, as of September 30, 2026 as follows: Army National Guard, 328,000; Army Reserve, 172,000; Navy Reserve, 57,500; Marine Corps Reserve, 33,600; Air National Guard, 106,300; Air Force Reserve, 67,500; and Coast Guard Reserve, 8,500.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 411) that would authorize end strengths for Selected Reserve personnel, including the end strength for Reserves on Active Duty in support of the Reserves, as of September 30, 2026 as follows: Army National Guard, 328,000; Army Reserve, 172,000; Navy Reserve, 57,500; Marine Corps Reserve, 33,600; Air National Guard, 106,300; Air Force Reserve, 67,500; and Coast Guard Reserve, 7,000.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 412—End strengths for Reserves on active duty in support of the Reserves*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 412) that would authorize end strengths for Reserves on active duty in support of the

Reserves as of September 30, 2026 as follows: Army National Guard, 30,845; Army Reserve, 16,511; Navy Reserve, 10,409; Marine Corps Reserve, 2,400; Air National Guard, 25,171; Air Force Reserve, 6,218.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 412) that would authorize full-time support end strengths as of September 30, 2026 as follows: Army National Guard, 30,845; Army Reserve, 16,511; Navy Reserve, 10,132; Marine Corps Reserve, 2,400; Air National Guard, 25,982; Air Force Reserve, 6,311.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 413—End strengths for military technicians (dual status)*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 413) that would authorize end strengths for military technicians (dual status) as of September 30, 2026 as follows: Army National Guard, 21,294; Army Reserve, 6,258; Air National Guard, 10,405; Air Force Reserve, 6,455.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 413) that would authorize end strengths for military technicians (dual status) as of September 30, 2026 as follows: Army National Guard, 22,294; Army Reserve, 6,492; Air National Guard, 10,744; Air Force Reserve, 6,697. The Senate provision would also limit the number of temporary military technicians (dual status) to 25 percent of the authorized end strength and prohibit a state from coercing military technicians into accepting an offer of realignment or conversion to any other military status—including as a member of the Active, Guard, and Reserve program of a reserve component.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 414—Maximum number of reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 414) that would authorize—as required under section 115(b) of title 10, United States Code—the maximum number of Reserve Component personnel who may be on active duty or full-time National Guard duty during fiscal year 2026 for operational support.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 414).

The agreement includes this provision.

Subtitle C—Authorization of Appropriations; Reports

*Sec. 421—Military personnel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 421) that would authorize the appropriation of funds for fiscal year 2026 for military personnel and other uses.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 421).

The agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 422—Streamlining of total force reporting requirements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 422) that would amend sections 115a and 129(c) of title 10, United States Code, to streamline total force reporting requirements.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1042).
The agreement includes the House provision.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Excluding members of the National Guard performing certain duty from counting for active-duty end strengths*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 415) that would exclude members of the National Guard performing certain duties from counting against active-duty end strengths.
The Senate bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement does not include the House provision.

## TITLE V—MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICY

### Subtitle A—Officer Policy

*Sec. 501—Space Force general officer management*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 501) that would amend sections 525 and 526 of title 10, United States Code, to address the composition of the Space Force without component as authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31).
The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 506).
The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 502—Redistribution of general officers on active duty from the Air Force to the Space Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 502) that would amend section 526(a) of title 10, United States Code, to increase the authorized maximum number of Space Force general officers by three and reduce the authorized maximum number of Air Force general officers by three in response to the transfer of responsibilities from the Air Force to the Space Force.
The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 501).
The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 503—Notification of removal of officers from selection board reports and promotion lists*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 505) that would amend sections 618, 629, and 14111 of title 10, United States Code, to require notification to the Congress when officers are removed from selection board reports and lists for reasons other than misconduct.
The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 504—Chaplains: career flexibility; detail as students at schools for education required for appointment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 504) that would amend sections 701 and 101 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the military departments to detail eligible officers and enlisted members to accredited graduate programs required for chaplaincy, inactivate them for a period of practical religious training upon

completion of those studies, and appoint them to serve as chaplains.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to extend the allowable career intermission period for chaplain candidates under this program, refine eligibility and service-obligation requirements, and require an annual report on members detailed for chaplaincy education.

*Sec. 505—Temporary increase in fiscal year percentage limitation for reduction or waiver of service-in-grade requirement for general and flag officers to be retired in pay grades O–7 and O–8*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 507) that would temporarily raise from 10 to 15 percent the limit in section 1370(b)(5)(C) of title 10, United States Code, on the number of general and flag officers who may be retired in the grades of O–7 and O–8. This authority would apply through September 30, 2027.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 506—Notice of removal of Judge Advocates General*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 502) that would amend sections 7037, 8088, and 9037 of title 10, United States Code. The amendment would require that if a Judge Advocate General is removed from office before the end of the term of the Judge Advocate General, the Secretary of Defense shall, not later than five days before the removal takes effect, submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives notice that the Judge Advocate General is being removed and a statement of the reason for the removal.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would modify the timeline for notice of removal of a Judge Advocate General by striking "before" in several subsections and inserting "after."

*Sec. 507—Authority to waive prohibition on officers serving on successive selection boards for boards to consider officers for promotion to major general or rear admiral*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 503) that would amend section 612(b) of title 10, United States Code, to authorize Service Secretaries to waive the prohibition on officers serving on successive selection boards for boards to consider officers for promotion to major general or rear admiral if the Secretary determines that qualified officers are not available in sufficient number to comprise the selection board.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would add a three-year sunset clause.

*Sec. 508—Establishment of blast safety officer positions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 507) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to establish blast safety officer positions in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that clarifies the duties and assignment criteria for blast safety officer positions.

Subtitle B—Reserve Component Management

*Sec. 511—Active and inactive transfers of officers of the Army National Guard and Air Force National Guard*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 514) that would amend section 303 of title 32, United States Code, to require the Secretary concerned to promulgate regulations to authorize an officer in the National Guard who fills a vacancy in a federally recognized unit to be transferred from the active National Guard to the inactive National Guard. The provision would also allow such officers to transfer from the inactive National Guard back into a federally recognized unit of the National Guard.

Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 513). The agreement includes the Senate provision with technical amendments.

*Sec. 512—National Guard: Active Guard and Reserve duty in response to a State disaster*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 515) that would authorize the chief executive of a state, with consent by the Secretary of Defense, to use Active Guard and Reserve members for up to 14 days for state disaster response duty each year, extendable for an additional 53 days for response to a catastrophic incident, with costs reimbursed by the state.

Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 514).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 513—Report on effect of equipment shortfalls on ability of National Guard to perform homeland defense activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 518) that would amend chapter 9 of title 32, United States Code, by adding a section to establish a reporting requirement on the effect of equipment availability to assist in disaster response.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that limits the reporting requirement and aligns it under section 908(b) of title 32, United States Code.

*Sec. 514—Report on National Guard sexual assault prevention and response training*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1043) that would require the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the number of National Guard members who have received sexual

assault prevention and response training in the preceding calendar year.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would identify the number of members of the National Guard who received sexual assault prevention and response training in the calendar year preceding the date of the report, disaggregated by State.

*Sec. 515—Study and report on members of the reserve components: consideration of amount of time of service in activation; authority to waive limitation on release from active duty*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 513) that would amend chapter 1209 of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the consideration of the amount of time of service of a member of a reserve component in evaluating the suitability of the member to be ordered to active duty.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 511) that would amend section 12686(b) of title 10, United States Code, to authorize a member of a reserve component to waive the limitation on release from active duty within 2 years of retirement eligibility when ordered to active duty (other than for training) for up to 365 days.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study regarding consideration of time in service or on active duty in decisions to order reserve component members to active duty, and the ability of those members to waive the limitation on release from active duty under section 12686(b) of title 10. The Secretary would be required to submit a report containing the results of this study to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than April 1, 2026.

Subtitle C—General Service Authorities and Military Records

*Sec. 521—Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record: codification; expansion*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 522) that would codify and expand the Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record as a

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1065).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that strikes the term database and replaces it with data system and requires the Secretary of Defense to submit an annual briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Committees on Veterans Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

*Sec. 522—Women's initiative teams*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 521) that would amend chapter 50 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to establish Women's Initiative Teams for each branch of service.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 523—Honorary promotions on the initiative of the Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 581) that would amend section 1563a of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretaries of the military departments to make an honorary promotion, including a posthumous honorary promotion, if the honorary grade given to a servicemember is commensurate with a servicemember's contributions to the Armed Forces or the national defense and if the Secretary of a military department receives a favorable recommendation by a board of at least three independent officers convened specifically to review the proposed honorary promotion. This authority shall not be used to award an honorary promotion solely on the basis that a servicemember was recommended for such promotion prior to separating from service.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 524—Enhanced efficiency and service discretion for Disability Evaluation System reviews*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 522) that would amend section 524 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81), and section 1214 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretaries of the military departments to require a statement of contention in disability evaluation appeals and adjust related procedures.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement contains the Senate provision with an amendment to ensure existing member protections regarding appeals of Physical Evaluation Board determinations under current law remain intact.

*Sec. 525—Requirement of equal opportunity, racial neutrality, and exclusive use of merit in military personnel actions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 524) that would require the exclusive use of merit in military personnel decisions.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to section 529C of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) to require that command selections in the Department of Defense be based on individual merit and demonstrated performance.

*Sec. 526—Report on adequacy of reimbursement for costs of permanent change of station*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 529) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than September 30, 2027, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the adequacy of reimbursements for expenses incurred by members of the Armed Forces undergoing a permanent change of station.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to refine the reporting period and incorporate claims data to strengthen the analysis.

Subtitle D—Recruitment and Accession

*Sec. 531—Recruiter access to secondary schools.*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 531) that would amend section 503(c)(1)(A) and section 983(b) of title 10, United States Code, to require improved military recruiter access to secondary schools and institutions of higher education by increasing on-campus access, establishing timely response requirements for recruiter requests, and expanding the student information that schools must provide to the Department of Defense for recruiting purposes.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 584).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require secondary schools to facilitate not fewer than one in-person recruiting event each academic year and to provide student contact information to military recruiters within 30 days of a recruiter's request.

*Sec. 532—Alternative service in areas of national interest by individuals denied enlistment*

The House bill contained two provisions (sec. 532 and sec. 1107) that would amend section 504 of title 10, United States Code to require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program to provide individuals denied enlistment with information about opportunities to work in the defense industrial base, and to establish a pathway for medically disqualified entry-level applicants to enter civilian positions in the Department of Defense for which they are qualified.

The Senate bill contained two similar provisions (sec. 1081 Sub G and sec. 1082 Sub G).

The agreement includes the House provision, with an amendment directing the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program to provide individuals denied enlistment with information about opportunities to work in areas of national interest to the United States.

*Sec. 533—Medical accession standards for members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 533) that would amend chapter 37 of title 10, United States Code, to require uniform medical accession criteria across the Armed Forces, limit disqualifications for medical purposes, and create a review and waiver process for medical disqualifications.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that requires a uniform process for the review of medical disqualifications of individuals seeking to become a member of the Armed Forces, including a process for waiving medical disqualifications in the interests of national security, while maintaining the Secretary of Defense's and the military departments' existing authority to make accession decisions consistent with service needs.

*Sec. 534—Clarifying the calculation of enlistments for persons whose score on the Armed Forces Qualification Test is below a prescribed level for the future servicemember preparatory course*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 583) that would amend section 546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) to clarify how individuals who improve their Armed Forces Qualification Test scores through the Future Servicemember Preparatory Course are counted under accession limits, and to refine reporting requirements related to Category IV enlistments and course outcomes.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with technical and conforming amendments.

*Sec. 535—Selective Service System: automatic registration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 534) that would authorize automatic registration in the Selective Service System.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

Subtitle E—Member Training

*Sec. 541—Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor qualifications*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 571) that would prohibit the Secretary concerned from establishing a policy under section 2031(d)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, requiring more than 8 years of service for a former officer or noncommissioned officer to be approved to serve as a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 542—Number of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps units*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 573) that would amend section 545(a) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) to increase the authorized number of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps units that the Department of Defense is required to support from not fewer than 3,400 and not more than 4,000 units to not fewer than 3,600 and not more than 4,200 units.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment to extend the effective date of the increase by 1 year, to October 1, 2027.

*Sec. 543—Requirements with respect to motorcycle safety training*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549I) that would direct the Secretaries of the military departments to ensure that all beginner motorcycle safety training provided to a member of the Armed Forces meets the training requirements for licensing in the state in which their permanent station is located.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 544—Repeal of annual certifications related to the Ready, Relevant Learning initiative of the Navy*

The House bill contained a provision that would amend section 545 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91) to repeal the annual certification requirement related to the Ready, Relevant Learning initiative of the Navy.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 545—Mandatory training on government ethics and national security law*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 546) that would require annual training for

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 546—Temporary authority to provide bonuses to Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructors*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 572) that would authorize the Secretary concerned to provide a one-time bonus payment of not more than $10,000 to a member or former member who agrees to be a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor for not less than 1 academic year.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment clarifying that the authority applies in cases where the Secretary concerned determines the instructor position is difficult to fill.

*Sec. 547—Pilot program for generative artificial intelligence and spatial computing for performance training and proficiency assessment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to develop and implement a pilot program to optimize the use of generative artificial intelligence and spatial computing for training and assessment.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 548—Limitation on authority to reorganize the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549C) that would limit the Secretary of the Army's authority to reorganize the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Army.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to require that the briefing include a plan to ensure uninterrupted completion of pre-commissioning training for currently enrolled students.

*Sec. 549—Accreditation of National Guard Marksmanship Training Center*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549h) that would direct the Secretary of the Army to accredit the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment changing from mandatory designation to a discretionary designation and a reporting requirement.

Subtitle F—Member Education

*Sec. 551—Modification to maximum years of service for eligibility detail as a student at a law school*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549E) that would amend Section 2004(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, to modify the maximum years of service for eligibility detail as a student at a law school.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 552—Inclusion of Space Force education programs in definitions regarding professional military education*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 542) that would amend section 2151 of title 10, United States Code, to include the Space Force's Senior Level Education and Intermediate Level Education programs in the definitions of senior-level and intermediate-level service schools.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 553—Asynchronous instruction in distance education option for professional military education*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 542) that would amend section 2154 of title 10, United States Code, to require that virtual learning pathways in distance education programs under such section must be offered asynchronously.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 554—Center for Strategic Deterrence and Weapons of Mass Destruction Studies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 543) that would establish the Center for Strategic Deterrence and Weapons of Mass Destruction Studies at the National Defense University.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 555—Military service academy nominations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 541) that would amend sections 7442, 8454, and 9442 of title 10, United States

Code, to make technical corrections to military service academy appointments related to numbers of ranked or unranked alternates.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 556—Modifications to alternative obligation for cadets and midshipmen*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 545) that would amend sections 7448, 8459, and 9448 of title 10, United States Code, to increase from three to five the number of cadets and midshipmen permitted to fulfill their active duty service obligation in the reserve component if they are drafted to be professional athletes.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 549).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 557—Modification to the designation of Members of the House of Representatives to the Boards of Visitors of Service Academies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 546) that would amend sections 7455, 8468, and 9455 of title 10, United States Code, to update the number of members of the House of Representatives designated to the boards of visitors of the service academies.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 558—Director of Admissions of the United States Naval Academy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549F) that would amend chapter 853 of title 10, United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Admissions at the Naval Academy.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to align the position and authorities of the Director of Admissions with those of the United States Military Academy and United States Air Force Academy.

We note that nothing in this section should be interpreted to require the removal or replacement of any comparable or complementary civilian position or currently serving personnel, to include the Dean of Admissions.

*Sec. 559—Detail of members of the Space Force as instructors at Air Force Institute of Technology*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 547) that would require the U.S. Space Force to establish billets for instructors at the Air Force Institute of Technology.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 559A—Prohibition on participation of males in athletic programs or activities at the military service academies that are designated for women or girls*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549K) that would prohibit any cadet or midshipman who is male to participate in ath-

letic programs at the military service academies designated exclusively for cadets or midshipmen who are female.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 548).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 559B—Organization of Army War College*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 543) that would codify the Army University and its constituent schools and integrate all Army professional military education institutions under the leadership of the Army University.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle G—Military Justice and Other Legal Matters

*Sec. 561—Qualifications for judge advocates*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 503) that would amend section 806 of title 10, United States Code (Article 6 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), to require judge advocates to be admitted to the practice of law before the highest court of a State, Territory, Commonwealth, or the District of Columbia and to maintain an active license to practice before such court, subject to the jurisdiction's disciplinary requirements and in compliance with such other requirements as the cognizant authority has set to remain eligible to practice law. The provision would also authorize the Judge Advocates General of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard, as well as the Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, to suspend the authority of judge advocates in their respective services to perform legal duties if such officers become noncompliant with such requirements. The provision would also prohibit any judge advocate or legal officer who is suspended or disbarred from the practice of law within a jurisdiction from performing legal duties.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would make the requirement inclusive of all jurisdictions and their respective licensing constructs.

*Sec. 562—Ensuring the availability of legal advice to commanders*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 551) that would amend section 162(a) of title 10, United States Code, to require that forces assigned to a combatant commander or to the United States element of the North American Aerospace Defense Command include qualified judge advocates in numbers sufficient to provide legal advice to all commanders responsible for planning and organizing military operations and to all commanders authorized to convene courts-martial.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to article 6(a) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) (10 U.S.C. 806(b)) to require that the assignment for duty of judge advocates include qualified judge advocates in numbers sufficient to

provide legal advice to all commanders responsible for planning and organizing military operations and all commanders authorized to convene courts-martial under sections 822 through 824 of the UCMJ.

*Sec. 563—Analysis of potential modifications to the offense of wrongful broadcast or distribution of intimate visual images under the Uniform Code of Military Justice*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 552) that would amend Article 117a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) (10 U.S.C. 917a) to modify the prohibition on wrongful broadcast, distribution, or publication of intimate visual images to include sexually explicit digital forgeries.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would amend section 569F of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) to require the Secretary of Defense to analyze the feasibility and advisability of, and potential approaches to, modifying the offense of wrongful broadcast or distribution of intimate visual images under Article 117a of the UCMJ (10 U.S.C. 917a) to clarify its applicability to the broadcasting and distribution of digitally manipulated intimate images, and to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the results of this analysis not later than December 31, 2026.

*Sec. 564—Revision to sexual assault prevention and response training guidance*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 557) that would require the Department of Defense to include training on Veterans Affairs resources available to survivors of Military Sexual Trauma.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment to remove several subsections of the underlying provision.

*Sec. 565—Notification of military sex offenders at military installations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 531) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish and implement a policy to ensure that military-connected registered sex offenders are identified to the military community where they work or live, including through the use of agreements with state and local authorities. The policy would be required not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act. The provision would also require the Secretary to assess the feasibility and desirability of legislation designating the Department of Defense as a jurisdiction under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (title 1 of Public Law 109–248).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 566—Analysis of the advisability of modifying the definition of abusive sexual contact under the Uniform Code of Military Justice*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 556) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice, to analyze the advisability of modifying the definition of abusive sexual contact under Article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (10 U.S.C. 920) to address the full range of harmful behaviors associated with sexual assault and to prevent misapplication of the offense to acts that are not inherently abusive. The provision would also require the Secretary to submit a report detailing the results of the analysis to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 567—Analysis of the advisability of establishing a punitive article for child pornography-related offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 553) that would amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) (chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code) to add a punitive article for offenses relating to child pornography.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice, to analyze the feasibility and advisability of establishing a dedicated punitive article under the UCMJ to address offenses relating to child pornography and, not later than December 31, 2026, to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives detailing the results of the analysis and any associated recommendations.

## Subtitle H—Career Transition

*Sec. 571—Transition Assistance Program: amendments; pilot program; reports*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 567) that would amend subsection (a) of section 1142 of title 10, United States Code, to modify the Transition Assistance Program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with clarifying amendments to ensure programmatic feasibility and to eliminate duplicative initiatives that are already encompassed within the existing authorities of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

*Sec. 572—Amendments to pathways for counseling in Transition Assistance Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 570A) that would amend section 1142(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, to add ad-

ditional considerations to pathways for counseling in the Transition Assistance Program.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 550).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 573—Improvements to information-sharing to support individuals retiring or separating from the Armed Forces*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 545) that would amend section 570F of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) to strengthen information sharing with State veterans agencies by establishing an opt-out framework.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

## Subtitle I—Family Programs, Child Care, and Dependent Education

*Sec. 581—Notification of suspected child abuse that occurs at a military child development center*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 571) that would amend section 1794 of title 10, United States Code, to require covered child and youth programs to notify parents and guardians within 24 hours of alleged or suspected abuse or neglect of a child occurring in such program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require notification to parents or guardians of a child who is the suspected victim of alleged abuse or neglect occurring at a military child development center (CDC) not later than 24 hours after an employee at a CDC learns of such an incident.

*Sec. 582—Enrollment of children of certain American Red Cross employees in schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 553) that would amend section 1404(d)(1) of the Defense Dependents' Education Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–561) to authorize children of employees of the American Red Cross who are performing, on a full-time basis, services for the Armed Forces, enrollment in a Department of Defense Education Activity school.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical and conforming amendment.

*Sec. 583—Ensuring access to DODEA schools for certain members of the reserve components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 581) that would allow dependents of Reserve Component members on active duty with accompanied permanent change of station orders, regardless of tour length, to enroll in Department of Defense Education Activity schools, on a space-available basis.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

We direct the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA), in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2027, on: (1) The number of Reserve members on active duty with accompanied permanent change of station orders at a location with a DODEA school that are projected to be eligible for this authority; (2) The number of Reserve members on active duty with accompanied permanent change of station orders for less than 365 days who utilized this authority in the previous year, to include the number of dependents who attended DODEA schools; (3) Whether DODEA schools have space available to accommodate those Reserve Component members on active duty with accompanied permanent change of station orders, regardless of tour length, to be space-required in DODEA schools; and (4) Any other matters considered relevant.

*Sec. 584—Authorization of dual or concurrent enrollment programs for students of Defense Dependent Schools*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 584) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity, to conduct dual or concurrent enrollment programs by entering into arrangements

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would authorize the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity, to conduct dual or concurrent enrollment programs by entering into arrangements with institutions of higher education and to provide financial assistance to cover the associated costs of the program, up to $1,500 per individual student per school year.

*Sec. 585—Restrictions on certain actions relating to DODEA schools and military child development centers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 576) that would prohibit authorization for funds used to terminate employees of Military Child Development Programs or the Department of Defense Education Activity unless the employee was documented as not performing or engaging in misconduct.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would authorize a limitation on closing Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) schools and authorize a prohibition on the termination of DODEA teachers and childcare employees of the Department of Defense with exceptions for certain circumstances.

*Sec. 586—Extension of pilot program to provide financial assistance to members of the Armed Forces for in-home child care*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 574) that would amend subsection (d) of section 589 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) to extend the pilot program to provide financial as-

sistance to members of the Armed Forces for in-home childcare to December 31, 2029.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 587—Military OneSource: information regarding maternal health care*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 575) that would amend section 561 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84) to require the Military OneSource website to include information regarding maternal health care.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 588—Assistance for deployment-related support of members of the Armed Forces undergoing deployment and their families beyond the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program*

The agreement includes a provision that would amend section 582 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181) to authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide funds to States, Territories, and government entities to carry out programs that provide deployment cycle information, services, and referrals to eligible individuals throughout the deployment cycle.

*Sec. 589—Certain assistance to local educational agencies that benefit dependents of military and civilian personnel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 582) that would authorize $35.0 million for the purpose of providing assistance to local educational agencies with military dependent students and $10.0 million for local educational agencies eligible to receive a payment for children with severe disabilities.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 551) that would authorize $50.0 million for continuation of the Department of Defense (DOD) assistance program to local educational agencies impacted by enrollment of dependent children of military members and DOD civilian employees and $30.0 million for local educational agencies eligible to receive a payment for children with severe disabilities.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would authorize $50.0 million for continuation of the DOD assistance program to local educational agencies and an additional $20.0 million set aside for children with severe disabilities.

*Sec. 589A—Verification of reporting of eligible federally connected children for purposes of Federal impact aid programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 583) that would require the commanders of each military installation to annually submit a written certification to their respective military departments verifying whether they have confirmed the information contained in all Impact Aid source check forms. The provision would also require an annual report to the congressional defense committees on the Department's compliance with such certification requirement.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would postpone implementation of this provision until January 1, 2027; and requires the Secretaries of the military departments to deliver an interim briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on any challenges associated with confirming impact aid source check form data.

*Sec. 589B—Regulations on the use of portable electronic mobile devices in Department of Defense Education Activity schools*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 554) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) to update existing regulations on the student use of portable electronic mobile devices in DODEA schools to prohibit disruption in the learning environment.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 589V—Management of special education in schools operated by Department of Defense Education Activity*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 552) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA), to implement certain measures to improve the staffing of special education teachers and staff at DODEA schools and clarify guidance and implement certain measures to improve special education offerings. The provision would also require the Secretary to provide an initial briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than April 1, 2026; and subsequent semi-annual briefings thereafter on the progress of implementation.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 589D—Pilot program to increase payments for child care services in high-cost areas*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 572) that would establish a 5–year pilot program to increase the maximum amount of childcare financial assistance by 30 percent for children who are 2 years or younger and located in areas with high childcare service costs.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

Subtitle J—Decorations and Awards, Reports, and Other Matters

*Sec. 591—Authorization for award of Medal of Honor to E. Royce Williams for acts of valor during the Korean War*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 597) that would waive the time limitations specified in section 8298 of title 10, United

States Code, and authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to E. Royce Williams for acts of valor during the Korean war.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 592—Authorization for posthumous award of the distinguished-service cross to Isaac "Ike" Camacho for acts of valor in Vietnam*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 591) that would waive the time limitations specified in section 8298 of title 10, United States Code, and authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to James Capers, Jr. for the acts of valor during the Vietnam War.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would waive the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Isaac "Ike" Camacho for the acts of valor from November 24, 1963, to July 13, 1965, in Vietnam for which he was previously awarded the Silver Star.

We recognize and honor the heroism and courage of James Capers, Jr., for his service in Vietnam during the period of March 31 through April 3, 1967, for which he was awarded the Silver Star.

*Sec. 593—Compliance with travel charge card deactivation requirements*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 585) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that Department of Defense policies and procedures are consistent with current law regarding the prompt deactivation and closure of government-issued travel charge card accounts upon the separation, retirement, or termination of military or civilian personnel.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with technical amendments to correct and clarify the statutory reference to the requirement governing the deactivation and closure of government-issued travel charge card accounts.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Modification of waiver authority related to joint qualified officer requirement prior to promotion to general or flag grade*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 504) that would amend section 619a(b)(3) of title 10, United States Code, to remove the explicit authority of the Secretary of Defense to waive the requirement that an officer be joint qualified prior to promotion to general or flag officer for officers in medical-related specialties.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2026, on joint qualification opportunities for medical or health related specialties. The briefing shall include: (1)

A list of the joint-qualified officer billets for medical-related specialties and the location of those billets; (2) A list of the joint-qualified officer billets at the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA); (3) An analysis and comparison of the joint officer billets at other Combat Support Agencies (CSAs), like DLA, compared to those at the Defense Health Agency (DHA); (4) Recommendations for how to increase, if required, the joint officer billets for medical-related specialties to ensure broad opportunities for joint qualification, similar to other CSAs; (5) An analysis on how the military services can make Defense Health Agency assignments milestones at different grades to include senior enlisted, junior officer, intermediate officer and senior officer levels; (6) An analysis from the Defense Health Agency on a what billets would be coded joint health related; and (7) Any barriers, legislative or policy, to the designation or creation of additional joint officer billets for medical-related specialties.

*Ranks of Judge Advocates General*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 505) that would amend sections 7037, 8088, and 9037 of title 10, United States Code, to require that the Judge Advocates General of the Army, Navy, and Air Force serve in the grade of lieutenant general or vice admiral while so serving.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Procedures for selection of Space Force officers for promotion to major general*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 506) that would amend sections 20215, 20216, 20217, 20239, and 20241 of title 10, United States Code, to establish a unique promotion process for promotion of Space Force officers to the grade of major general.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Designation of at least one general officer of the Marine Corps Reserve as a joint qualified officer*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 508) that would require that at least one general officer of the Marine Corps Reserve be designated as a joint qualified officer.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Modification to grade and allowances available to Attending Physician to the Congress*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 509) that would amend section 715 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Attending Physician to the Congress to hold the grade of colonel or Navy captain.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Grades of certain chiefs of reserve components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 511) that would amend sections 7038, 8083, 8084, and 9038 of title 10, United States Code,

to require the chief of each military service reserve component to serve in the grade of lieutenant general or vice admiral.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We urge the service chiefs of staff and the Commandant of the Marine Corps to continue to use their discretionary authority to appoint a lieutenant general or vice admiral as the chief of their respective reserve component.

*Pilot authority for extended length of orders to active duty for preplanned missions in support of the combatant commands*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 512) that would amend section 12304b of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to order units of the Marine Corps Selected Reserve to active duty for up to 545 consecutive days, rather than 365 days, for preplanned missions in support of the combatant commands.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that existing statutory authorities, including sections 12301(d), 12302, and 12304b of title 10, United States Code, already provide the Department with flexible means to activate members of the Reserve Components in support of operational and preplanned requirements, including for periods exceeding 365 days when necessary. We are aware that the Department is reviewing these authorities and may consider legislative changes in the future. To inform any such deliberations, we direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2026, outlining the Department's rationale for seeking additional activation authority under section 12304b and identifying any statutory, administrative, or policy barriers that prevent full use of existing mobilization authorities.

*Disestablishment of Navy Reserve Center system*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 512) that would direct the Secretary of the Navy to disestablish the Navy Reserve Center system.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not contain the Senate provision.

*FireGuard Program: program of record; authorization*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 516) that would authorize the FireGuard Program as a program of record through December 31, 2031.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than June 1, 2026, on the FireGuard Program. The briefing shall include at a minimum:

(1) For the 5 years preceding enactment of this Act, a list of the States, counties, municipalities, and Tribal governments

that received information under the FireGuard program, to include a map for each year analyzed that shows the locations of wildfires for which the FireGuard provided information to the above listed entities;

(2) An assessment of the average length of time between initial detection of the fire via satellite until alerts were sent to appropriate authorities and the factors that impact the speed at which data is shared; and

(3) A review of what, if any, efforts are being made to integrate aerial surveillance data from non-Department of Defense sources, and any relevant barriers to that integration.

*Treatment of funds received by National Guard Bureau as reimbursement from States*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 515) that would redirect any funds provided by the states as reimbursement from the Department of the Treasury to the National Guard Bureau.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Limitations applicable to the authority to transfer space functions of the Air National Guard to the Space Force*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 516) that would amend section 514 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) to add a rule of construction restricting Air National Guard transfers and preserving the applicability of title 32.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that section 514 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 188–159) was expressly and intentionally limited in scope. Section 514 only authorized the transfer of 578 personnel billets assigned to nine specified units and Headquarters, Air National Guard, from the Air National Guard to the Space Force as a part of the consolidation of space capabilities into the Space Force. That legal authority did not establish any precedent that would waive or reduce any state governor's authorities under section 104 of title 32, United States Code; or section 18238 of title 10, United States Code, to prevent future transfers of personnel, billets, or units from the National Guard to another component of the Armed Forces without such governor's consent.

*Study and report on National Guard capabilities in cyber incident response*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 517) that would authorize a study on National Guard capabilities in cyber incident response.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We are encouraged by the increased integration of the National Guard in cyber incident response operations, but we remain concerned that this critical capability is not being fully leveraged to

meet emerging national security needs. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, evaluating the capabilities and authorities of the National Guard in responding to cyber incidents affecting national security. Such report shall be developed in consultation with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, and shall address the following: (1) An assessment of the current roles and responsibilities of the National Guard in cyber incident response, including: (a) engagements under Federal authority, such as those pursuant to title 10, United States Code; and (b) deployments under state authority, initiated by Governors pursuant to title 32, United States Code, or state law. (2) An analysis of existing legal authorities governing the National Guard's participation in cyber incident response, including any limitations or gaps in such authorities; (3)

*Assistance for certain youth and charitable organizations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 519) that would amend section 508(d) of title 32, United States Code, to include the Young Marines, the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary among the organizations eligible to receive assistance from the National Guard.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that section 508(d) of title 32, United States Code, already provides the Secretary of Defense with flexibility to designate additional youth and charitable organizations for the purposes of National Guard support, rendering additional statutory language unnecessary. The Department of Defense and National Guard Bureau are encouraged to continue applying this authority consistently across the States and territories.

*Feasibility study regarding funeral honors duty*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 520) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to conduct a feasibility study on the provision of funeral honors under section 1491 of title 10, United States Code, including options to mitigate impacts on the National Guard Bureau and to compensate veterans service organizations for associated expenses.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than October 1, 2026, to conduct a feasibility study to:

(1) Determine how the Secretary can provide funeral honor details under section 1491 of title 10, United States Code, without negatively affecting the ability of the National Guard Bureau to fulfill operational and mission requirement; and

(2) Identify policies and practices that could prevent lapses in such provisions.

Not later than 90 days after completion of this study, the Secretary is directed to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed

Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the results.

*Codification of additional basic branches of the Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 523) that would amend section 7063(a) of title 10, United States Code, to add eleven Army career fields as statutory basic branches of the Army.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Army already recognizes and manages these eleven career fields within its existing organizational structure. We also acknowledge the importance of maintaining specialized career fields within the Army to ensure technical depth, institutional continuity, and alignment with emerging operational requirements. We are aware of ongoing Army reviews related to the potential elimination or consolidation of certain functional areas.

Accordingly, we direct the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than February 1, 2026, on the status and rationale of any such reviews or changes. The briefing shall include:

(1) A description of any functional areas that have been, or are planned to be, eliminated or consolidated, to include total number authorized and on hand, by functional area, prior to reduction;

(2) The criteria and analysis used to determine which functional areas are retained, merged, or removed;

(3) The anticipated effects on officer career progression, education, assignments, and promotion opportunity;

(4) The impact of these changes on the Army's operational effectiveness, including how the Army will mitigate capability gaps created by the loss or redistribution of specialized personnel, to include planned modification, elimination, or conversion of any authorized billet;

(5) How officers formerly assigned to eliminated functional areas would be reassigned within their basic branches, including an assessment of available authorizations and projected manning levels; and

(6) Any legislative, regulatory, or policy recommendations.

We emphasize that maintaining an appropriate balance between branch generalization and functional specialization is critical to preserving the Army's warfighting and institutional capabilities.

*Recognition of remotely piloted aircraft crew*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 524) that would require the Secretaries of the military departments, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a status identifier or equivalent recognition to denote the combat participation of remotely piloted aircraft crew members who conduct operations in direct support of combat missions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We recognize the importance of ensuring appropriate recognition of combat participation by remotely piloted aircraft crew members.

Accordingly, we direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2026, detailing the Department's plan to establish a status identifier or equivalent recognition for such personnel, including a plan to communicate this information to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Prohibition on use of Federal funds for diversity, equity, and inclusion*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 525) that would prohibit funds authorized by this Act from being used for diversity, equity, and inclusion purposes.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Prohibition of new COVID–19 vaccine mandate for members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 526) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from issuing a COVID–19 vaccine mandate as a replacement for the mandate rescinded under section 525 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2026, on the process for administrative and religious exemptions for all vaccinations, to include COVID–19. The briefing shall include: (1) The application process for vaccine exemptions, administrative and religious, for each military service; (2) The adjudication process for vaccine exemptions, administrative and religious, for each military service; (3) Any relevant policy guidance from the Secretary of Defense to the military services on administering this process; and (4) Any other matters the Secretary determines relevant.

*Recommendation with respect to the retired rank of General John D. Lavelle*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 527) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than September 30, 2026, to submit to the President and the Senate a recommendation regarding the restoration of the retired rank of General John D. Lavelle to general.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on missing members found deceased*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 528) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, to submit a report to the Congress on the number of servicemembers found deceased over the preceding 10 years and the duty-status designations applied in those cases.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We remain committed to oversight of the Department's application of absent without leave, unauthorized-absence, and duty-status-whereabouts-unknown designations in cases involving missing servicemembers who are later found deceased. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, outlining the number of members of the Armed Forces who were found deceased during the 5 years preceding that date and who were designated absent without leave, on unauthorized absence, or in a duty-status-whereabouts-unknown condition. The briefing shall include the following elements with regards to each such member:

(1) Sex;
(2) Age;
(3) Home station;
(4) Whether the member had previously reported sexual assault, sexual abuse, or stalking; and
(5) Reasons for the applicable designation.

*Waivers for potential enlistees into the Armed Forces to reapply for enlistment following a positive toxicology test for tetrahydrocannabinol*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 535) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a waiver program for potential enlistees into the into the Armed Forces who were not permitted to enlist following a

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Training requirements for occupational specialties with civilian equivalents*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 541) that would amend chapter 101 of title 10, United States Code, to add a requirement for the Secretaries of the military departments to ensure that training provided for military occupational specialties with comparable civilian occupations includes all necessary training and certifications to allow servicemembers to enter those civilian occupations upon separation without additional requirements.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than July 1, 2026 on existing programs and policies that align military training standards with civilian credentialing and certification requirements. The briefing shall include a summary of current certification programs by service, participation and completion rates, and any identified gaps or barriers preventing servicemembers from earning industry-recognized credentials during their military service.

*Service Academies; appointments and additional appointees*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 544) that would amend sections 7442, 7443, 8454, 8456, 9442 and 9443 of title 10, United

States Code, to reform the admissions process at the military service academies.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 547).

The agreement does not include either provision.

*Integration of the Secretary of Defense Strategic Thinkers Program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 544) that would require the Secretary of Defense to designate an appropriate office within the Department of Defense to manage the Secretary of Defense Strategic Thinkers Program (STP) and to obtain Military Education Level One (MEL–1) credit for the STP.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct, not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the advisability and feasibility of the Department of Defense obtaining MEL-1 credit for the STP, and of designating an appropriate office within the Department to manage the STP and implement MEL-1 credit for STP completion.

*Prohibition on use of Federal funds to endorse critical race theory*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549A) that would prohibit funds authorized by this Act to promote or endorse critical race theory in military academies, servicemember training, or professional military education.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Prohibition on the reduction of funding for foreign language training for members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (549B) that would prohibit any effort to terminate, replace, reduce, or prepare to terminate, replace, or reduce a program of foreign language training or instruction until the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense committees a report on the impacts of the planned termination, replacement, or reduction.

The Senate bill did not contain a similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We remain concerned that the Department has not adequately planned for and resourced foreign language training and instruction. As a result, in fiscal year 2024 the Language Flagship Program and the Language Training Centers (LTC) program were forced to curtail programs in mission critical languages like Chinese and Russian and in fiscal year 2025 the Department halted LTC programs and the Project Global Officer program altogether.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than April 1, 2026, on the Department's plan to maintain critical and strategic language proficiency for servicemembers, Reserve Officers' Training Corps students, and programs that partner with colleges and universities to enhance the pool of skilled future Department of Defense personnel. This briefing shall include: (1) A description of all foreign language

training and instruction programs that were halted in 2025; (2) An evaluation of the Department's current readiness as it relates to critical language capabilities; (3) The department's plan to address any readiness shortfalls in obtaining, maintaining, and retaining critical language skills across the force; and (4) The Department's funding plan across the Future Years Defense Program for Language Flagship Program, Project Global Officer, Language Training Centers, and Boren Awards.

*Report on interoperability of cyber training of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549D) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the interoperability of the cyber training programs of the Armed Forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on Air National Guard C–130J Formal Training Unit*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549G) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force in consultation with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, regarding the Air National Guard C–130J Formal Training Unit.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, regarding the Air National Guard C–130J Formal Training Unit. The report shall include: (1) The determination and reasoning of the Secretary whether such unit is adequate for Air National Guard pilot and loadmaster throughputs; (2) The determination of the Secretary whether there is a backlog of C–130J pilots and loadmasters in the Air Force and Air National Guard; (3) How many pilots and loadmasters are trained through such unit each year; and (4) The determination of the Secretary whether the plan for training through such unit for fiscal years 2027 through 2030 is adequate for the Air National Guard recapitalization to C–130Js.

*Pilot program on psychological performance training at the United States Air Force Academy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 549J) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Superintendent of the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA), to establish a pilot program to integrate psychological performance training into the Academy's curriculum and cadet development model, with evaluation metrics and a post-pilot report to Congress.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We acknowledge that USAFA offers robust education and training program within the academic, military training, and fitness programming that prepares cadets to lead as commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force and Space Force. Specifically, USAFA provides psychological performance and resilience training through the Peak Performance Center and related mental-skills coaching and

supports continued efforts to evaluate and strengthen such programs. Accordingly, we direct the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than July 1, 2026, that includes:

(1) A description of current psychological performance and resilience training programs at USAFA, including training provided to cadets, faculty, commanders, and military personnel supporting cadet training;

(2) An assessment of the effectiveness of such programs using available cadet performance, attrition, and well-being data;

(3) A description of cognitive training tools and leadership development components used to improve resilience, focus, decision-making, and recovery under pressure; and

(4) Recommendations for enhancing psychological performance training across the military service academies and other accession programs, as appropriate.

*Authorization of death penalty for offense of rape of a child under the Uniform Code of Military Justice*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 554) that would amend Article 120b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) (10 U.S.C. 920b) to authorize the death penalty for the offense of rape of a child.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that section 539E of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81) required that the President prescribe sentencing parameters and sentencing criteria for offenses under the UCMJ, and that military judges sentence an accused within the applicable sentencing parameters. We additionally note that Kennedy v. Louisiana, 554 U.S. 407 (2008) held that the death penalty for the rape of a child is unconstitutional.

*Increase in maximum sentence for the offense of voluntary manslaughter under the Uniform Code of Military Justice*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 555) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Joint Service

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that section 539E of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81) required that the President prescribe sentencing parameters and sentencing criteria for offenses under the UCMJ, and that military judges sentence an accused within the applicable sentencing parameters.

*Administration of college admissions tests by the Department of Defense Education Activity*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 555) that would require the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) to direct DODEA schools to offer to administer, and, if such an offer is accepted, administer at least one college admis-

sions test to each student in the eleventh grade of the parent's choice.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that DODEA currently offers and administers college admissions tests, often free of charge, to students.

*Support for expanding early childcare options for members of the Armed Forces and their families*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 556) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to direct the Secretaries of the military departments to: (1) Identify gaps between existing early childcare needs and available eligible childcare providers; (2) Use resources of the Department of Defense to support eligible childcare providers in recruitment and retention of employees; (3) Seek to enter into an interagency partnership with a Federal agency with the ability to place national service participants and volunteers at military child development centers; and (4) Provide training and resources subsidies to eligible childcare providers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that the Department of Defense has conducted a staffing and compensation model review of Child and Youth Programs and are currently in the process of implementing the results of the review. We encourage the Department to implement the new model swiftly to ensure the existing gaps between early childcare needs and eligible providers are closed.

*Improved counseling and access to information relating to foster care for military families*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 557) that would require the Secretary of Defense to: (1) Require that all counselors assigned to a Family Advocacy Program or Military and Family Life program at a military installation be trained in the requirements and resources relating to foster care in the state in which the installation is located; (2) Require the inclusion of foster care information on Military OneSource; and (3) Seek guidance from the Department of Health and Human Services with respect to obtaining resources relating to foster care.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We acknowledge the unique needs of military families related to adoption and foster care. Military OneSource already provides information and services related to adoption and foster care. Specifically, adoption and foster care consultants connect military families with state-specific and centralized adoption and foster care resources throughout the adoption and foster care process.

*Reports and briefings on efforts to prevent and respond to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and intimate-partner violence within the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 558) that would require quarterly reports on Department of Defense efforts to prevent and respond to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and intimate-

partner violence, and annual briefings to the Congress from the lead special trial counsels of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 532).

The agreement does not include either provision.

We recognize and support the Department of Defense's ongoing efforts to prevent and address sexual assault, sexual harassment, and intimate partner violence. We note existing reporting requirements including the Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military, as required by section 1631 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111–383), as amended by section 537 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283), and the Annual Report on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies, as required by section 532 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364).

*Pilot program on recruitment and retention of employees for child development programs*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 558) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a pilot program to assess the effectiveness of increasing compensation or other benefits for employees of child development programs on military installations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that section 589A of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) required the Secretary of Defense, in collaboration with the Secretaries of the military departments, to redesign the Department of Defense child development program compensation model and modernize of the child development program staffing model. We encourage the Department to implement the outcomes of the compensation and staffing model to ensure childcare providers are compensated competitively.

*Study and recommendations regarding misconduct prevention in Okinawa, Japan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 559) that would require the Secretary of Defense to seek to enter into a contract with a federally funded research and development center to conduct a study and develop recommendations regarding prevention of misconduct by servicemembers stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 1 year after the enactment of this Act, on misconduct prevention in Okinawa, Japan. The briefing should include: (1) Data on the prevalence and rates of criminal activity and other misconduct of servicemembers in Okinawa, Japan; (2) An overview of current Department policies, programs, and procedures and an assessment of their efficacy in addressing such mis-

conduct; (3) Any identified gaps or challenges of the Department in addressing such misconduct; and (4) Any legislative or policy changes the Department believes would be required to better prevent and address such misconduct.

*Report on unmet need for childcare in areas with significant populations of members of the Armed Forces*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 559) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than September 30, 2027, to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the unmet need for childcare in certain areas.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that section 586 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) already requires annual briefings on unmet childcare needs in certain areas.

*Automatic expungement of certain titling and indexing records*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 560) that would require the automatic expungement of certain titling or indexing records pertaining to a covered person in a covered database 10 years after the date on which such person separates from military service.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the importance of making improvements to the Department of Defense's titling and indexing systems. However, we note that section 545 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) allows covered servicemembers to request that their personally identifying information be expunged from law enforcement or criminal investigative reports of the Department or index items or entries in the Department of Defense Central Index of Investigations.

*Establishment of separation oath for members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 561) that would amend section 502 of title 10, United States Code, to establish a voluntary separation oath for members of the Armed Forces who are retiring or otherwise separating from service.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Legal assistance for guardianship transfers*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 561) that would require the Secretaries of the military departments to provide members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty access to legal services provided by an attorney specializing in guardianship transfers in each state in which a military installation is located.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the provision.

We note the significant challenges servicemembers face to transfer guardianship during a permanent change of station. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2026, on: (1) The feasibility and advisability of requiring the Secretaries of the military departments to provide servicemembers access to legal services provided by an attorney specializing in guardianship transfers, similar to the education attorneys and legal assistance provided to servicemembers enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program; (2) The number of members of the Armed Forces with guardianship of incapacitated adult dependents, or a plan to gather such data; (3) Existing or planned efforts by the Defense-State Liaison Office to work with States or servicemembers to improve the guardianship transfer process; and (4) Any other matters the Secretary determines relevant.

*Presentation by a veterans service organization in Transition Assistance Program preseparation counseling*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 562) that would amend section 1142(b) of title 10, United States Code, to require the Department of Defense to include a standardized presentation by a veterans service organization as part of the Transition Assistance Program pre-separation counseling.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Expansion of eligibility of veterans for certain military adaptive sports program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 563) that would amend section 2564a of title 10, United States Code, to remove the 1-year limitation following separation for veterans' participation in the Department of Defense Military Adaptive Sports Program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Veterans Affairs operates a comprehensive adaptive sports program under its Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events, designed to support rehabilitation and community reintegration for veterans through athletic and recreational competition. These efforts complement the Department of Defense Military Adaptive Sports Program and provide a natural continuum of care and participation as servicemembers transition to veteran status.

*Transition Assistance Program: Department of Labor Employment Navigator and Partnership Pilot Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 564) that would establish a five-year pilot program, led by the Department of Labor in coordination with the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, to provide individualized employment counseling and job placement services to transitioning servicemembers and their spouses.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Skillbridge: apprenticeship programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 565) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Labor, to conduct a study identifying private entities participating in SkillBridge that offer registered apprenticeship positions, and to expand such opportunities in areas with limited availability.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense already operates the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program, which provides servicemembers with access to Department of Labor-registered apprenticeship pathways based on their military occupational training and experience. This program facilitates credential attainment and alignment with civilian apprenticeship standards.

*Female members of certain Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense in STEM*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 566) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on how to increase the participation of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) positions in the Armed Forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that women are eligible for all military occupational specialties related to STEM, and many women in service work in STEM and STEM-related functions in today's military. Additionally, STEM internship opportunities in the SkillBridge program are already available to members of the Armed Forces transitioning from active duty to civilian life.

*Assistance to members with special operations medical training in obtaining credit towards a degree in a medical field*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 568) that would amend Chapter 58 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to seek to enter into agreements with institutions of higher education to provide credit towards a degree in a medical field at such institutions for members of the Armed Forces who received special operations medical training.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that there are existing pathways through which servicemembers who complete special operations medical training may receive academic credit through established agreements between the Department of Defense and accredited institutions of higher education.

*Improvement of transition of air traffic controllers in the Armed Forces to the civilian workforce in air traffic control occupations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 569) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with each of the States (through the Defense-State Liaison Office of the Department of Defense), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of Labor, to develop rec-

ommendations to improve the transition of military air traffic controllers under the jurisdiction of the Secretary into the civilian workforce in air traffic control occupations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Labor, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than July 1, 2026, addressing:

(1) Challenges in determining and communicating how military air traffic control training and experience translate to civilian credentials and employment;

(2) Obstacles to standardizing military controller qualifications across the Services and aligning them with civilian certification requirements;

(3) Gaps that prevent servicemembers from earning equivalent civilian credentials prior to separation; and

(4) Recommendations to improve the transition of military air traffic controllers under the jurisdiction of the Secretary into the civilian workforce in air traffic control occupations.

*Extension of period of availability of Military OneSource program for retired and discharged members of the Armed Forces and their immediate families*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 570) that would amend section 558(a) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232) to extend the period of availability of the Military OneSource program for retired and discharged members of the Armed Forces and their immediate families.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Pilot program to increase payments for child care services in high-cost areas*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 573) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program to provide grants to eligible childcare providers seeking to expand the capacity of childcare for infants and toddlers.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that another section under this Act includes an authority to improve access to childcare services in high-cost areas.

*Report on military child development center staffing and access across the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 577) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard, to submit a report on the staffing of, and access to, military child development centers for members of the Armed Forces and their families.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Prohibitions on provision of gender transition services through an Exceptional Family Member Program of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 578) that would prohibit gender transition procedures, including surgery or medication, for a minor dependent child through the Exceptional Family Member Program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*National Week of Military Recruitment*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 582) that would amend chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, to designate the last full week of September as the National Week of Military Recruitment.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Authorization to award the Medal of Honor to retired Colonel Philip J. Conran for acts of valor in Laos during the Vietnam war*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 592) that would waive the time limitations specified in section 9274 of title 10, United

The Senate bill included no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the efforts and heroism of Colonel Philip J. Conran for his acts in Laos during the Vietnam war, for which he was previously awarded the Air Force Cross.

*Authorization of award of medal of honor to Gregory McManus for acts of valor*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 593) that would waive the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States Code, and authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Gregory McManus for his acts of valor as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize and honor the heroism and courage of Gregory McManus during his service in Vietnam, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

*Briefing on support needed for Joint Task Force-Southern Border*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 594) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on housing and other quality-of-life needs of members of the Armed Forces deployed in support of Joint Task Force-Southern Border.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

While the legislative provision was not adopted, we remain interested in the housing and quality-of-life needs of members of the Armed Forces supporting Joint Task Force Southern Border. We note that a related briefing requirement is included under a separate provision within this Act.

*Report on adequacy of commissaries and dining facilities on military installations that support certain missions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 595) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the adequacy of commissaries and dining facilities on military installations that support certain missions.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than August 1, 2026, a briefing on the adequacy of housing, commissaries, dining facilities, alternatives to dining facilities, and other quality-of-life needs of members of the Armed Forces supporting missions along the southern border of the United States or in the Arctic.

The briefing shall include:

(1) An assessment of the quantity and adequacy of housing available to such members, including any shortfalls or deficiencies;

(2) An assessment of the adequacy of existing commissary and dining facility infrastructure at such military installations, including capacity, hours of operation, and quality of food service;

(3) An evaluation of whether current commissary and dining facilities meet the needs of members and their families on such military installations;

(4) An assessment of any other quality-of-life needs affecting such members, including access to recreation, childcare, medical, and morale, welfare, and recreation services; and

(5) An analysis of how any inadequacies in such facilities impact readiness, morale, and retention.

*Operation Midnight Hammer Medal*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 596) that would require the Secretaries of the military departments to authorize the award of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, to be known as the Operation Midnight Hammer Medal, to eligible servicemembers.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the military services retain the authority to recommend the creation of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for certain military operations.

*Extension and modification of program to commemorate 50th anniversary of Vietnam War*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 598) that would amend section 598 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181) to extend and modify the program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration was signed into law in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 and on May 28, 2012, President Barack Obama inaugurated a 13-year program to honor and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Since 2012, the Commemoration has thanked and honored over 4.4 million Vietnam veterans and their families and conducted over 29,000 events across the 56 States, commonwealths, and territories. While the Commemoration concluded its work on Veterans Day, November 11, 2025, individual local and organizational events continue to honor Vietnam veterans. We honor the service and sacrifice of servicemembers in the Vietnam War and commemorate the 50th anniversary.

*Authorization of award of medal of honor to Thomas Helmut Griffin for acts of valor as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 599) that would waive time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Thomas H. Griffin for acts of valor during the period of March 1 through March 3, 1969, while serving as a captain in the Army during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the Silver Star.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We commend Thomas H. Griffin for his heroic acts of valor while serving as a captain in the Army during the Vietnam War.

*Prohibitions relating to questions and answers about sex, gender, and gender identity in forms and surveys of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 599A) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from gathering gender-identity information or using forms or surveys that include non-binary gender options.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

## TITLE VI—COMPENSATION AND OTHER PERSONNEL BENEFITS

### Subtitle A—Basic Pay and Retired Pay

*Sec. 601—Codification of applicability to Space Force of certain pay and allowance authorities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 601) that would amend title 37, United States Code, to codify the applicability of existing pay, allowance, and bonus authorities to members of the Space Force.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with technical amendments.

*Sec. 602—Extension of enhanced authority for selective early retirement and early discharges*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 621) that would amend section 638a(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, to extend the enhanced authority for selective retirement and early discharges through December 31, 2030.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 603—Extension of temporary early retirement authority*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 622) that would amend section 4403(i) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (Public Law 102–484) to extend the temporary early retirement authority through December 31, 2030.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

Subtitle B—Bonus, Incentive, and Separation Pays

*Sec. 611—One-year extension of certain expiring bonus and special pay authorities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 611) that would extend, through December 31, 2026, certain expiring bonus and special pay authorities relating to Reserve forces; health care professionals; nuclear officers; consolidated special, incentive, and bonus authorities under title 37, United States Code; and temporary increases in rates of basic allowance for housing.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 5611).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 612—Extension of authority to provide voluntary separation pay and benefits*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 623) that would amend section 1175a(k)(1) of title 10, United States Code, to extend the authority to provide voluntary separation pay and benefits in accordance with this section until December 31, 2030.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 613—Implementation of aviation incentive pay for members of reserve components*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 612) that would amend section 602(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81) to require the Department of Defense to complete its evaluation of aviation incentive pay and establish a standardized framework that clarifies what portions of such pay are tied to skills versus retention, ensuring appropriate alignment across components.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 614—Reviews of designations of imminent danger pay areas*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 611) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a review of each area

designated by section 351(a)(3) of title 37, United States Code, as imminent danger pay, and not later than 60 days after each review, submit a report on the review to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, including any changes to designations resulting from the review.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

## Subtitle C—Allowances

*Sec. 621—Modifications to calculation of basic allowance for subsistence for enlisted members*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 601) that would amend section 402 of title 37, United States Code, to base the Basic Allowance for Subsistence for enlisted members on the Department of Agriculture's liberal food plan and to clarify the calculation of the allowance for members receiving meals under Essential Station Messing.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 623) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit annual reports on the budgeting and use of funds for the Basic Allowance for Subsistence and military food service programs.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment requiring the Secretary of Defense to submit an implementation plan and an annual report through 2028 addressing the sources and use of funds for food programs.

*Sec. 622—Family separation allowance: increase*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 622) that would amend section 427(a) of title 37, United States Code, to set the Family Separation Allowance at a fixed rate of $400 per month.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to increase the minimum Family Separation Allowance rate from $250 to $300 per month, thereby adjusting the authorized range to $300 to $400 per month.

*Sec. 623—Extending certain travel allowance for members of the Armed Forces assigned to Alaska*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 614) that would amend section 603(b) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) to extend certain travel allowances for servicemembers assigned to Alaska through December 31, 2026.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 627) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a program to provide government-funded transportation for unaccompanied members of the Armed Forces from designated overseas locations to their homes of record, or to other locations of comparable or lesser cost.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to make the authority explicitly applicable to unaccompanied members with orders of not less than 12 months and to extend the authority through December 31, 2027.

*Sec. 624—Improvements to basic allowance for housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 624) that would require the Department to evaluate alternative methods for calculating the basic allowance for housing, including piloting an artificial-intelligence-generated rate model in selected housing areas. The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 625) that would require the Department to evaluate whether housing allowance rates should be based on housing market data within a commuting area defined as a 120-minute or less round-trip driving time.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 603) that would require the Department to improve transparency in how housing allowance rates are set and to develop and test an alternative method for calculating those rates using bedroom-based criteria and verified rental market data.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that strengthens transparency requirements for how housing allowance rates are calculated and expands the study to evaluate current rate adequacy while developing improved, data-driven methods that incorporate machine learning and artificial intelligence.

Subtitle D—Leave

*Sec. 631—Improved parental leave for members of the armed forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 633) that would require the Secretary of Defense to exempt servicemembers from performance evaluations during parental leave lasting more than 31 consecutive days and to allow members to use their parental leave for up to 2 years without a waiver.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement contains the House provision with an amendment to section 701(h)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, authorizing servicemembers to use parental leave within a 2-year window with approval from the first general or flag officer in their chain of command, and requiring the Secretary of Defense to issue implementing regulations.

*Sec. 632—Convalescent leave for cadets and midshipmen*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 632) that amend section 702 of title 10, United States Code, to clarify convalescent leave eligibility for service academy cadets and midshipmen.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 523).

The agreement includes the House provision.

Subtitle E—Family and Survivor Benefits

*Sec. 641—Annual review of financial assistance limits for child care and youth program services providers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 641) that would amend section 1798 of title 10, United States Code, to require an annual review of the amount of financial assistance for eligible civilian childcare youth program services providers.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 642—Waiver of requirements for air transportation of deceased members of the Armed Forces when necessary to meet mission requirements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 642) that would amend section 562(c) of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109–364) to grant the Secretary of Defense waiver authority for the requirements governing air transportation of deceased servicemembers to meet mission requirements during a time of war, national emergency requiring the use of significant personnel and aircraft, large-scale combat operations, or a contingency operation.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

Subtitle F—Defense Resale Matters

*Sec. 651—Use of commissary stores: civilian employees of Military Sealift Command*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 651) that would amend section 1066 of title 10, United States Code, to permit civilian employees of the Military Sealift Command to use commissary stores and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation retail facilities on the same basis as members of the Armed Forces on active duty.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 652—Defense commissary system and exchange system: patronage; privatization*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 652) that would amend chapter 54 of title 10, United States Code, by adding a new section to authorize civilian employees of the Department of Defense or the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to use Morale, Welfare, and Recreation retail facilities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with amendments that maintain current commissary and exchange access through January 1, 2027, preserve existing statutory limits on privatization, and direct the Secretary of Defense to propose a consolidated legislative framework that clearly defines recommended patron categories.

Not later than 180 days after the conclusion of the Department of Defense civilian employee access pilot program, we direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report evaluating:

(1) The number and categories of civilian participants, including participation rates by installation, grade, and employment type;

(2) The total volume of sales and patronage levels generated by civilian participants, and the proportion of total commissary sales represented by such patronage;

(3) The gross and net revenue generated from civilian sales, including the disposition or use of any additional revenues, fees, or surcharges collected;

(4) The impact of the pilot programs on overall commissary operating costs, including labor, supply chain, and inventory management;

(5) Any observed or projected effects on appropriated funding requirements for the Defense Commissary Agency and the commissary subsidy;

(6) The impact on facility infrastructure, security, parking, and utilities at participating installations;

(7) The effect on military patron access, wait times, and customer satisfaction;

(8) Any operational challenges, staffing adjustments, or system modifications required to accommodate the pilot;

(9) Any adjustments to procurement or contracting requirements associated with increased patronage; and

(10) The Secretary's assessment of the overall feasibility, fiscal sustainability, and advisability of expanded access for Department of Defense civilian employees.

## Subtitle G—Other Benefits, Administrative Matters, Reports, and Briefings

*Sec. 661—Inclusion of descriptions of types of pay on pay statements*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 602) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that pay statements for

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with technical amendments.

*Sec. 662—Provision of information regarding relocation assistance programs for members receiving orders for a change of permanent station*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 661) that would amend section 1056 of title 10, United States Code, to expand the permanent change of station relocation-assistance information the Department must provide servicemembers and their families. The provision would also require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Congress an annual report for 3 years on the implementation of the relocation assistance requirements.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 663—Expansion of pilot program to increase access to food on military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 662) that would amend section 654 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) to expand the food-access pilot program to all military departments to improve food access for servicemembers in unaccompanied housing by allowing them to use their Common Access Cards or other approved methods at food and retail locations on military installations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 664—Military compensation educational campaign*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 604) that would require the Secretary of Defense to initiate a 12–month educational campaign, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to improve knowledge and understanding of pay and benefits by servicemembers and military families.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment to require the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on its implementation plan and the effectiveness of the educational campaign.

*Sec. 665—Designation of United States Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll as remote and isolated military installation*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 624) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the Secretary of the Army to designate United States Army Garrison—Kwajalein Atoll as a remote and isolated military installation within 30 days of the enactment of this Act and provide a notification to the congressional defense committees that such designation has occurred within 30 days of completion.

The House bill contained no similar provision. The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment to allow for subsequent Department of Defense Instructions governing remote and isolated military installations to replace the citations referenced in the bill text. As the Department continues its ongoing update to its policies regarding remote and isolated military installations, we strongly encourage the Department to recognize the unique nature of U.S. Army Garrison—Kwajalein Atoll and the challenges its location presents, and ensure any future policy revisions appropriately support operations and personnel on the islands.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Incentive pay: explosive ordnance disposal duty*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 612) that would amend subchapter I of chapter 5 of title 37, United States Code, to establish a new incentive pay for members of the Armed Forces performing explosive ordnance disposal duty.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Standardization of cyber assignment incentive pay for members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 613) that would amend subchapter III of chapter 5 of title 37, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a standardized framework for Cyber Assignment Incentive Pay across the Armed Forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Pilot program on improving retention of members with degrees in their fields of specialty*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 615) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of paying incentive pay to certain enlisted members of the Armed Forces with degrees in their fields of specialty to improve the retention of such members.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 613).

The agreement does not include the provision.

We note that the military departments possess broad authorities under chapter 5 of title 37, United States Code, to provide special and incentive pays to meet service-specific personnel needs. These authorities enable the military departments to recognize critical skills or qualifications, including academic expertise where appropriate.

*Basic needs allowance: exclusion of basic allowance for housing from the calculation of gross household income of an eligible member of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 621) that would amend section 402b(k)(1)(B) of title 37, United States Code, to modify how gross household income is calculated for purposes of determining a servicemember's eligibility for a basic needs allowance.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that quality of life measures, including increases in allowances, are addressed elsewhere in this Act.

*Temporary adjustment to a rate of the basic allowance for housing for members of the uniformed services: lower threshold; permanent authority*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 626) that would amend section 403(b)(8) of title 37, United States Code, to make permanent and expand the authority for temporary Basic Allowance for Housing adjustments.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Provision of counseling on housing for members of the Armed Forces*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 626) that would amend section 992 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the military departments to enter into contracts to provide counseling to servicemembers on mortgages and other financial products related to the lease or purchase of residences.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Government Accountability Office study on casualty assistance and long-term care programs*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 629) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the structure and execution of the casualty assistance and long-term care programs of the Armed Forces.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Bereavement leave for a member of the Armed Forces in the case of a loss of pregnancy or stillbirth*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 631) that would amend section 701 of title 10, United States Code, to expand bereavement leave eligibility to include cases of pregnancy loss or stillbirth experienced by a member of the Armed Forces or the member's spouse.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense has existing authorities that allow servicemembers to take convalescent, emergency, or compassionate leave in circumstances involving pregnancy loss or stillbirth.

*Single-use shopping bags in commissary stores*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 653) that would amend section 2485 of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the Defense Commissary Agency from banning the use of, or charging a fee for, single-use shopping bags in commissary stores.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Pilot program on nutrition ratings for food sold in commissaries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 654) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program to provide a nutrition rating system for food sold in commissaries, including through the Commissary Click2Go mobile application, and submit a report to Congress, not later than September 30, 2028, on the results of the pilot program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Defense Commissary Agency already employs a dietitian-approved nutrition labeling system, including the Dietitian Approved Thumb program used on Click2Go and in-store shelf tags to identify healthier food options.

*Casualty assistance program: review; implementation plan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 663) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of operations of the casualty assistance program of the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that matters related to casualty assistance and survivor support are reviewed through the Gold Star Family Advisory Council established by section 575 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31). This Council provides a continuing mechanism for evaluating and improving the Department of Defense's casualty assistance programs.

*Report on military camping and recreational park program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 664) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on

Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report describing how each military department administers military camping and recreational parks.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Pilot program to provide coupons to junior enlisted members to purchase food at commissaries*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 5621) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program to assess the efficacy of providing junior enlisted members of the Armed Forces a monthly coupon for use in procuring food at commissaries.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that the Department maintains multiple, comprehensive food-security initiatives across the enterprise, including the Military Family Readiness Council under section 1781a of title 10, United States Code; the data-collection and reporting requirements mandated by section 645 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263); and the ongoing Department-wide working group convened by the Office of Military Community and Family Policy. These efforts collectively provide a robust framework for assessing and addressing food insecurity among servicemembers and their families, as well as existing annual reporting to Congress. We also note that a separate provision of this Act expands the Congressional-directed food-access pilot program to all military departments to improve access for servicemembers living in unaccompanied housing.

## TITLE VII—HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS

### Subtitle A—Tricare and Other Health Benefits

*Sec. 701—Reimbursement for travel expenses relating to specialty care for certain members of the Armed Forces and dependents*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 722) that would lower the reimbursement for specialty care medical appointment mileage for certain members of the Armed Forces and their dependents to 50 miles.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment that modifies Section 1074i(a) of title 10, United 4 States Code, is amended by striking 100 miles and inserting 75 miles.

*Sec. 702—Authority to provide sexual assault medical forensic examination on a nonreimbursable basis to certain otherwise ineligible individuals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 730) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that each military medical treatment facility maintains the continuous availability of at least one qualified sexual assault nurse examiner to provide forensic medical examinations and related care to sexual assault survivors. The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 732) that would

amend section 1725 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–66) to require the Secretary to ensure that civilian employees and contractors of the Department of Defense (DOD) are furnished sexual assault forensic examinations at military medical treatment facilities following an allegation of sexual assault.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 704) that would require the Secretary to authorize medical personnel of the DOD to provide sexual assault medical forensic examinations in a military treatment facility to an individual who is not otherwise eligible for healthcare from the Department and reports a sexual assault offense for which the Defense Criminal Investigative Service may initiate an investigation.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

## Subtitle B—Health Care Administration

### *Sec. 711—Codification of position of Director of the Defense Health Agency*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 711) that would amend section 1073c of title 10, United States Code, to require the Director of the Defense Health Agency to hold a rank that is the same or greater than the rank of any officer serving as the Surgeon General of any military department. The provision would also require the Director of the Defense Health Agency to be a joint qualified officer.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

### *Sec. 712—Military-civilian medical surge program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 721) that would amend section 1096 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a Military-Civilian Medical Surge Program.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 725).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that requires collaboration with the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### *Sec. 713—Modification of limitation on reduction of military medical manning end strength*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 727) that would amend section 741 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) to extend from 5 years to 10 years the restriction on reductions to military medical end strength authorizations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 714—Inclusion of additional requirements in notifications to modify scope of services provided at military medical treatment facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 735) that would amend section 703(d)(4)(C) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) to extend the notice and wait period for proposed restructuring, realignment, or modification to military medical treatment facilities from 180 days to 1 year.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 727) that would amend section 1073d(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code, to include additional requirements in the notice that that the Secretary of Defense is required to provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives prior to modifying the scope of services provided by a military medical treatment facility.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

We expect that any proposed restructuring, realignment, or modification to military medical treatment facilities will be conducted in collaboration with the appropriate Department of Defense stakeholders to include, the Director of the Defense Health Agency, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Surgeons General of the military departments, to ensure that operational readiness is not impacted by any proposed changes.

*Sec. 715—Military medical cooperation arrangements among Five Eyes countries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 741) that would amend chapter 138 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to enter into agreements with Five Eyes countries to enhance military medical cooperation.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the agreements entered into and activities carried out pursuant to this provision. The report is due not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter for 3 years.

*Sec. 716—Licensure requirement for health-care professionals of partner countries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 726) that would amend section 1094 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Department of Defense to recognize medical licenses from trusted partner countries for health professionals caring for U.S. forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 717—Plan for priority assignment of medical personnel of Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 712) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish policies for the priority assignment of medical personnel of the Department of Defense. The provision would also require the Secretaries of the military depart-

ments to assign medical personnel consistent with the Secretary of Defense's priorities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 718—Plan and report by Defense Health Agency relating to chiropractic clinics at military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 764) that would require the Director of the Defense Health Agency to develop a plan to reopen closed chiropractic clinics at military installations, and not later than March 31, 2026, submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the plan.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Director of the Defense Health Agency to develop a plan to reopen chiropractic clinics at military installations that averaged 400 visits per month prior to closure.

*Sec. 719—Strategic infectious disease medical research plan*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 721) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, to submit a comprehensive, strategic infectious disease medical research plan to the congressional defense committees, not later than 90 days after the date on which the President submits a budget for fiscal year 2027. Additionally, the provision would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a detailed budget for carrying out the strategic infectious disease medical research plan in conjunction with the fiscal year 2027 budget request submitted pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, and annually thereafter through fiscal year 2032.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 720—Review of disclosure requirements under processes and forms relating to health care provider credentialing and privileging of Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 724) that would require the Department of Defense to establish a centralized system to verify licensure of military health-care professionals, ensuring that 90 percent of non-adverse credential checks are completed within 7 days, regardless of service branch or facility location.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 717) that would require the Secretary of Defense to review all processes and forms relating to health care provider credentialing and privileging of health care providers who provide care at a military medical treatment facility or through the civilian network of the TRICARE program and to submit a report to Congress, not later than 1 year after date of enactment of this Act, regarding the findings of the required review and a detailed plan outlining steps related to that review.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would include a requirement for the Secretary to establish a centralized credential system.

Subtitle C—Studies, Reports, and Other Matters

*Sec. 731—Improvement of availability of care for veterans from facilities and providers of the Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 713) that would require the Secretary of Defense to seek to establish a demonstration program to expand partnerships between Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities for the purpose of increasing case volume for DOD graduate medical education programs. The Senate bill also contained a provision (sec. 724) that would require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct outreach to increase awareness of veterans enrolled in the in the system of annual patient enrollment of the Department of Veterans Affairs established and operated under section 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, of the ability of those veterans to receive care at military medical treatment facilities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs to develop and implement action plans to improve the availability of care for veterans at DOD facilities and from DOD providers and to provide annual briefings to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Committees on Veterans Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

*Sec. 732—Prohibition on painful research on domestic cats and dogs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 728) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from conducting painful research on domestic cats and dogs unless the Secretary of Defense grants a waiver on a case-by-case basis.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 733—Pilot program on wastewater surveillance system of Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 723) that would establish a pilot program to test wastewater for the prevalence of infectious disease and drugs on military bases.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 734—Pilot program to assist certain members of the Armed Forces and dependents with additional supplemental coverage relating to cancer*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 708) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to test a pilot program to provide

service personnel with a voluntary option to enroll in a low-premium supplemental insurance plan to help protect against uncovered out-of-pocket expenses resulting from a cancer.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 735—Study on accreditation of military dental treatment facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 752) that would require the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to conduct a study on the implementation of section 744(b)(4) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) with respect to military dental treatment facilities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to require a study on accreditation of military dental treatment facilities.

*Sec. 736—Study on prevalence and mortality of cancer among military rotary-wing pilots and aviation support personnel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 744) that would require the Directors of the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute to conduct a cancer incidence study among rotary-wing aviators.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 737—Study on psychological effects of and mental health effects of combat remotely piloted aircraft operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 758) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the psychological effects and mental health impacts of remotely piloted aircraft combat operations on members of the Armed Forces and other personnel engaged in such operations.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 703).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment refining the Department's consultation requirements.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Dental readiness*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 701) that would amend Section 1076a of title 10, United States Code, to provide no cost dental coverage under TRICARE for members of the Reserve Component.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Inclusion of certain tests as part of the periodic health assessment provided to members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 702) that would require the Secretary of Defense to include certain additional tests as

part of the periodic health assessments provided to members of the Armed Forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2026, on: (1) Current cardiac diagnostic efforts utilized by the Department of Defense for servicemembers; (2) Best practices for screening for coronary heart disease with electrocardiography for asymptomatic adults at low risk of cardiovascular disease events; (3) Benefits and risks associated with including electrocardiography in periodic health assessments; and (4) Any other matters the Secretary determines relevant.

*Expansion of eligibility for hearing aids to include children of retired members of the Uniformed Services enrolled in family coverage under TRICARE Select*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 702) that would amend section 1077 of title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility for hearing aids to include children of retirees enrolled in family coverage under TRICARE Select.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Fertility treatment for certain members of the Armed Forces and dependents*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 703) that would provide TRICARE coverage for fertility treatment to servicemembers and their dependents.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 705).

The agreement does not include either provision.

*TRICARE coverage for increased supply for contraception*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 704) that would require TRICARE to allow active-duty servicemembers, and their beneficiaries, to receive up to a full year's supply of contraception.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Pilot program on access to obstetrical and gynecological care under TRICARE Prime program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 705) that would establish a pilot program for covered patients to designate an obstetrical and gynecological care provider under TRICARE and receive care without a referral by the designated provider.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that removing the Department of Defense from the management of referral requirements for active duty servicemembers may impede the oversight of care that is a contractors are required to process 90 percent of all referrals (and 100 percent of all urgent referrals) within one business day of receipt and 100 percent of referrals must be processed within 2 business days.

*Pilot program to make midwife services available through TRICARE to certain individuals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 706) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program to provide services from midwives to covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense has not added certified midwives to provide services due to concerns regarding safety and quality of care. Certified nurse midwives are TRICARE-authorized providers and are advanced practice registered nurses; however, certified midwives and certified professional midwives are not required to have any nursing or other health care experience to ensure a foundational knowledge and practice of medicine prior to practicing independently. The Department will continue to evaluate any potential changes to the benefit to ensure careful consideration of quality of care for servicemembers and their families.

*Pilot program to treat pregnancy as a qualifying event for enrollment in TRICARE Select*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 707) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a 5-year pilot program treating pregnancy as a qualifying life event for the purposes of eligibility to enroll in TRICARE Select.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Medical testing and related services for firefighters of Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 709) that would authorize additional detection and prevention measures for certain cancers for Department of Defense firefighters.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense currently conducts annual Occupational Medical Examinations that provide assessments of individuals, including screening for various types of cancers, based on evidence-based exposure concerns.

*Continuous glucose monitoring pilot program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 710) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program on continuous glucose monitoring, and require the Comptroller General of the United States, not later than 3 years after the date on which the Secretary commences the pilot program, to submit a report on the pilot program to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Tricare coverage for anesthesia for in-office dental procedures for pediatric dentistry*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 711) that would amend section 1077(a)(10) of title 10, United States Code, to require TRICARE coverage for anesthesia for in-office dental procedures for children.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that there are currently no prohibitions on providing anesthesia services in dental treatment facilities. However, dental treatment facilities have limited capacity to treat dependents.

*Notification to TRICARE beneficiaries of coverage transition requirements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 712) that would amend Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to provide each covered beneficiary with notices of a TRICARE coverage transition requirement that affects the individual.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense already provides sufficient notifications ahead of age-based transitions, to include dependents turning age 21 and age 23, as well as notifications to beneficiaries turning age 65 and requiring enrollment in Medicare Part A and B to continue TRICARE for Life coverage after turning 65. These notifications are sent out several months prior to enrollment changes. The Department has also expanded active notifications of pending potential loss of coverage and renewal notifications for beneficiaries who pay premiums or enrollment fees on a quarterly or annual basis, beneficiaries paying via credit cards which have an expiration date within 60 days, as well as multiple follow-up notifications for beneficiaries who have failed to pay a required premium or enrollment fee during the 30-day period before they are disenrolled. These outreach requirements include mail, e-mail, text messages, and automated phone calls. For beneficiaries who fail to take action on any of these items after several notifications, there is a requirement for TRICARE contractors to make live phone calls as a final attempt to reach the beneficiary before having to disenroll them.

*Prohibition on coverage of gender-related medical treatment under TRICARE*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 713) that would amend chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the use of funds available to the Department of Defense, and the use of military medical treatment facilities, to perform or facilitate sex change surgeries.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 706).

The agreement does not include either provision.

*Modification of administration of medical malpractice claims by members of the uniformed services*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 714) that would amend section 2733a of title 10, United States Code, to establish a third-party review panel to consider Department of Defense medical malpractice appeals filed by servicemembers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Improvement of transition of medics in the Armed Forces to the civilian workforce in health care occupations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 715) that would require the Secretary concerned to develop recommendations to improve the transition of medics into the civilian workforce in health care occupations. The provision would also require the Secretary to submit a report to relevant congressional committees on any recommendations developed and an implementation plan.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that the House Report to accompany H.R. 3838 (H. Rept. 119–231) of the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 includes a similar provision.

*Improvement of provider directory accuracy for specialty care providers under the TRICARE program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 716) that would require the Director of the Defense Health Agency to ensure that the accuracy of the provider directory under the TRICARE program for all specialty care provider types reaches an average accuracy across all specialty care providers of not less than 70 percent within 5 years of the date of the enactment of this Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that under existing TRICARE contracts, the Department of Defense will conduct monthly monitoring on achieving increased accuracy of the provider directories.

*Provision of health care services at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 718) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, to conduct an assessment of the adequacy of health care services available to covered beneficiaries under the TRICARE program located at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that there is another provision in this Act that addresses staffing at medical treatment facilities, and we expect the Department of Defense to conduct a thorough assessment on the adequacy of healthcare services available to covered beneficiaries if any changes to existing facilities are made.

*Payment adjustments for outpatient services for certain children's hospitals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 723) that would amend section 1079 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to pay an annual payment adjustment to a children's hospital for outpatient services if the Secretary determine that the hospital meets certain criteria.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the Senate Report accompanying S. 2296 (S. Rept. 119–39) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a report not later than March 1, 2026, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives to clarify the scope of the children's hospital reimbursement policy and ensure transparency in its implementation.

*Expansion of health care license portability for members of the National Guard performing training or duty*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 725) that would amend section 1094 of title 10, United States Code, to expand health care license portability for National Guard health care providers for duty and training purposes from a title 32, United States Code, section 502(f) duty status to all duty statuses under title 32, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Senate Report accompanying S. 2296 (S. Rept. 119–39) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, contained a provision that required the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, in consultation with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, to provide a briefing on licensure portability for National Guard medical providers and whether existing law presents barriers to generating readiness. We look forward to receiving the briefing not later than March 31, 2026.

*Pilot program to test standalone technology to improve efficiencies in supply-chain management, medical readiness, and medical processes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 729) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program to test and evaluate existing standalone technologies to improve efficiencies in supply-chain management, medical readiness, and medical processes.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We understand that standalone digital technology, as defined as a single device that is capable of accomplishing multiple functions, has medical and health applications that may be of benefit to the Defense Health Agency. We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing not later than May 1, 2026, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the feasibility of using stand-alone digital technology within the Defense Health Agency. The briefing shall include the following

elements: (1) Potential applications and clinical processes that would benefit from this technology, including compatibility with the Department's electronic health system Miliary Health System Genesis and other related digital technology if appropriate; (2) How it may improve recordation accuracy; (3) How it may reduce caregiver and staff needlestick injury; and (4) Any other relevant matters the Secretary seems necessary or appropriate.

*Uniform protocols on screening for unwanted sexual behavior*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 731) that would require the Department of Defense to implement uniform protocols on screening for experiences with unwanted sexual behavior.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize and support the Department of Defense's efforts to prevent and increase reporting of unwanted sexual behavior. We note that the House Report accompanying H.R. 8070 (H. Rept. 118–529) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 directed the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on medical and behavioral health care screening and response for victims of sexual assault, including an assessment of guidance for behavioral health screening and access to services. The report notes that there is currently no universally accepted behavioral health screening tool for unwanted sexual behavior, and that the Defense Health Agency recently added a screening tool for assessing sexual trauma to the behavioral health intake assessments process in the web-based Behavioral Health Data Portal. We further note that the Department's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office is charged with developing and implementing prevention and response policies as part of the standard of care for victims of unwanted sexual behavior.

*Mandatory training on health effects of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 733) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide to each health care provider of the Department of Defense mandatory training regarding the potential health effects of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Requirements relating to wellness checks for health and welfare of certain members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 734) that would require the Secretary of Defense to issue regulations, policies, and procedures for wellness checks on members of the Armed Forces after they sustained a significant injury or illness.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the importance of conducting wellness checks on members who sustain significant injury or illness. We note that the

Department of Defense and the military departments maintain comprehensive policies and programs which require regular follow-up and wellness assessments for such members. Further, we note that the House Report accompanying H.R. 3838 (H. Rept. 119–231) of the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 requires the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force to each provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, not later than March 31, 2026, regarding leadership's responsibility to monitor the health and welfare of servicemembers.

*Annual publication of information relating to the treatment of civilians in military medical treatment facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 736) that would amend section 1079b of title 10, United States Code, to require annual publication of information relating to the treatment of civilians in military medical treatment facilities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2026, on: (1) The total amount of fees owed by civilians for medical care disaggregated by military medical treatment facility; (2) The number of civilians who received medical care, disaggregated by military medical treatment facility; (3) The number of civilians who received a fee waiver and the average amount of fees waived, disaggregated by military medical treatment facility; and (4) The number of civilians who received a reduction of fees and the average amount of fees remaining after such reductions, disaggregated by military medical treatment facility.

*Availability of Defense Health Program and other funds for certain medical countermeasures*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 737) that would amend section 1100 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Defense Health Agency to expend funds appropriated to the Army Operation and Maintenance account for medical readiness to fund certain medical countermeasures.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include this provision.

We are concerned that prepositioned stocks of medical countermeasures may not be adequate to mitigate thermal burns and other trauma that would result from mass casualty events. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than May 31, 2026, to provide a report to the committees on armed service of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the pre-positioning and availability of antimicrobial wound care products to treat thermal burns and other trauma in a prolonged casualty care event. The report shall include an assessment of:

(1) The current availability of antimicrobial wound care products in prepositioned stocks of medical countermeasures to treat thermal burns and other trauma in a prolonged casualty care event;

(2) The costs associated with procurement, logistics, storage, and sustainment activities necessary to ensure the availability of sufficient pre-positioned medical countermeasures to treat thermal burns and other trauma in forward deployed Department of Defense personnel in areas in which the use of tactical nuclear weapons is a substantial threat; and

(3) An assessment of feasibility of including various wound care products, including antimicrobial and barrier-protective dressings such as silver-plated bandages and other innovative wound care treatments in such pre-positioned stocks of medical countermeasures.

*Strategy for treating traumatic brain injuries through digital health technologies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 742) that would amend section 735 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) to establish a working group to develop a strategy for treating traumatic brain injuries through digital health technologies.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense is working to implement digital health technologies into treating traumatic brain injuries, through the Warfighter Brain Health Initiative, as required under section 735 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023.

*Report on traumatic brain injuries among certain pilots serving on active duty*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 743) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to determine whether pilots suffer traumatic brain injury from the cumulative effects of high performance flying.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2026, on the state of science on the impact of gravitational force on the military aviator. The briefing shall also include how the Department of Defense is taking existing scientific literature on the matter into consideration when implementing safety protocols or medical treatment for military aviators.

*Study on effects of service in the special operations forces to health of members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 745) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a five-year study on the impacts of special operations service on personnel health.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Senate report accompanying S. 2296 (S. Rept. 119–39) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year

2026 contained a similar provision. We look forward to seeing the results of the study.

*Pilot program on use of fish skin regeneration products in treating burn and blast injuries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 746) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish a 3-year pilot program at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to evaluate the efficacy of fish skin regeneration products for treating burn and blast injuries.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the House Report accompanying H.R. 8070 (H. Rept. 118–529) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, included a reporting requirement on improvements to complex wound care. The report speaks favorably about scientific advances in several novel sectors of complex wound care, to include fish skin regeneration. We direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2026, on how the Department is implementing the findings discussed in the complex wound care report, to include any relevant cost metrics that can be shared for the novel therapies discussed.

*Pilot program on remote blood pressure monitoring for certain pregnant and post-partum TRICARE beneficiaries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 747) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Defense Health Agency, to establish a pilot program on remote blood pressure monitoring for certain pregnant and postpartum TRICARE beneficiaries.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Pilot program to help certain members of the Armed Forces stop smoking*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 748) that would authorize a 1-year pilot program to provide servicemembers with alternatives to smoking to promote cessation and overall health.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense already provides comprehensive tobacco cessation resources to servicemembers, including counseling, nicotine replacement therapies, prescription medications, and other evidence-based alternatives through military treatment facilities, TRICARE, and Service health promotion programs. We encourage the Department to continue expanding and promoting these programs to better support servicemembers seeking to stop smoking and improve force health.

*Pilot program on secure, mobile personal health record for members of the Armed Forces participating in the Transition Assistance Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 749) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program to allow servicemembers receiving benefits or services under the Transition Assistance Program to use a covered health record platform to collect their medical records before separating from active duty.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense, through the Defense Health Agency and its partnership with Leidos, is developing an integrated patient portal within its electronic health record system that enables servicemembers to access and compile their personal health information prior to separation. We encourage the Department to continue expanding and integrating this capability to ensure the seamless transfer of health information for separating servicemembers.

*Report on transitioning of mail-order pharmacy program of TRICARE program to an in-house mail order service*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 750) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the feasibility and advisability of transitioning the contractor-operated, mail-order pharmacy program of the TRICARE program to a service administered directly by the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We understand the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy program is a program managed by Express Scripts Incorporated that allows eligible TRICARE beneficiaries to have maintenance and long-term prescriptions delivered to their homes and that the Defense Health Agency administers the pharmacy program within Military Treatment Facilities of the Department of Defense. We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing not later than March 1, 2026, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the feasibility and advisability of transitioning the contractor-operated mail-order pharmacy program of the TRICARE program to a service provided directly by the Department of Defense. The briefing shall include the following elements:

(1) The process for developing this potential capability;

(2) Costs, including administrative costs, dispensing fees, and administrative overhead;

(3) Structure and staffing;

(4) The effect on beneficiaries under the TRICARE program, including regarding delivery times and quality;

(5) Any potential impact this may have on Department of Defense Federal Ceiling Prices;

(6) Challenges the Department of Defense may have in implementing a mail order pharmacy program;

(7) The feasibility and advisability of combining the mail-order pharmacy functions under the TRICARE program with

the mail-order pharmacy functions of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

(8) Any other relevant matters the Secretary seems necessary or appropriate.

*Strategic plan to address mental health of members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 751) that would require the Department of Defense to develop a strategic plan to increase awareness of mental health assistance and resources for servicemembers and to standardize training for leadership.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that significant services and resources exist in the Defense Suicide Prevention Office. Additionally, the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee included several recommendations that are being implemented by the Department of Defense.

*Assessment and program on use of radiation-shielding personal protective equipment to prevent or reduce the severity of acute radiation syndrome and associated mortality*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 753) that would direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees to the congressional defense committees an assessment of whether targeted protection of bone marrow using gamma radiation-shielding personal protective equipment is likely to reduce the risk of acute radiation syndrome by reducing the severity of radiation-induced health effects, improving survivability in high-dose radiation environments, or both.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We encourage the Department of Defense to continue to research and explore capabilities to protect military personnel from gamma radiation.

*Prescription drop boxes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 754) that would require the Secretary of Defense to maintain at each military installation a prescription drop box to allow for the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs, including opioids.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense has an existing program that includes drug take-back drop boxes and mail-back envelopes at all military treatment facilities. This program meets the regulatory requirements of the Drug Enforcement Agency and provides an environmentally safe method for disposal of unused and expired medications—including opioids.

*Department of Defense medical supply chain risk identification and transparency enhancement*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 755) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct supply chain risk assessments across the Defense Health Agency and relevant acquisition offices of the Department of Defense to determine the origin of covered items and to develop and maintain a

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We acknowledge the risks associated with reliance on any non-allied country for medical products for servicemembers and their families. We encourage the Department to review supply chains for relevant medical products and ensure that there is minimal risk to disruption.

*Assessment and report on health care services available to civilian and military personnel at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 756) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Navy, to develop an assessment of the adequacy of health care services available to the military and civilian personnel workforce at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, and not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the assessment.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Navy, to conduct an assessment of the adequacy of healthcare services available to military and civilian personnel, including dependents, assigned to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, and to provide a briefing the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, by not later than April 1, 2026, on the results of that assessment. The assessment shall include: (1) The propriety and sustainability of the Emergency and Extraordinary Expenses funding the Navy provided to Ridgecrest Hospital in Fiscal Year 2025, to include the impact of the funding on Ridgecrest Hospital's ability to provide healthcare services, and the return on investment that was provided to the Federal Government; (2) A review of existing offerings at Ridgecrest hospital and other civilian healthcare facilities reasonably available to China Lake personnel; (3) Available civilian personnel authorities that could be leveraged to facilitate access to care, to include additional pay, leave, and reimbursement for travel to retain existing employees; (4) An assessment of challenges faced by Ridgecrest Hospital and other reasonably available civilian healthcare facilities with reimbursement rates; and (5) Any other matters that the Secretary determines relevant.

*Review and Update of Online Information Relating to Suicide Prevention and Behavioral Health*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 757) that would require each Secretary of a military department, not later than Au-

gust 1, 2027, to review and update online information relating to suicide prevention and behavioral health.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense was directed, pursuant to section 736 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–301), to review and update online information related to suicide prevention and behavioral health and to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives upon completion. The Defense Suicide Prevention Office, under the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, completed this review and provided the required briefing to the Committees in June 2025, noting that Department components identified occurrences of online information needing updates and addressed them accordingly.

*Pilot program on pre-programming of suicide prevention resources into smart devices issued to members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 759) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a pilot program on pre-programming of suicide prevention resources into smart devices issued to members of the Armed Forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Study on opioid prescribing practices*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 760) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an updated study on opioid prescribing practices.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense has conducted several studies on opioid prescribing practices, to include a study on opioid alternatives required by section 722 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31), and improvements to opioid management in the military health system required by the House report accompanying H.R. 8070 (H. Rept. 118–529) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025. The Department of Defense jointly published guidance with the Department of Veterans Affairs on "Clinical Practice Guideline for the Use of Opioids in the Management of Chronic Pain." The Department has robust Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee review processes, working with commercial partners and States to monitor opioid use. We encourage the Department to maintain continuous monitoring and review of opioid prescribing practices.

*Timeliness of electronic medical records during transition from the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 761) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on the timeliness of providing servicemembers separating from active duty with a copy of their electronic health records.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Study on TRICARE program contract transition*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 762) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees a study on the TRICARE contract transition.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Comptroller General of the United States is currently conducting a TRICARE contract transition review as required by section 737 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232).

*Report on use of oculometric brain health assessment systems for Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 763) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in consultation with the Surgeons General of the Armed Services, or other relevant Department of Defense organizations identified by the Secretary of Defense, to conduct an assessment on the use of oculometric biomarker monitoring technologies to support mission sets of the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Briefing on use of other transaction agreements for development of medical prototypes*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 5721) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to brief the congressional defense committees on the use of other transaction agreements for development of medical prototypes.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We commend the Department of Defense (DOD) for its continued medical research and development efforts to support the health and readiness of servicemembers and appreciate activities to foster partnerships with small businesses, academic institutions, and industry to facilitate the advancement of medical concepts and prototypes to protect, treat, and optimize servicemember health, performance, and survivability. We note the future operational and logistical challenges the Joint Force will experience in multi-domain and joint all-domain environments and supports the DOD's efforts to mitigate the impacts on medical readiness through military-civilian partnerships and agile contracting methods such as other transaction agreements. We encourage the Department continue to leverage other transaction agreements to develop, test, and field prototype technologies and solutions for the military health system.

*Report on integration of lifestyle and performance medicine and behaviors to support health and military readiness*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 5722) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than December 1, 2026, to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives containing recommendations on how to integrate lifestyle and performance medicine and behaviors (such as diet, exercise, and sleep) throughout the Department of Defense to support the health and military readiness of members of the Armed Forces.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Evaluation of certain research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 5723) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to evaluate certain research related to menopause, perimenopause, or midlife women's health.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that the House Report accompanying H.R. 8070 (H. Rept. 118–529) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, included a briefing requirement on Department of Defense research related to women's health, which also addressed menopause and perimenopause.

## TITLE VIII—ACQUISITION POLICY, ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT, AND RELATED MATTERS

### Subtitle A—Acquisition Policy and Management

*Sec. 801—Assumption of uninsurable risk on certain contracts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 804) that would establish section 3864 in title 10, United States Code, to require the government to assume the risk of loss for work in process on a classified contract. The government's assumption of the risk of loss would be limited to the amount of loss not otherwise compensated by the contractor's insurance whenever the contractor cannot get adequate insurance coverage because of the classified nature of the program, and would not apply if the loss was a result of gross misconduct by the contractor.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 834).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 802—Changes to certain documents*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 805) that would require that a document referenced in a contract shall identify a specific version or date of the referenced document if the document and any associated performance or compliance requirements of the contractor are subject to change.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 833).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 803—Pilot program for financing for covered activities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 822) that would allow financing costs to be allowable and allocable as a cost for federal contracts and subcontracts with certain stipulations.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 808).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program to evaluate the feasibility, risks, and benefits of expanding contract cost principles and procedures of the Department of Defense to allow for certain financing costs to be considered allowable and allocable as a direct or indirect cost for on certain contracts.

*Sec. 804—Multiyear procurement authority for covered systems and certain munitions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 801) that would require the Secretary of Defense to enter into a multiyear procurement contract for a covered weapon system if the system is projected to maintain full-rate production for a period of 5 or more consecutive years, is estimated to cost over $1.0 billion, and a decision has been made to move to full-rate production.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment and also provides additional authorities and associated requirements related to multiyear procurement of certain munitions.

*Sec. 805—Addressing insufficiencies in technical data*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 863) that would amend chapter 363 of title 10, United States Code, by adding a new section that would prohibit an agency from entering into a contract for the procurement of reparable goods or repair services in support of major weapon systems unless the contractor agrees, in writing, to provide the Department of Defense (DOD) fair and reasonable access to all repair materials, including parts, tools, and information, used to diagnose, analyze, maintain, or repair the good or service. This section would define fair and reasonable access as the provision of such repair materials at prices, terms, and conditions that are equivalent to the most favorable prices, terms, and conditions otherwise offered by the manufacturer, or in cases where the manufacturer does not offer the repair materials, at prices, terms, and conditions determined by the U.S. Government. This section would provide the Secretary with the authority to waive the requirements of this section upon written determination that the application of such requirements would have negative impact on cost, schedule, or technical performance. This section would also require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, to the congressional defense committees on the implementation of this section. The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 892) that would require each Service Acquisition Executive (SAE) to initiate

a process to inventory the technical data and computer software required to effectively operate a covered system and maintain it in a cost-effective manner, and to identify any insufficiency in the possession of, or access to, the needed technical data and computer software. Based on an identified insufficiency, this section would require the SAE to work with the relevant contractor to determine the best approach to remedy the insufficiency in the most cost-effective manner practicable and to develop a cost estimate associated with such remedy. This section would also require the cadre of intellectual property experts established under section 1707 of title 10, United States Code, to provide advice, assistance, and resources to an SAE in conducting an inventory. In addition, this section would require each SAE to provide quarterly updates to the congressional defense committees on progress toward completion of the inventory. The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 1832) that would amend chapter 323 of title 10, United States Code, by adding a new section that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the negotiation of contracts for the acquisition of a weapon system considers, to the maximum extent practicable, the negotiation of data-as-a-service solutions and associated license agreements to facilitate access to certain information necessary for the Department of Defense to maintain a core logistics capability in accordance with section 2464 of such title.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 836).

The agreement includes one of the House provisions (sec. 892) with a clarifying amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a digital system to track, manage, and enable assessment of covered data related to covered systems, and to verify the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with contract requirements related to technical data for covered systems. The provision also requires the Department to identify programs where there is insufficient data available and details the various mechanisms the Department should use to rectify the insufficiency. Congress has legislated many times over the last two decades to ensure The Department properly plans for sustainment and identifies the technical data necessary to support and enable execution of the planned product support strategy.

We assess that the Department's challenges related to technical data are not rooted in an insufficiency in the law, but rather insufficiencies in the Department's planning and resourcing decisions made early in the acquisition phase related to the sustainment of the systems it procures, and in some cases the Department's insufficient inspection, acceptance, and management of technical data that have been negotiated. We strongly encourage the Department to make every effort to ensure that the maximum amount of competition is maintained throughout development, procurement, and sustainment phases and take necessary planning, resourcing, and contracting actions to ensure that lack of technical data does not impede the effective operation and maintenance of systems acquired by the Department.

## Subtitle B—Amendments to General Contracting Authorities, Procedures, and Limitations

*Sec. 811—Repeals of existing law to streamline the defense acquisition process*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 868 and sec. 5861) that would amend 86 sections of title 10, United States Code, and prior National Defense Authorization Acts to repeal various statutory requirements related to acquisition policies and processes and to reduce administrative complexity related to reporting mandates, expired pilot programs, outdated requirements, limitations, and other matters.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provisions with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 812—Modifications to current defense acquisition requirements*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 871) that would amend various provisions in title 10, United States Code, and related statutes to enhance defense acquisition efficiency. These changes include shifting acquisition criteria to emphasize best value, simplifying authorities and incentives, adjusting thresholds and approvals, and making certain pilot programs permanent.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 813—Modification to award amount for program to accelerate the procurement and fielding of innovative technologies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 812) that would codify the minimum award amount for the Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 814—Additional amendments related to undefinitized contractual actions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 811) that would amend section 3804 of title 10, United States Code, to expand the type of payment a contracting officer may utilize in the execution of an undefinitized contract action (UCA). This section would also amend section 3374 of title 10, United States Code, to require the contracting officer to account for increased risks of certain actions undertaken by the contractor on the government's behalf, when calculating profit or fee allowable in performance of a UCA.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 815—Amendment to procurement of services data analysis and requirements validation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 814) that would amend section 4506 of title 10, United States Code, to eliminate internal

notification requirements related to the use of a bridge contract for needed services in

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 816—Modification of program and processes relating to foreign acquisition*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1252) that would amend section 873 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) to direct the geographic combatant commands to hire not more than two members of the acquisition workforce to advise the combatant command on the Department of Defense processes for Foreign Military Sales and security cooperation to facilitate effective implementation of those processes. The provision would also make this authority permanent.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 817—Review of Department of Defense Instruction relating to conventional ammunition management*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 822) that would amend the definition of conventional ammunition management to include one-way lethal or non-lethal armed/attack unmanned aerial vehicles and systems.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to assess whether certain expendable one-way attack systems merit inclusion in conventional ammunition management and, if so, the Department's plan to implement inclusion.

Subtitle C—Provisions Relating to Workforce Development

*Sec. 821—Improvements to public-private talent exchange*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 831) that would amend section 1599g of title 10, United States Code, to limit the applicability of the restrictions on former employees of the executive branch in accordance with section 207 of title 18, United States Code, to cases in which a private sector employee participating in the public-private talent exchange has performed inherently governmental work at the direct, written request of the Secretary of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 822—Modifications to requirements for the President of the Defense Acquisition University*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1105) that would amend section 1746(e)(3) of title 10, United States Code, to modify requirements related to the President of Defense Acquisition University by striking "term" in both places it appears and inserting "tenure."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 823—Hiring authorities for Defense Civilian Training Corps*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1104) that would amend section 2200h of title 10, United States Code, to provide direct hiring authority for up to 60 graduates of the Defense Civilian Training Corps every calendar year. The Senate provision would also require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, not later than January 31, 2026, and annually thereafter until January 31, 2030, on the use of this hiring authority.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 835).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 824—Increasing competition in defense contracting*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 836) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to revise the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (Part 242.15) to reform contractor performance information requirements by establishing an objective, fact-based system focused solely on verifiable negative performance events, such as defective products, delinquent deliveries, or cybersecurity breaches, in order to reduce subjectivity and administrative burden while enabling identification of contractors with poor performance histories.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 867).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to issue guidance that would allow entities with little or no Federal Government past performance to provide and have evaluated alternative evidence of past performance.

*Sec. 825—Report on strengthening the Defense Acquisition University*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 841) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Acquisition Innovation Research Center, to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU), with a focus on enhancing its operations and performance in training and developing the defense acquisition workforce. The section would also require the Secretary to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, detailing the findings of the assessment and providing recommendations to ensure that the DAU's education, development, and training efforts align with the modern defense acquisition system proposed by this Act.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 862).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 826—Restructuring of performance evaluation metrics for the acquisition workforce*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 837) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to implement mandatory key performance indicators (KPIs) for evaluating members of the acquisition workforce. The House provision would require integration of the KPIs into annual performance appraisals; promotion, bonus and assignment considerations; and requirements for certification, training and continuing education of the acquisition workforce. The House provision would also require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to provide a semiannual report to the congressional defense committees on the implementation of the requirements of this section.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

## Subtitle D—Provisions Relating to Supply Chains and Domestic Sourcing

*Sec. 831—Applicability of Berry Amendment to procurement of certain seafood*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 860C) that would amend section 4862 of title 10, United States Code, to eliminate existing exceptions to the Berry Amendment for all seafood purchases within the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 628).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to clarify the prohibition on certain foreign-sourced seafood applies to both dining facilities and commissary resale.

*Sec. 832—Enhancement of defense supply chain resilience and secondary source qualification*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 869) that would amend section 865 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) by expanding the scope of covered capabilities to include: (1) Critical readiness parts and systems; (2) Parts with sole-source dependencies; (3) Excessive lead times; (4) Unreasonable pricing; or (5) Other supply chain issues. The provision would establish Expedited Qualification Panels in each military department to standardize and accelerate Source Approval Requests and Parts Manufacturer Approvals within 14 days, utilizing conditional or full approvals based on risk criteria. The provision would also prevent duplicative review processes for aircraft parts already approved by civil aviation authorities, requiring written justification for additional reviews. Finally, the provision would define critical readiness parts and systems, safety critical items or mission-critical items, and non-safety critical items or non-mission-critical items.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 833—Interim national security waivers for supply chain illumination efforts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 852) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish minimum qualifying criteria for supply chain illumination for contractors of the Department of Defense, to establish incentives to encourage contractors to use supply chain illumination tools, and authorize the contracting officer to accept delivery of the item or items before the applicable waiver process is completed in cases where a contractor using a qualifying supply chain illumination tool discloses the presence of a non-compliant item.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 863)

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 834—Strategy to eliminate acquisition of optical glass from certain nations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 854) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a strategy to eliminate the reliance of the Department of Defense on any covered nation to acquire optical glass or optical systems.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 835—Strategy to eliminate sourcing of computer displays from certain nations*

The House bill contained two provisions (sec. 860E and sec. 870D) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a strategy to eliminate reliance on

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 836—Voluntary registration of compliance with covered sourcing requirements for covered products*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 855) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish and maintain a publicly available online repository to allow an offeror to submit a self-attestation of compliance with certain covered sourcing requirements.

The House bill contained an additional provision (sec. 878) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy to establish a common repository of information commonly required for the initial vetting of contractors applying to be qualified suppliers in the defense industrial base.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish and maintain a publicly available online repository to allow an offeror to submit a self-attestation of compliance with certain covered sourcing requirements.

*Sec. 837—Acceleration of qualification of compliant sources*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 856) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, to establish a working group in the Defense Industrial Resilience Consortium, established elsewhere in this Act, to exchange information about how to identify, accelerate the qualification of, and integrate compliant materials into programs at the Department of Defense at scale.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 838—Assessment of critical infrastructure owned by the Department of Defense dependent on foreign materials or components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 860D) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop and maintain a classified and prioritized list of high-risk critical infrastructure owned by the Department of Defense that rely on materials or components from foreign entities of concern and conduct a risk assessment of certain components and materials.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

Subtitle E—Prohibitions and Limitations on Procurement

*Sec. 841—Requirements relating to long-term concessions agreements with certain retailers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 861) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from entering into or renewing long-term concessions agreements with retailers controlled by covered nations on U.S. military installations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with clarifying amendments.

*Sec. 842—Prohibition on acquisition of advanced batteries from certain foreign sources*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 864) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from acquiring advanced batteries from certain foreign sources beginning on January 1, 2027.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 843—Application of national security waiver for strategic materials sourcing requirement to sensitive materials*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 843) that would amend section 4872 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense or his authorized delegate to apply a national security waiver determined under section 4863(k) of title 10, United States Code, to section 4872 of title 10, United States Code, for the same covered material and end item.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 844—Prohibition of procurement of molybdenum, gallium, or germanium from non-allied foreign nations and authorization for production from recovered material*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 865) that would amend section 4872 of title 10, United States Code, to add molybdenum to the definition of covered material.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 846) that would amend section 4872 of title 10, United States Code, to add molybdenum, gallium, and germanium to the definition of covered material, as well as authorizes an exception to the prohibition for certain recovered material.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 845—Modifications to certain procurements from certain Chinese entities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 868) that would amend section 805 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) by prohibiting the Secretary of Defense from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain goods and services produced or developed by an entity that is identified in the list published in the Federal Register by the Department of Defense of Chinese military companies operating in the United States pursuant to section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283), or any entity for which the Secretary has submitted a related certification to the congressional defense committees. This section would also require the Secretary to include biotechnology entities (including any subsidiary, parent, affiliate, or successor of such an entity) engaged in DNA and RNA assembly, synthesis, and manufacturing in the reporting required by section 1260H.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain goods and services produced or developed by an entity that is identified in the list published in the Federal Register by the Department of Defense of Chinese military companies operating in the United States pursuant to section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.

*Sec. 846—Modifications to prohibition on contracting with persons that have fossil fuel operations with the Government of the Russian Federation or the Russian energy sector*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 830) that would amend section 804 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) by clarifying an exemption to the definition of business operations to include activities related to fulfilling contracts with a fossil fuel company that has fossil fuel business operations in the Russian Federation that were entered

into prior to the date of the enactment of the prohibition established in such section.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 847—Prohibiting the purchase of photovoltaic modules or inverters from foreign entities of concern*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 869) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from acquiring photovoltaic modules or photovoltaic cells manufactured by a foreign entity of concern.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 848) that would prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to be used to enter into a contract for the procurement of photovoltaic modules manufactured by a foreign entity of concern.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 848—Clarification of procurement prohibition related to acquisition of materials mined, refined, and separated in certain countries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 873) that would clarify the effective date of prior amendments to section 4872 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill included a similar provision (sec. 861).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 849—Prohibition on procurement related to certain additive manufacturing machines*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 880) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from operating or procuring covered additive manufacturing machines manufactured in or using software and data storage from the People's Republic of China, Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or the Russian Federation.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 880).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 850—Phase-out of computer and printer acquisitions involving entities owned or controlled by China*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 879) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from directly or indirectly acquiring computers or printers manufactured by covered Chinese entities, with a phased implementation beginning at 10 percent of Department of Defense total procurement in fiscal year 2026 and reaching 100 percent by fiscal year 2029. The provision would provide waivers for items used for testing, evaluation, and reverse engineering missions on adversarial products and capabilities.

The House bill contained two similar provisions (sec. 821 and sec. 870).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 851—Prohibition on contracting with certain biotechnology providers*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 881) that would prohibit contracting with certain biotechnology providers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle F—Industrial Base Matters

*Sec. 861—Amendments to the procurement technical assistance program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 885) that would authorize APEX Accelerators

The House bill contained an additional provision (sec. 1841) that would make amendments to chapter 388 of title 10, United States Code, to enhance the purpose of the Procurement Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 851).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 862—Repeal of limitations on certain Department of Defense Executive Agent authority*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 841) that would repeal section 1792 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232) and section 226 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 863—Special Operations Command Urgent Innovative Technologies and Capabilities Initiative*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 891) that would create a pilot program for U.S. Special Operations Command to accelerate the research, development, testing, procurement and initial sustainment of innovative technologies and equipment that enhance operational capabilities of Special Operations Forces to meet emerging mission requirements. This section would also require a report annually on the implementation and effectiveness of the program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 864—United States-Israel Defense Industrial Base Working Group*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1217) that would direct the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, to convene the U.S.-Israel Defense

Industrial Base Work Group, to study defense industrial base integration between the United States and Israel, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 865—Improving the domestic textile and industrial base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 379) that would require the Secretary of Defense to issue regulations to require that optional combat boots worn by members of the Armed Forces be entirely manufactured in the United States.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would improve the domestic textile industrial base by: (1) Requiring the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Office, to continue public-private partnerships and investments into technological advancement of the domestic textile and footwear industrial base; (2) Requiring the Secretary of Defense to prioritize resourcing and personnel necessary for the Defense Contract Management Agency to carry out required oversight duties; (3) Requiring the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to develop a strategy to maximize the use of annual or multiyear contracts by the Department of Defense (DOD) for acquisitions that involve the domestic textile or footwear industries to promote long-term stability and predictability for industry; (4) Requiring the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency to conduct an assessment of the textile and footwear industrial base to assess supply chain resiliency; and (5) Requiring each Secretary of a military department to establish, if one does not exist already, a combat boot certification program to ensure that boots meet high standards regarding durability and quality. We note the importance of the textile and footwear industrial base to the success and lethality of the warfighter. Maintaining a robust and quality supply chain for textile and footwear items for servicemembers is imperative for national security. We expect the Secretaries of the military departments to prioritize providing clear data to the Defense Logistics Agency to ensure the goals of longer-term contracting can be achieved. The textile and footwear industrial base requires stability and innovation to thrive.

*Sec. 866—Cybersecurity regulatory harmonization*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 898C) that would require the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense to submit a plan to reduce the cybersecurity regulatory burden on the Defense Industrial Base (DIB).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would direct the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, in coordination with the Chief Information Officers and representatives from the service acquisition executives of each military department, to harmonize and reduce unique cybersecurity regulations levied on the DIB.

*Sec. 867—Modifications to defense industrial base fund*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 880B) that would amend section 4817 of title 10, United States Code, to make modifications to the Industrial Base Fund.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 849A).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle G—Other Matters

*Sec. 871—Modification to demonstration and prototyping program to advance international product support capabilities in a contested logistics environment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 871) that would expand the contested logistics demonstration and prototyping program and require the Secretary of Defense to establish best practices to reduce time needed to return repaired equipment to service by developing additive manufacturing facilities closer to the point of use.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 865).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 872—Contested logistics exercise requirement*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 807) that would amend section 842 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (P.L. 118–31) and direct the Secretaries of the Navy and the Air Force to conduct contested logistics events as part of certain Navy and Air Force exercises.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 873—Combatant command experimentation authority*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 807) that would provide the combatant commands the authority to conduct experimentation, prototyping, and technology demonstrations to support the development and testing of innovative technologies and capability solutions to address operational needs identified by the combatant command.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 874—Annual report on contract cancellations and terminations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1041) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit an annual report on any cancelled contracts for the preceding fiscal year, and for each of the fiscal years 2027 through 2031, to the congressional defense committees, not later than 10 days after the President's budget submission. In the first report required to be submitted, the Secretary of Defense would also include reporting on any cancellations of contracts during fiscal year 2025.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that specifies the report should cover any contract cancellations or terminations above the simplified acquisition threshold.

*Sec. 875—Ability to withhold contract payments during period of pendency of a bid protest*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 818) that would require the Secretary of Defense not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to revise the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement to establish procedures for a contracting officer to seek disgorgement of certain profits or fees earned by the incumbent contractor if the incumbent filed a bid protest with the Comptroller General of the United States; continued performance on the contract while the protest was pending; and the bid protest was subsequently dismissed because of a lack of reasonable legal or factual basis. This section would also amend section 3553 of title 31, United States Code, to authorize the head of a procuring activity of the Department of Defense to override the stay in the award of a contract during the period of protest if doing so would facilitate the national defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to withhold up to 5 percent of certain payments to an incumbent contractor who files a bid protest which is dismissed by the Comptroller General based on a lack of any reasonable legal or factual basis.

*Sec. 876—Indemnification of contractors against nuclear and unusually hazardous risks*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1626) that would require reviews of requests submitted by a contractor to a Department of Defense contracting officer pursuant to Public Law 85–804 (50 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.) for indemnification against nuclear and unusually hazardous risks include, to the maximum extent practicable, input from the Defense Contract Management Agency; and require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that all such reviews be completed within 90 days.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 837) that would require reviews of requests submitted by a contractor to a Department

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 877—Enhanced security strategy for procurement of private fifth-generation wireless technology*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 857) that would require a contractor selected by the Secretary of Defense to procure fifth-generation wireless technology for private networks on military installations that complies with zero trust principles.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Elimination of late cost and pricing data submission defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 802) that would amend section 3706 of title 10, United States Code, to preclude a contractor that submits cost or pricing data that is more than 30 days old in response to applicable requirements under Truthful Cost or Price Data (chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code), from using such submission as a defense against a determination of defective cost or pricing data by a head of an agency.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 838).

The agreement does not include either provision.

We note that the sweeps process under the Truth in Negotiations Act is a post-price agreement review requiring contractors to disclose any updated cost or pricing data in their possession for certification before contract award. We are aware of concerns that contractors may not be providing disclosures of cost or pricing data in their possession prior to a price agreement, opting to disclose such data only after agreement and immediately before contract award. This practice may result in upward adjustments to contract pricing without providing time for sufficient review due to factors such as the expiration of funds or urgent military needs for the products or services.

Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense to require the Acquisition Innovation Research Center to submit a report to the Secretary of Defense by January 30, 2027, assessing whether these practices constitute a systemic problem in the sweeps process and identifying ways to address them. We further direct the Secretary of Defense to submit the report, along with Department of Defense views, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives within 30 days of receiving the report. The report shall include, at a minimum:

(1) An analysis of the sweeps process, including timelines for disclosure and review of cost or pricing data;

(2) An assessment whether prime contractors have withheld data until after the date of agreement on the price of the contract, along with identification of the primary reason a contractor would submit required data after a handshake agreement on the price;

(3) An assessment of the feasibility and advisability of disallowing prime contractor cost or pricing data from sweeps submissions if it was in their possession for a significant period of time prior to the date of agreement on the price of the contract; and

(4) Recommendations to improve the disclosure of cost or pricing data prior to sweeps.

*Capstone requirements*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 802) that would create a new section, 3209, to title 10, United States Code, to establish capstone requirements for three or more portfolio acquisition executives in consultation with the Joint Requirements Oversight Council to enable greater speed, agility, and innovation in fielding military capabilities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Reporting of price increases*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 803) that would amend chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code, to require the offeror to report to the contracting officer certain increases in the price of a product or service under a covered contract.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 835).

The agreement does not include either provision.

*Major system cost growth oversight*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 806) that would amend section 4374 of title 10, United States Code, to require a notification to Congress of a breach of a significant cost growth threshold or a critical cost growth threshold to be provided not later than 30 days after the relevant unit cost report was submitted to the service acquisition executive. This section would also amend section 4203 of title 10, United States Code, by requiring the Secretary of Defense to designate an end item as a major subprogram for the purposes of acquisition reporting if the eventual total expenditure for the end item is estimated to exceed $500,000,000. This section would also amend section 4214 of title 10, United States Code, to require the baseline cost estimate to apply to the life cycle of major defense acquisition programs or designated major subprograms. In addition, this section would amend section 4376 of title 10, United States Code, to prevent the Secretary of Defense from delegating authority and responsibility related to termination of a program, and to add matters to be considered in termination planning for a terminated program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Prioritization of domestic boron*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 809) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to issue regulations under which the Department of Defense shall prioritize the acquisition of boron for use by the Department, including in goods and services acquired by the Department, from sources in the United States through domestic supply chains.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the importance of ensuring domestic and allied sources of materials and encourage the Department to continue to prioritize finding alternate sources of supply to avoid reliance on non-allied nations, especially for materials like boron.

*Establishment of Schedule V for veteran employment and philanthropy reporting by defense contractors and grantees*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 810) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a standardized disclosure schedule of veteran employment and retention

data, to be known as Schedule V, to be included in all applicable contracts, subcontracts, and grant awardees.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Other transaction authority reporting*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 813) that would amend section 4021 of title 10, United States Code, to ensure that reporting on the use of Other Transaction Authorities is done in the same manner as reporting on similar expenditures by the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 875).

The agreement does not include either provision.

We note that reporting of Other Transaction Authorities is covered elsewhere in this Act.

*Acquisition thresholds for certain materials*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 815) that would amend sections 4863 and 4872 of title 10, United States Code, by specifying an exception for purchases of covered materials below an amount of $250,000 (adjusted for inflation every 5 years) rather than by reference to the simplified acquisition threshold. This section would also amend section 4873 of title 10, United States Code, to specify an exception for purchases of covered printed circuit boards below an amount of $10,000 (adjusted for inflation every 5 years) rather than by reference to the micro-purchase threshold.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Additional materials prohibited from non-allied foreign nations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 816) that would amend section 4872 of title 10, United States Code, by authorizing the Secretary of Defense to designate any other mineral, material, substrate, metal, or alloy to be subject to the requirements of section 4872. This section would require the Secretary to submit to the congressional defense committees a notice of designation pursuant to the authority provided, and would establish an effective date of application of the requirements of the section as 1 year after the date on which the Secretary of Defense publishes a notice of designation of an additional mineral, material, substrate, metal, or alloy in the Federal Register.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Extension of authority for pilot program for development of technology-enhanced capabilities with partnership intermediaries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 817) that would extend for 3 years the authority for development of technology-enhanced capabilities with partnership intermediaries under section 851(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on the use of other transaction authority*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 819) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, to provide to the congressional defense committees a report on the use of follow-on production contracts or transactions under section 4022 of title 10, United States Code, during the period from October 1, 2022, through October 1, 2025.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We appreciate the insight provided into other transactions data in the System for Award Management, including data on awardees within consortium-based awards and follow-on production awards. However, we note that while other transactions are intended to accelerate innovation and attract non-traditional defense contractors, there is insufficient analysis on whether these agreements consistently deliver operational value, reduce timelines, or lead to follow-on production contracts that provide enduring military capability.

Accordingly, we direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review and submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than June 1, 2026, on the use of other transactions under section 4022 of title 10, United States Code, during the period beginning October 1, 2020, and ending October 1, 2025. The review shall include:

(1) The total number and value of prototype other transactions awarded during the period, disaggregated by service, defense agency, and contracting activity;

(2) The number and value of follow-on production agreements executed pursuant to subsection (f) of section 4022;

(3) An assessment of the proportion of prototypes that transitioned into production using other transactions, the proportion that transitioned into production using Federal Acquisition Regulations-based contracts, and the proportion that never transitioned into production;

(4) An assessment of the performance and outcomes of follow-on production efforts;

(5) An analysis of the factors that enable or hinder transition from prototype to production, including contract structure, intellectual property provisions, cost-sharing arrangements, and oversight mechanisms;

(6) Identification of any recurring challenges, barriers, or best practices that affect successful commercialization or adoption of capabilities developed under other transactions; and

(7) Recommendations to improve the Department's use of other transactions to achieve timely, cost-effective production outcomes and measurable return on investment for prototype activities.

*Application of certain documentation and oversight requirements to certain projects performed through other transaction authority*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 820) that would apply the requirements of section 4204(e) of title 10, United States Code, to a project performed using Other Transaction Authorities (sections 4021 and 4022 of title 10, United States Code) if the project

meets the definition of a major defense acquisition program (section 4201 of title 10, United States Code).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Modifications to nontraditional defense contractor definitions*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 821) that would amend section 3014 of title 10, United States Code, to add to the definition of a nontraditional defense contractor those business entities that do not qualify as a covered segment as defined under the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 231.205–18 or successor regulation.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Prohibitions relating to covered distributed ledger technology and blockchain equipment or services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 823) that would enact prohibitions on the Secretary of Defense relating to covered distributed ledger technology and blockchain equipment or services.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Amendment to requirement for domestic stainless steel flatware and dinnerware*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 824) that would amend section 842 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) by striking subsection (c).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that amendments made by section 842 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) do not take effect until January 1, 2026.

*Modifications to treatment of certain products and services as commercial products and commercial services*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 824) that would amend section 3457 of title 10, United States Code, to require contracting officers to treat nontraditional defense contractors at any tier of the contract as commercial products and commercial services unless a written determination is approved by the head of the contracting activity, delegable no lower than the senior contracting official.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Modifications to other transactions*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 827) that would amend section 4022 of title 10, United States Code, to allow for follow-on production authorities of other transaction agreements without a competitive prototype if the capability has been demonstrated

in a relevant environment and the acquisition executive makes a written determination.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Critical Acquisition Position Tenure and Program Management Stability*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 832) that would modify section 1734 of title 10, United States Code, to require a 6-year minimum assignment period for program executive officers and to ensure that extended tenures do not adversely affect career progression or advancement.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We remain concerned about frequent turnover in key acquisition leadership positions, particularly among program executive officers and other critical acquisition positions as defined in section 1732 of title 10. Stable, milestone aligned tenure is essential to program continuity, accountability, and cost and schedule performance. Short-term assignments can incentivize short-sighted decision-making by officials who will not be present to manage long-term consequences. Longer tenure strengthens accountability by ensuring that the same leaders who initiate major acquisition decisions remain responsible for their execution and outcomes. Frequent rotations disrupt long-term planning, erode institutional knowledge, and hinder the Department's ability to deliver capabilities to the warfighter on time and within budget.

Accordingly, we direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than April 1, 2026, on actions taken to strengthen stability in program management and tenure for critical acquisition positions. The briefing shall include:

(1) An assessment of the average duration of assignment for program executive officers and other critical acquisition positions over the preceding 5 years, disaggregated by service and component;

(2) An evaluation of how turnover and reassignment affect program outcomes, schedule risk, and cost performance;

(3) A description of measures under consideration or in implementation to promote longer tenure and continuity of leadership, including incentives, career development adjustments, and succession planning;

(4) An analysis of any barriers within personnel systems or promotion policies that discourage longer assignments; and

(5) Recommendations on whether legislative action is required to improve the stability and accountability of leadership in critical acquisition positions.

We further encourage the Department to consider longer assignment periods for key acquisition leadership roles where appropriate, coupled with policies that recognize and reward program-management continuity and accountability as a component of effective acquisition outcomes.

*Competitive acquisition leadership appointments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 834) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that eligibility for an acquisition leadership position associated with a joint research and development activity or a joint acquisition program is not limited by an individual's affiliation with a specific Armed Force, or whether the individual is a civilian employee of the Department of Defense or a member of the military.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Ensuring Department of Defense contractor compliance with disability hiring goals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 838) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an audit of the compliance of the contractors of the Department of Defense with the 7 percent utilization goal for employment of qualified individuals with disabilities by contractors established by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs of the Department of Labor under section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C 793).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Comptroller General review of matters relating to individuals assigned to a critical acquisition position*

The House bill contained two provisions (sec. 839 and sec. 840) directing the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct reviews of the training, development, management, and career progression of the acquisition workforce.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provisions.

We direct the Comptroller General to conduct a review of the current composition of acquisition workforce, and an assessment of training, development, and management of the acquisition workforce. The review shall, at a minimum, address:

(1) An assessment of the organization, staffing, and workforce mix of the acquisition workforce, including positions filled by individuals without required skills or experience, and trends in hiring and retention over the preceding 5 years;

(2) A review of the effectiveness of recruiting and retention authorities, including pay scales, career incentives, and opportunities for specialization, job-broadening, and external training;

(3) A review of the education, training, and career development programs offered by the Department of Defense for members of the acquisition workforce, and an assessment of the efficacy of career development policies established under section 1734 of title 10, United States Code;

(4) An assessment of impediments to training and education, including workload demands and funding availability, and recommendations to improve training sufficiency; and

(5) An assessment of the data, productivity tools, and information systems available to support acquisition workloads, including the availability of commercial tools.

We direct the Comptroller General to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the findings of the review along with any recommendations for improvements in recruiting, retention, training, and management, including an assessment of the benefits and drawbacks of minimum assignment periods for critical acquisition positions, not later than June 1, 2026.

*Prohibition on acquisition of clothing and fabric from countries of concern under domestic-sourcing waivers*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 844) that would amend section 4862 of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the Department of Defense from purchasing clothing or textiles from countries of concern when an availability exception is granted due to the nonavailability of domestically-sourced options.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note this provision is covered in another section of this Act.

*Mitigation of risks related to foreign ownership, control, or influence of Department of Defense contractors or subcontractors*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 845) that would prohibit the obligation of not more than 90 percent of the travel expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security until the Secretary of Defense certifies to the congressional defense committees that the requirements under section 847 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) have been implemented and submits a plan and timeline for continued implementation of such requirements.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that the Department of Defense has begun implementing section 819 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) and section 847 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92). We direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2026, on the progression of the proposed rule considered by the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, to include: (1) A specific timeline for implementation of the requirements included in the aforementioned sections; (2) Any obstacles to successful implementation; and (3) Any other matters the Secretary considers relevant.

*Sourcing options for certain critical products*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 847) that would require the Secretary of Defense, as soon as practicable, but not later than fiscal year 2031, to ensure the Department of Defense maintains multiple sources for certain critical products.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We believe the Department of Defense should be investing into alternative sources of supply for key industrial sectors, especially

those where the Department is reliant on a single supplier of a particular item. We note that elsewhere in this bill we define the term "critical readiness items of supply" to include all parts and systems causing Mission Impaired Capability Awaiting Parts, Not Mission Capable Supply, or Casualty Report Category 3 or 4 status, as defined by the Department of Defense and respective military services, or other parts or systems designated by the Secretary of Defense as impacting readiness. We believe the Department should establish multiple sources of supply for any parts or systems identified as critical items of supply.

*Report on United States boot industrial base and Berry Amendment compliance*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 849B) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on the United States boot industrial base and Berry amendment compliance.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that this is covered elsewhere in this Act.

*Repeal of exception for small purchases under the Berry Amendment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 851) that would amend Section 4862 of title 10, United States Code, to repeal the exception for small purchases under the Berry Amendment.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that this is covered elsewhere in this Act.

*Modification to enhanced domestic content requirement for major defense acquisition programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 853) that would amend section 835 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) by applying the requirements of such section to a program that meets the definition of a major defense acquisition program based on the threshold amounts that were in effect on January 1, 2025.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Preference for domestic procurement of professional services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 858) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to revise the Department of Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to require, to the maximum extent practicable and consistent with the interests of national security, preference for procurement of professional services from offerors that are U.S. companies.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Shipping container supply chain*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 859) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress an assessment on the national security implications of the reliance of the United States on foreign adversary countries for the production of standard and specialty shipping containers, and to establish domestic production capability of shipping containers.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Assessment of critical defense mineral supply chain vulnerabilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 860) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the supply chains of critical minerals for use in the defense industrial base and to identify vulnerabilities in such supply chains.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Assessment of military medical supply chains*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 860A) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of the vulnerabilities to supply chains for the medical supplies and equipment used by the Department of Defense, including a detailed assessment of the reliance of the Department on sources located in the People's Republic of China for active pharmaceutical ingredients and medical devices, and require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the assessment.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that section 860(a) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) included a provision that required in-depth reporting on the pharmaceutical supply chains for the Department of Defense. We note that without specific reporting on source material from pharmaceutical companies, the Department is limited in understanding the exact provenance for all materials, but has

*Permanent magnet traceability pilot program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 860B) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program under which the Department of Defense would validate the sources of rare earth elements and critical materials used in permanent magnets used by the Department.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Critical and rare earth mineral supply chain study*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 860F) that would require the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Resilience, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior,

Secretary of Energy, and the Director of the United States Geological Survey, to submit a report on the feasibility of reshoring domestic critical and rare earth mineral mining and production.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Prohibition on contracting with entities with segregated facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 862) that would require the Secretary of Defense to create a policy requiring contractors to provide a certification that they comply with all federal law, and specifically, do not allow for segregation.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that all defense contractors must comply with all federal laws including title II of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000a et seq.).

*Requirement to buy disposable food service products from American sources; exceptions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 866) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to procure disposable food service products that are American-made and do not contain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Estimate of ally and partner demand for United States-produced munitions and specified expendables*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 866) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish an annual requirement for an estimate of the demand by U.S. allies and partners for U.S.-produced munitions and specified expendables across the future-years defense plan.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to deliver a one-time report to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 30, 2026, of existing relevant Department of Defense information systems of record to determine whether any such system, or combination of such systems, may be used or modified to collect and analyze data necessary to support the production of an estimate of the demand by U.S. allies and partners for U.S.-produced munitions and specified expendables across the future-years defense plan.

The assessment shall take into consideration:

(1) The cost and technical challenges of adopting or adapting a system, or combination of such systems, for the purpose described; and

(2) The estimated cost and technical challenges of establishing a new information system of record for such purpose.

*Prohibition on Department of Defense contracts with certain foreign-owned online tutoring services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 867) that would amend section 854 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) by expanding the list of countries of concern to include the Russian Federation, Iran, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that section 854 from the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 prohibited the Department of Defense from contracting for online tutoring services which could result in personal data of citizens of the United States being transferred to the control of the People's Republic of China. As a result of the increased attention to the data security of servicemembers and their families, there are currently several domestic options to contract with to provide tutoring services to servicemembers and their families.

*Prohibition on entering into contracts with a person engaged in a boycott of the State of Israel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 870A) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from entering into a contract with a person if such person is engaged in an activity that is politically motivated and is intended to penalize or otherwise limit significant commercial relations specifically with Israel or persons doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Requirements for prime contractors of certain telecommunications contracts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 870B) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the principal office of prime contractors relating to the procurement of telecommunications are located in the United States.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on compliance progress with sensitive material acquisition prohibition*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 870C) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the progress of the Department of Defense in implementing the amendments to the prohibition on the acquisition of covered materials under section 4872 of title 10, United States Code, made by section 844 of William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the significant efforts underway by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy and the Defense Logistics Agency to source, invest in, and stockpile the covered materials in section 4872 of title 10, United States Code.

*Modification to procurement requirements relating to rare earth elements and strategic and critical materials*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 872) that would amend section 857 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) by adding advanced batteries or advanced battery components to the list of products subject to certain required disclosures by contractors of the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that this issue is addressed by another provision in this Act.

*Processes for incentivizing contractor expansion of sources of supply*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 873) that would require the Secretary of Defense to enhance military readiness by incentivizing contractor expansion of supply sources for critical readiness parts and systems. The Senate provision would also mandate contractual requirements for supplier diversification, including Acquisition Method Suffix Code reclassification to reduce sole-source dependency, expedited qualification processes, and the use of simulation-based verification for certification. The Senate provision also would require the Secretary to enforce data rights and deliverables or initiate reverse engineering to qualify new suppliers if design activities fail to comply within 30 days of notification.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Duty-free entry of supplies procured by Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 874) that would require the Secretary of Defense to issue duty-free entry certificates in certain circumstances and require supply chain tracking.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that it will be increasingly important for the Department of Defense to track the impact of economic fluctuations, including tariffs, supply chain disruptions, and inflation, on all major prime contracts entered into by the Department. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2026, on the impact of significant economic fluctuations on Defense programs. Such briefing shall include:

(1) An assessment of cost increases to both the Department and contractors as a result of tariffs imposed since February 1, 2025, under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) and section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C 1862);

(2) An assessment of the effects of such tariffs on supply chains and lead times for major defense platforms; and

(3) A summary of agreements entered into under section 4851 of title 10, United States Code, and an assessment of the application of those agreements to the defense supply chain.

*Organic small unmanned aircraft system manufacturing capacity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 875) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to establish, in the Defense Industrial

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 882).

The agreement does not include either the House or Senate provision.

We note that the expansion of small unmanned aircraft systems within the defense industrial base is critical to the Department of Defense. However, small unmanned aircraft system industrial base analysis, strategies, and reports to Congress, and the Army Sky Foundry initiative, are covered elsewhere in this bill.

*Protecting AI and cloud competition in defense contracts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 876) that would require the Secretary of Defense to promote security, resiliency, and competition when entering into artificial intelligence and cloud contracts.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Evaluation of TP-Link telecommunications equipment for designation as covered telecommunications equipment or services*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 877) that would require the Secretary of Defense to evaluate equipment and services provided by TP-Link Technologies Co. and provide a briefing to the Congress.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We are concerned about the critical threat vector router and modem technologies introduce to networks supporting and integrated within the Department of Defense. The committees note that the Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security is conducting ongoing reviews to evaluate threats posed by certain manufacturers of these technologies. We direct the Department of Defense to closely monitor the outcomes of these reviews and incorporate appropriate prohibitions and security requirements necessary to protect national security, including restrictions on equipment and services that pose unacceptable risks to Department networks and operations.

*Country-of-origin disclosure requirements for generic drugs purchased by the Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 878) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from procuring a generic drug for resale unless the seller discloses the country the generic drug was manufactured in and the country of origin for all active pharmaceutical ingredients and key starting materials.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note the challenges the Department faces with receiving disclosures of all active pharmaceutical ingredients and key starting materials. We encourage the Department to continue to conduct supply chain analysis and mitigate risks to ensure that

servicemembers and their families can maintain access to necessary pharmaceuticals.

*Assessment of industrial base for turbojet pyrotechnic devices*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 880A) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy, to submit a report assessing the industrial base for turbojet pyrotechnic devices to the congressional defense committees.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Department of Defense contracting goals for small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 881) that would amend chapter 387 of title 10, United States Code, by requiring the Secretary of Defense to establish a goal, for each fiscal year, for participation in Department of Defense contracts (including subcontracts) by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans. This section would also authorize the use of procedures other than competitive procedures in the award of contracts to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that veteran-owned small businesses are an important part of the defense industrial base and we encourage the Secretary of Defense to continue supporting veteran-owned small businesses.

*Permanent extension of phase flexibility and inclusion of small business technology transfer program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 882) that would amend section 638(cc) of title 15, United States Code, to permanently extend the phase flexibility and include the Small Business Technology Transfer Program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Authority to make additional sequential Phase II awards under the Small Business Innovation Research program or Small Business Technology Transfer program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 883) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to award one additional sequential Phase II Small Business Innovation and Research award or one additional sequential Phase II Small Business Technology Transfer award during each such fiscal year to a small business concern that received an additional Phase II award for continued work on the project for which the small business concern received such award.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Congressional notification requirements for small business concerns for any significant contract termination*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 884) that would establish Congressional notification requirements for small business concerns for any significant contract termination.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*CMMC Certification Assessment support*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 886) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Administrator of the Small Business Administration and the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, to submit a report to the Committees on Ways and Means and on Small Business of the House of Representatives a report identifying each Federal resource and each business or personal tax credit or deduction that may be available to a small business concern.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Study on certain contracts and awards to small business concerns*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 887) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Office of Small Business Programs, to carry out a study to review contracts awarded with a value at or below the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in section 3015 of title 10, United States Code, to determine if the Department of Defense is ensuring full consideration and application of requirements relating to small business concerns.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Comptroller General assessment of competitive effects of mergers and acquisitions of defense contractors*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 894) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment and submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the competitive effects of mergers and acquisitions of defense contractors during the 10-year period preceding the date of the enactment of this Act.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 876).

The agreement does not include either provision.

We note that the Senate report accompanying S. 2296 (S. Rept. 11939) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2026, on actions to implement the Government Accountability Office's recommendations in its report published on October 17, 2023, titled "Defense Industrial Base: DOD Needs Better Insight into Risks from Mergers and Acquisitions" (GAO–24–106129).

*Report on limitations relating to the production of clothing and textiles for procurement by the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 895) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on limitations relating to the production of clothing and textiles for procurement by the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note this provision is covered elsewhere in this Act.

*Report by Secretary of Defense on foreign acquisition of dual-use technologies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec 896) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report related to the acquisition by entities linked to the Chinese Communist Party of dual-use technologies developed or manufactured in the United States, and recommendations to strengthen protections against foreign acquisition of such dual-use technologies.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the acquisition by the People's Republic of China of certain dual-use

*Inspector General of the Department of Defense annual report on oversight of fraud, waste, and abuse*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 897) that would require an annual report from the Inspector General of the Department of Defense on oversight of fraud, waste, and abuse.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We are aware of the critical work of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in the Department of Defense (DOD). According to the DOD OIG, for each dollar spent on oversight efforts, an average of $4 is returned to the U.S. Government, and in the last 6-month reporting period the OIG noted $3.6 billion in potential monetary benefits and enabled the recovery of more than $3 billion due to criminal investigations.

We note the continuing investments made to modernize enterprise information technology (IT) and DOD processes as part of audit readiness efforts, and believe that such investments could enable more efficient and effective oversight by the OIG. We encourage the Department to prioritize such investments, and to ensure that the OIG has the requisite tools to leverage improvements in enterprise IT for oversight purposes.

*Report on supply of rare earth materials and elements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 898) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, to submit to Congress a report on the supply of rare earth materials and elements extracted, processed, and refined from secure sources of supply to develop and produce advanced technologies of the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense provides information on the supply of rare earth materials in the National Defense Stockpile Requirements Report, as required by section 98b of title 50 of United States Code.

*Requirements management tools in Department of Defense acquisition programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 898A) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on management tools in Department of Defense acquisition programs not later than 180 days after the date of enactment.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on Defense Department's lithium supply chain and applications for future advanced military capabilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 898B) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, not later than March 1, 2026, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the Department of Defense's current supply and anticipated need for lithium.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Senate report accompanying S. 2296 (S. Rept. 119–39) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 includes a provision that directs the Department to consider several issues as a part of the Defense-wide battery strategy to identify and address the risks to the defense supply chain and material shortages for legacy system batteries.

*Report on waivers of security requirements for certain software contracts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 898D) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on contracts awarded to software servicers who were granted a waiver of security requirements.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the importance of ensuring that waivers of cybersecurity requirements should be used sparingly and only when clearly justified. Therefore, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on contracts for software applications or software services for which the Department of Defense granted a waiver of applicable statutory, regulatory, or Department of Defense security or cybersecurity requirements during the 12-month period preceding the date of enactment. We agree this report shall address the following for each such waiver: (1) The name and description of the software application or service; (2) The specific statutory, regulatory, or Department of Defense policy requirement

waived; and (3) A comprehensive justification for granting the waiver instead of awarding the contract to a compliant offeror.

*Definitions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 899) that would provide definitions for subtitle I, Robot Security.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Prohibition on procurement of covered unmanned ground vehicle systems from covered foreign entities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 899A) that would prohibit the procurement of covered unmanned ground vehicle systems from covered foreign entities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Prohibition on operation of covered unmanned ground vehicle systems from covered foreign entities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 899B) that would prohibit the operation of covered unmanned ground vehicle systems from covered foreign entities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Prohibition on use of Federal funds for procurement and operation of covered unmanned ground vehicle systems manufactured by certain foreign entities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 899C) that would prohibit the use of Federal funds for procurement and operation on covered unmanned ground vehicle systems manufactured by certain foreign entities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

## TITLE IX—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

### Subtitle A—Office of the Secretary of Defense and Related Matters

*Sec. 901—Prohibition of diversity, equity, and inclusion programs of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 901) that would amend sections 113, 147, and 656 of title 10, United States Code, to eliminate certain reporting requirements, repeal existing statutes related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs, and prohibit the Secretary of Defense from developing or maintaining any DEI-related practices.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 920).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an annual report on demographic representation and

career progression across the Armed Forces and Department of Defense civilian workforce.

*Sec. 902—Directive authority for matters for which the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering has responsibility*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 904) that would amend section 133a(b) of title 10, United States Code, by granting directive authority for research and development matters to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 902).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 903—Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Armaments Cooperation*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 908) that would create a new Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Armaments Cooperation, eliminate the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness, and rename the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, Capabilities, and Readiness.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would create a new Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Armaments Cooperation and retain the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities.

*Sec. 904—Modification to authorities of the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 903) that would amend section 139 of title 10, United States Code, by requiring the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation in the Department of Defense to coordinate with operational test and evaluation organizations of the Armed Forces to review their service-approved test and evaluation master plans and to prohibit any limitation that does not allow for sufficient staffing to fulfill the duties and responsibilities assigned by section 139.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 903).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 905—Modification of covered technology categories for Office of Strategic Capital*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 311) that would add nuclear energy as a covered technology category for the Department of Defense Office of Strategic Capital.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 907).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 906—Additional authorities for Office of Strategic Capital*

The House bill includes a provision (sec. 904) that would allow the Office of Strategic Capital to charge fees on transactions.

The Senate bill includes a similar provision (sec. 902).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 907—Defense Science Board study on optimal organizational structure for digital solution and software delivery*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 921) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to require the Defense Science Board to conduct a comprehensive study on the optimal organizational structure within the Office of the Secretary of Defense to support digital solution activities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with clarifying amendments.

Subtitle B—Other Department of Defense Organization and Management Matters

*Sec. 911—Removal of members of Joint Chiefs of Staff and combatant commanders*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 916) that would amend section 151 of title 10, United States Code, to require the President to notify the Congress of the removal of a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from office or transfer to another position or location before the end of the member's term of office not later than 5 days after the removal or transfer takes place.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would also require congressional notification upon the removal of combatant commanders.

*Sec. 912—Joint Interagency Task Force 401*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 912) that would amend Subchapter I of chapter 8 of title 10, United States Code, to establish the Joint Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 912).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that establishes Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) 401 as the entity with primary responsibility for counter-small unmanned aircraft systems in the Department of Defense and clarifies JIATF 401 roles and responsibilities.

*Sec. 913—Authority to establish regional outreach centers for the Defense Innovation Unit*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 913) that would authorize the Defense Innovation Unit to establish regional outreach centers both domestically and internationally.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 914—Small-UAS Industrial Base Working Group*

The Senate bill contains a provision (sec. 842) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) industrial base remediation plan.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require the Deputy Secretary of Defense to establish a Small Unmanned Aircraft System Working Group to assess the capacity of the sUAS industrial base and make recommendations about strategic investments into the industrial base for sUAS technologies to increase domestic production capacity. The Working Group shall also assess whether the Army's Sky Foundry initiative would assist the Army in meeting its sUAS requirements at a competitive cost and materially impact the health of the sUAS industrial base.

*Sec. 915—Temporary prohibition on disestablishment of Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 918) that would prevent the Secretary of the Navy from taking any action to disestablish the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific. The provision would also require the Secretary to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on: (1) The status of the decision of the Secretary with respect to the disestablishment of the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command Pacific; and (2) The strategic rationale, cost, and benefits of such disestablishment.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 916—Limitation on availability of funds for modification or consolidation of geographic combatant commands*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 914) that would prohibit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 to modify or combine the responsibilities or lower the rank of the Commander, U.S. Africa Command, until 90 days after the date the Secretary of Defense submits specified information to the congressional defense committees. The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 1046) that would prohibit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 to modify or combine the responsibilities or lower the rank of the Commander, U.S. Southern Command, until 90 days after the date the Secretary of Defense submits specified information to the congressional defense committees.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 919) that would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 to consolidate, disestablish, or otherwise eliminate a geographic combatant command of the Department of Defense until not earlier than 90 days after the Secretary of Defense submits a report to the congressional defense committees.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would prohibit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated

by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 to modify or combine the responsibilities or lower the rank of the Commander of any geographic combatant command or to divest, consolidate, or return to a host country any site included in the real property inventory of a geographic combatant command as of June 1, 2025 until not earlier than 60 days after the Secretary of Defense submits a report to the congressional defense committees.

*Sec. 917—Limitation on availability of funds for the Army pending submittal of plan on the proposed integration of the Joint Munitions Command and the Army Sustainment Command*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 915) that would limit the availability of funds for the Army pending submittal of plan on the proposed integration of the Joint Munitions Command and the Army Sustainment Command.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 346).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Economic Defense Unit*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 901) that would establish an Economic Defense Unit (EDU) to centralize requirements generation, programming, planning coordination, and execution oversight of economic competition activities at the Department of Defense. The EDU would report directly to the Deputy Secretary of Defense and act as the Principal Staff Assistant to the Secretary of Defense on all matters related to economic competition. The provision would amend other authorities to make the EDU co-chair the National Security Capital Forum and chair the National Defense Economic Competition Research Council.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

Further modifications to capital assistance program of the Office of Strategic Capital

The House bill includes a provision (sec. 905) that would provide equity investment authority for the Office of Strategic Capital.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Membership of Commandant of the Coast Guard on the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 911) that would amend Section 151(a) of title 10, United States Code, to include the Commandant of the Coast Guard on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Briefing on restructuring of Army Futures Command and Training and Doctrine Command*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 914) that would require the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army to provide to the congressional defense committees a comprehen-

sive briefing not less than 60 days before executing any plan to merge, consolidate, or otherwise reorganize the Army Futures Command and the Training and Doctrine Command of the Army, on the merger, consolidation, or other reorganization.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing, not later than February 28, 2026, to the congressional defense committees, on the establishment of Army Transformation and Training Command. The briefing shall include:

(1) A description of the reorganization, including affected commands, subordinate entities, and organizational structures;

(2) The strategic, operational, and fiscal rationale for the reorganization;

(3) An assessment of impacts of the reorganization on the readiness and mission effectiveness of the Army; and

(4) An identification of resource reallocations, including installation realignment or closures and personnel movements generated by the reorganization.

*Designation of senior official for military-to-civilian transition*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 915) that would designate a senior official responsible for overseeing servicemember transition from active duty to civilian life or reserve components.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We recognize the importance of clear leadership over the Department's transition programs in assisting transitioning servicemembers. We note that the Department maintains a comprehensive governance structure for this purpose, centered on the Transition Executive Committee, which is co-chaired by the Departments of Defense (DOD), Veterans Affairs (VA), and Labor. This committee is supported by interagency and Service-level working groups and operates under the broader oversight of the VA–DOD Joint Executive Committee. Given these existing responsibilities and mechanisms, we encourage the Department to continue prioritizing and strengthening support for servicemembers transitioning to civilian life or reserve service.

*Limitation on authority to reduce in rank the billets of the commanding officers of certain military installations of the Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 916) that would prohibit the Secretary of the Air Force from reducing the rank of the billets of the commanding officers of certain military installations of the Air Force.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Determination of lead organization responsible for approval and validation of certain unmanned aircraft systems and components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 917) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an analysis of the current

resourcing of the Defense Innovation Unit's (DIU) Blue Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) List and Framework. Following the assessment, this section would require the Secretary of Defense to transition the DIU Blue UAS List and Framework to a different Department of Defense component, or increase the resources and personnel at DIU if the determination is made that DIU is the best-suited Department organization to maintain the program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Secretary of Defense memorandum dated July 10, 2025, and associated implementation guidance, effectively shifted management of Blue Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) List and Framework out of the Defense Innovation Unit.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2026, on how the Department's efforts related to the Secretary's guidance have improved management and resourcing and reduced cost of Blue UAS List platforms.

*Longer term and eligibility for appointment to rank of Admiral of Commander of Naval Sea Systems Command*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 917) that would amend section 526 of title 10, United States Code, to establish an 8-year term for the Commander of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and authorize eligibility for appointment to the rank of Admiral during the final 3 years of that term. The provision would also require a report from the Secretary of the Navy on options and incentives to promote private investment in new shipyard capacity on the Pacific Coast.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We urge the Secretary of the Navy to ensure that the Navy continues to mature excellent candidates for the position of NAVSEA Commander.

*Department of Defense advisory subcommittee to review technologies, processes, and investment related to combined joint all-domain command and control*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 918) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to establish a subcommittee under the board of advisors, directed under section 233 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283), to review technologies to achieve combined joint all-domain command and control.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize that successful implementation of Combined Joint All-Domain Command and Control depends on sustained collaboration between the Department of Defense and the private sector. We encourage the Department to expand its industry collaboration mechanisms, to include technical exchange meetings, advisory boards, and working groups, to better incorporate commercial capabilities and expertise.

*Eligibility of Chief of the National Guard Bureau for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 919) that would amend Section 151(b)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, to make the Chief of the National Guard Bureau eligible for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

## TITLE X—GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Subtitle A—Financial Matters

*Sec. 1001—General transfer authority*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1001) that would allow the Secretary of Defense, with certain limitations, to make transfers between amounts authorized for fiscal year 2026 in division A of this Act. This provision would also limit the total amount transferred under this authority to $6.0 billion.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 1001).

The agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1002—Consolidation of reporting requirements relating to Department of Defense financial improvement and audit remediation plan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1004) that would consolidate reporting requirements related to the Department of Defense Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would add additional elements to sections 240b(a)(2)(A) and 240b(b)(1)(B) of title 10.

*Sec. 1003—Concurrent reporting date for annual update to Defense Business Systems Audit Remediation Plan and Department of Defense annual financial statements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1005) that would amend chapter 240g(b) of title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the semiannual briefing requirement and to bring the annual reporting date for the Defense Business Systems Audit Remediation Plan in line with the due date of the audited financial statements outlined in section 240a of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1004).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1004—Amendments and repeals to budgetary display requirements*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1002) that would repeal certain budgetary requirements for Department of Defense acquisition programs. The provision amends requirements for budget displays from the following: section 141 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84) for body armor procurement; section 2284 of title 10, United States Code, for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Defense Program; sec-

tion 219 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 113–66) for the Distributed Common Ground System; section 213 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111–383) for the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle; and sections 111, 214, and 1502 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417) for Future Combat Systems, Sky Warrior Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Afghanistan and Iraq operations, respectively.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1005—Extension of audit requirement for Department of Defense components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1008) that would reduce the discretionary budget authority available for the Department of Defense, the military department, or the Defense Agency if the respective entity has not submitted a financial statement for the previous fiscal year, or if such financial statement has not received either an unqualified or a qualified audit opinion by an independent external auditor.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that extends by 1 year the existing requirement in section 1004(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–81) that each component of the Department of Defense shall be subject to an independent audit and if any such component fails to be subject to such an audit during any fiscal year through 2034, it shall have 1.5 percent of unobligated amounts available for the component cancelled and returned to the general fund of the Treasury for deficit reduction.

*Sec. 1006—Reporting requirements for amounts made available pursuant to title II of Public Law 119–21*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1007) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate proposed allocations and budget justification documents for amounts made available by title II of Public Law 119–21. The section would also require quarterly reports on the status of balances and activities funded using those amounts.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would include all congressional defense committees and would require quarterly briefings following the submission of quarterly reports. It also contains a technical amendment to include military construction budget justification documents.

*Sec. 1007—Use of technology using artificial intelligence to facilitate audit of the financial statements of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2026*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1010) that would require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments to encourage, to the greatest extent practicable, the

use of artificial intelligence or machine learning for audits of Department of Defense financial statements.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

## Subtitle B—Counterdrug Activities

*Sec. 1010—Support for counterdrug activities and activities to counter transnational organized crime*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 1033 and sec. 6011) that would require additional congressional reporting requirements regarding the Department of Defense's support to other Federal agencies conducting counterdrug or counter transnational organized crime activities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with clarifying amendments.

## Subtitle C—Naval Vessels and Shipyards

*Sec. 1011—Requirements for amphibious warfare ship force structure*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1013) that would amend section 8062 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Department of the Navy to adjust maintenance schedules and repair actions to maintain the minimum number of available amphibious warships needed to meet operational requirements. The provision would define an "available amphibious warship" as an amphibious assault ship (general purpose), an amphibious assault ship (multipurpose), an amphibious transport dock, or a dock landing ship that does not have a temporary critical limiting restriction, is not in a maintenance phase, is not in post-delivery testing, and is not in the process of decommissioning.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 127) that would amend section 8062 of title 10, United States Code, to define "temporarily unavailable" to be a ship that has not surpassed its planned maintenance availability by certain margins. The provision would deem that ships that exceed those margins could no longer be counted toward filling the requirement to maintain 31 amphibious ships.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that removes the definition of "available amphibious warship."

We are disappointed with the lack of prioritization by the Navy when it comes to amphibious warfare ship maintenance as it compares to other elements of the surface Navy. This persistent lack of prioritization has resulted in unacceptably low rates of operational availability of amphibious warfare ships, rendering it nearly impossible for the Navy and Marine Corps to fulfill global operational requirements.

We understand that the Navy is committed to improving the operational readiness of amphibious warfare ships so they can operate as part of a three-ship Amphibious Readiness Group. It is imperative that such commitments translate into concrete, measurable actions without further delay.

Accordingly, we direct the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, on the following:

(1) Specific steps taken to date to elevate the prioritization of amphibious ship maintenance and repair activities within the Navy's shipyard and industrial base resources;

(2) A detailed assessment of progress achieved in improving operational availability rates for amphibious ships, including quantitative metrics and timelines for future milestones; and

(3) A comprehensive plan to address any identified shortfalls, with particular emphasis on mitigating impacts to Marine Corps force generation and deployment readiness.

*Sec. 1012—Definition of short-term work for purposes of Navy construction of combatant and escort vessels and assignment of vessel projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1014) that would change the definition of short-term work for Navy vessel construction from 12 months to 18 months.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1013—Navy Senior Technical Authority*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1015) that would amend section 8669b of title 10, United States Code, to require the Senior Technical Authority to report directly to the program executive officer for each vessel class. Further, the Senior Technical Authority would be responsible for determining that all design requirements are directly related to the capability development document for the vessel class and would not be permitted to approve any design requirements that are unnecessary.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with minor technical amendments.

*Sec. 1014—Overhaul, repair, and maintenance of vessels in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*

The House bill included a provision that would amend section 8680 of title 10, United States Code, to add the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to the list of United States and Guam homeports for naval vessels for which overhaul, repair, or maintenance may not be conducted in a shipyard outside the United States, Guam, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to make minor technical corrections to the original provision.

*Sec. 1015—Allocation of certain operation and maintenance funds for Navy amphibious ship maintenance*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1017) that would require the Navy to submit a separate line item starting in the fiscal year 2027 operation and maintenance Navy budget request for am-

phibious ship maintenance. Additionally, the provision would require at least a pro rata share of the fiscal year 2026 ship maintenance budget be provided for amphibious warfare ships.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1016—Metrics for basic and functional design for ship construction*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1018) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to select a metric to measure the progression of basic and functional design with respect to the construction of ships within 180 days of the enactment of this Act. The provision would also require the Secretary to submit to the congressional defense committees within 45 days a report on the justification for selecting such metric that includes the justification for the selection of the metric.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1017—Authority for single award indefinite delivery-indefinite quantity contract for destroyer maintenance*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1019) that would direct the Secretary of the Navy to seek to enter into a multiyear, single award indefinite delivery indefinite quantity contract for maintenance of DDG–1000 class destroyers.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1018—Limitation on availability of funds to retire or decommission oceanographic research vessels of the Navy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1021) that would prevent the Secretary of the Navy from retiring or decommissioning an oceanographic research vessel, or otherwise reduce the number of such vessels maintained by the Navy to fewer than six, before the date on which the Secretary submits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a plan to provide for the maintenance and recapitalization of the oceanographic research fleet.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1014) that would prevent the Secretary of the Navy from obligating or expending any fiscal year 2026 funds to retire or decommission, prepare to retire or decommission, or place in storage any oceanographic research vessel of the Navy unless the Secretary has identified and acquired a suitable replacement vessel for conducting the research that has been conducted by the vessel selected for retirement or decommissioning.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

We agree with an amendment that the Secretary should develop a plan for modernizing and maintaining the Navy's research vessel fleet.

*Sec. 1019—Strategy for Navy investment in and support for the maritime industrial base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 129) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to develop and implement a strategy for direct investment in the maritime industrial base to address cost and schedule challenges for shipbuilding programs. Additionally, the strategy would be required to include considerations for data collection as well as the use of artificial intelligence for supply chain monitoring. Not later than 210 days after enactment, the Secretary of the Navy would also be required to provide a report to the congressional defense committees on relevant details of the required strategy and implementation.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1020—Exemption of unmanned surface vessels and unmanned underwater vehicles from certain technical authority requirements*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1013) that would amend section 8669b of title 10, United States Code, to exempt unmanned surface vessels and unmanned underwater vehicles from certain requirements for oversight by a senior technical authority within the Navy.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1021—Pilot program on use of automated shipbuilding technologies and capabilities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1018) that would direct the Secretary of the Navy to establish a pilot program on the use of automated assembly technologies and capabilities in naval shipbuilding to reduce overall construction times and alleviate workforce constraints.

The House contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1022—Modification of authority to purchase used vessels under the National Defense Sealift Fund*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1012) that would require that, after the Department purchases 10 used foreign-built cargo vessels by the National Defense Sealift Fund, any purchase of a foreign-built cargo vessel must be matched by the construction of two new cargo vessels built in the United States.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1012) that would increase the number of number of foreign-built cargo vessels that could be purchased by the National Defense Sealift Fund from by 10 to 12 vessels.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

Subtitle D—Counterterrorism

*Sec. 1031—Extension of authority for joint task forces to support law enforcement agencies conducting counter-terrorism activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1031) that would codify the Department of Defense authority for joint task forces to support law enforcement agencies or Federal agencies conducting counterterrorism and counter transnational organized crime activities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to extend the authority until 2032.

*Sec. 1032—Extension of prohibition on use of funds for transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1032) that would prohibit the use of any funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2026, to transfer or release detainees at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States, its territories, or possessions.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1021).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1033—Extension of prohibition on use of funds to construct or modify facilities in the United States to house detainees transferred from United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1033) that would prohibit the use of any funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense to be used during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2026, to construct or modify any facility in the United States, its territories, or possessions to house any detainee transferred from U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for the purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or under the effective control of the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1022).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1034—Extension of prohibition on use of funds for transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to certain countries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1034) that would prohibit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2026, to transfer, release, or assist in the transfer or release of any individual detained at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to Libya, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1023).
The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1035—Extension of prohibition on use of funds to close or relinquish control of United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1035) that would prohibit the use of any funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2026 for the closure or abandonment of United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the relinquishment of control of Guantanamo Bay to the Republic of Cuba, or the implementation of a material modification to the Treaty Between the United States of America and Cuba signed in the District of Columbia on May 29, 1934, that constructively closes United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay.
The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1024).
The agreement includes the House provision.

Subtitle E—Miscellaneous Authorities and Limitations

*Sec. 1041—Modification of authority to provide assistance in support of Department of Defense accounting for missing United States Government personnel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1041) that would amend section 408(a) of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Department of Defense to procure goods and services from foreign nations to assist the Department in its mission to recover and account for missing U.S. Government personnel.
The Senate bill contained two similar provisions (secs. 1051 and sec. 1264).
The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1042—Senior leaders of the Department of Defense and other specified persons: authority to provide protection*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1034) that would modify section 714 of title 10, United States Code, regarding the authority to provide protection to senior leaders of the Department of Defense and other specified persons.
The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1043—Modification of requirements relating to support of civil authorities by Armed Forces*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1036) that would modify uniform requirements relating to Department of Defense support of civil authorities.
The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1044—Authority of Secretary of Defense to enter into contracts to provide certain assistance to secure the southern land border of the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1043) that would give the Department of Defense the authority to enter into contracts to provide certain assistance to secure the southern land border of the United States.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1045—Limitation on use of funds to relocate or otherwise remove the Maritime Industrial Base Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1044) that would prevent the Department from spending any funds to relocate or otherwise remove the Maritime Industrial Base Program from under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would further specify that the Navy could not place the office within the jurisdiction of the Naval Sea Systems Command.

*Sec. 1046—Limitation on retirement of Gray Eagle unmanned aircraft systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1045) that would prevent the Department of the Army from retiring; divesting; or otherwise reducing the inventory, configuration, or capability of its MQ–1C Gray Eagle Extended Range unmanned aircraft systems.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1047—Authority to transfer T–37 aircraft to Arizona Aviation Historical Group*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1047) that would authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to convey to the non-profit Arizona Aviation Historical Group, at no cost or liability to the U.S. taxpayer, five surplus T–37B training aircraft that are currently being stored at the Air Force's Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group "Boneyard" in Tucson, AZ.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 345).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1048—Authorization of Eastern Regional Range Complex for multi-domain operations and robotic autonomous systems training, testing, and experimentation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1048) that would allow the authorization of eastern regional range complex for multi-domain operations and robotic autonomous systems training, testing, and experimentation.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1049—Limitation on use of funds for deactivation of Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigades*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1052) that would limit the use of funds for deactivation of Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigades.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1050—Prohibition on use of live animals in Department of Defense live fire trauma training*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1089) that prohibits the use of live animals in trauma training.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1051—Prohibition on destruction or scrapping of World War II-era aircraft*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1032) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from scrapping or destroying any World War II-era aircraft that remain in the custody of the Air Force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with minor technical amendments.

*Sec. 1052—Limitation on availability of funds for travel expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1055) that would limit the availability of specified funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for fiscal year 2026 for the Office of the Secretary of Defense for travel expenses until the Secretary undertakes specified actions.

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1050) that would limit the availability of funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for policy for travel until the Secretary certifies to the congressional defense committees that the Department of Defense is compliant with the requirements of section 1067 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would modify the actions required by the Secretary.

We note that section 485 of title 10, United States Code, requires the Secretary of Defense to provide to the congressional defense committees with quarterly briefings on counterterrorism operations and related activities, irregular warfare activities, and other sensitive activities conducted by the Department of Defense. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense, as part of the required briefings, to provide the congressional defense committees with detailed updates regarding all Department of Defense sensitive military operations, as defined by section 130f of title 10, United States Code, intended to disrupt or deter the trafficking of narcotics.

*Sec. 1053—Congressional notification of support for immigration enforcement operations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1046) that would require Congressional reporting requirements related to the use of Department of Defense facilities to house aliens.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that consolidates and combines all Congressional notification requirements for Department of Defense support for immigration enforcement operations, including reporting on the use and cost of employing Department of Defense aircraft, installations, facilities, or personnel in support of such operations.

Subtitle F—Studies and Reports

*Sec. 1061—Notification of waivers under Department of Defense Directive 3000.09*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1065) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a notification of waivers under Department of Defense Directive 3000.09.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1062—Modifications to authority for transfer and sale of certain surplus firearms, ammunition, and parts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1704) that would amend Section 40728 of title 36, United States Code, to expand the types and numbers of surplus military firearms made available for sale. It would also expand the ability to sell excess military firearms to the Secretary of the Navy, Air Force, and other Federal Departments and Agencies.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would allow the Secretary of Defense to sell surplus military shotguns that are pump-action and not shortened on a one-time basis.

*Sec. 1063—Extension of mobility capability requirements study*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1061) that would extend the due date for the Mobility Capability Requirements Study (MCRS) to December 23, 2025. The MCRS was required by Section 1068 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would extend the MCRS due date until January 2027.

*Sec. 1064—Extension of briefing requirement regarding civil authorities at the Southwest border*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1062) that would extend the briefing requirement regarding civil authorities at the Southwest border through December 31, 2026.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1065—Extension of biennial assessments of Air Force Test Center*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070G) that would postpone the sunset date for biennial assessments of the Air Force Test Center from 2026 and have the Department make such assessments in 2026, 2028 and 2030.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1066—Reports on installation of certain collision avoidance systems in military rotary-wing aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1069) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the feasibility of installing certain traffic alert and collision avoidance systems in military rotary-wing aircraft.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would extend the reporting requirement from 90 to 180 days.

*Sec. 1067—Cybersecurity and resilience annex in Strategic Rail Corridor Network assessments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Homeland Security, to include an annex containing an evaluation of the cybersecurity and the resilience of the physical infrastructure of the Strategic Rail Corridor in the assessment of the Strategic Rail Corridor Network carried out after the date of the enactment of this section.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1068—GAO review and report on biological weapons experiments on and in relation to ticks, tick-borne disease*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070N) that would direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of research conducted during the period beginning on January 1, 1945, and ending on December 31, 1972, by the Department of Defense, including by the Department of Defense in consultation with the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agriculture, or any Federal agency on the use of ticks as hosts or delivery mechanisms for biological warfare agents, including experiments involving Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales; and any efforts to improve the effectiveness and viability of Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales as biological weapons through combination with other diseases or viruses.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1069—Briefings on expenditures or planned expenditures of funds allocated for exploration and development of existing Arctic infrastructure*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1047) that would require quarterly briefings to the congressional defense committees on expenditures and planned expenditures of funds for the exploration and development of existing Arctic infrastructure, pursuant to Section 20009(12) of Public Law 119–21.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1070—Semiannual report on Department of Defense operations at the southern land border*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1058) that would expand Congressional reporting requirements related to the Department of Defense activities on the southern land border.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that clarifies reporting requirements.

*Sec. 1071—Assessment on potential establishment of incubator programs for secure facilities and networks at universities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1059) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a program to develop, operate, and maintain incubator programs for secure facilities and networks at select universities across the United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of the feasibility, advisability, and potential benefits to the Department of Defense of establishing incubator programs for secure facilities and networks at select universities across the United States, as well as develop objective characteristics and other assessment criteria for universities that could participate in such incubator programs. The amendment would also require the development of an implementation plan which, at a minimum, would identify not fewer than five university partners that meet the objective characteristics and assessment criteria identified by the required assessment.

Subtitle G—Other Matters

*Sec. 1081—Extension of the National Commission on the Future of the Navy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1073) that would extend the deadline for the Navy commission as specified in The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) to January 1, 2026.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1082—Federal agency support for Afghanistan War Commission*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1075) that would amend section 1094(f)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81) to provide Federal agency support for the Afghanistan War Commission.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1061).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1083—Provision of contract authority to Afghanistan War Commission*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1076) that would authorize the co-chairpersons of the Afghanistan War Commission to enter into contracts to enable the Commission to discharge its duties.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1062).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1084—Reauthorization of Servicewomen's Commemorative Partnership*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1074) that would amend section 362(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) by extending the authorization to fiscal year 2026 and expanding the authority to expend $1.0 million for renovations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1085—AUKUS Improvement Act of 2025*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6240A) that would make improvements to the Australia, United Kingdom, and United States (AUKUS) defense trade partnership. The Senate bill also contained a provision (sec. 6240B) that would amend Section 38(l) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(l)) for the flexibility with respect to certain Arms Export Control Act and other arms transfer requirements. Lastly, the Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6240C) that would create an exemption to the requirement to submit congressional notification for commercial technical assistance or manufacturing license agreements involving Australia and the United Kingdom.

The House bill contained no similar provisions.

The agreement includes the Senate provisions with clarifying amendments.

*Sec. 1086—Framework for reforming technology transfer and foreign disclosure policies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1077) that would require the Secretary of Defense to produce and submit to the congressional defense committees a framework to revise and update the technology transfer policies of the military departments and the National Disclosure Policy.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1258).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1087—Procurement and distribution of sports foods and dietary supplements to members of the Armed Forces assigned to the United States Special Operations Command*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1079) that would authorize the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) to procure and distribute to members of the Armed Forces assigned to SOCOM sports foods and dietary supplements.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 341).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1088—Pilot program on enhanced use of advanced sensor networks to improve Air Force counter-unmanned aircraft system capabilities for base defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080) that would establish a pilot program at no fewer than two Air Force installations to demonstrate the efficacy of shared situational awareness data from civilian sensor networks to military installation defense systems for the purposes of monitoring and identifying non-compliant small, unmanned aircraft systems at domestic military installations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision amended to direct the Secretary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, to carry out a pilot program known as "Enhancing Cooperation for Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program" that would incorporate the use of civilian civil airspace sensor networks into Air Force data processing systems.

*Sec. 1089—Pilot program and other requirements for accelerating protection of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1081) that would require the Department of Defense to better utilize existing counter-unmanned aircraft system (CUAS) authorities already in law. The section would further require that the Department utilize existing authorities, in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration, to deploy new CUAS at select locations in the United States. The provision would also direct that the Department focus on systems capable of destroying or disabling a small, unmanned aircraft by means of high-powered microwave, laser, or other similar technology.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision to direct the Secretary of Defense to: (1) Develop a plan to train on CUAS equipment and authorities; (2) Ensure covered facilities are prepared to defend themselves; and (3) Establish a pilot program to deploy covered CUAS to four specially selected sites.

*Sec. 1090—Process for complaints and investigations of transportation service providers and transportation officers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1087) that would require the Commander of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command to develop a process through which a transportation service provider may submit a complaint regarding possible violations of the Military Freight Traffic Unified Rules Publication or the Defense Transportation Regulations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment to reflect that the name of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command has been changed to the U.S. Army Transportation Command.

*Sec. 1091—Declassification of certain records relating to Tower 22 attack*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1091) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to expeditiously disclose all records relating to the January 28, 2024, attack on Tower 22 in Jordan.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1092—Updates and preservation of memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1092) that would require the Secretary of the Army to permit the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces to update the chaplains' memorials at Arlington National Cemetery at no cost to the Federal Government.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to more closely align the requirements with the recommendations of the National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces regarding updates to the Protestant and Catholic Chaplains Memorials, and to make clear that the updates are a one-time action for chaplains eligible prior to enactment of this Act.

We note that the Jewish Chaplains Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery has already been updated to include all chaplains who died in active service, and accordingly is not subject to further action under this provision.

*Sec. 1093—Critical infrastructure compatibility tabletop exercise*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1093) that would require the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation to conduct a tabletop exercise designed to assess the resiliency of U.S. military installations and their surrounding communal capabilities to collaboratively confront weather disasters or adversarial threats made against the U.S. Homeland.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1094—Irregular Warfare Exercise Laboratory*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1057) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish and maintain an Irregular Warfare Exercise Laboratory.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1095—Commission on the National Defense Strategy*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1063) that would establish a legislative commission to review the forthcoming National Defense Strategy (NDS).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that specifies that the Commission would be established not later than 15 days after the Secretary of Defense submits the NDS. It would also modify the appointment schedule for the Commission, and the Commission would be required to deliver a report to the President and Congress not later than 1 year after the date of establishment.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Responsibilities of Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1002) that would add Defense Business Systems that impact financial statement auditability to the list of areas under the purview of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) in section 135 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We expect the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) to coordinate with the Department of Defense's Chief Information Officer on Defense Business Systems that impact financial statement auditability, including through existing processes such as the Defense Business Council.

*Additional elements for Department of Defense Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan and Report*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1003) that would require additional elements be included in the Department of Defense Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan and Report.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Briefing on beginning balance issues for audit purposes*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1003) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) to deliver a one-time briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2026, on any anticipated issues in establishing beginning balances for audits of the financial statements of the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) to deliver a one-time briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2026, on any anticipated issues in establishing beginning balances for audits of the financial statements of the Department of Defense.

The briefing shall include:

(1) A detailed identification of each budgetary account known to have and anticipated to have unsupported beginning balances;

(2) A description of the specific issues preventing beginning balances from being established for each identified account;

(3) An explanation of whether beginning balances could be established through generally accepted accounting principles and, if not, the other sources or methods that could be used to resolve the issues; and

(4) The projected impact to receiving an unmodified audit opinion of that account without a supported beginning balance.

*Limitation on availability of funds for travel expenses of Office of Secretary of Defense until completion of certain audit requirements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1006) that would limit the availability of funds authorized to be appropriated for the Office of the Secretary of Defense for travel expenses until the date on which at least 11 covered reporting entities receive an unmodified audit opinion, or the date on which a Department of Defense-wide material weakness is closed.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the continued progress made by Department of Defense (DOD) entities in meeting audit goals. In DOD Inspector General Report 2025–112, Understanding the Results of the FY 2024 DOD Financial Statements, released on June 17, 2025, the Inspector General notes that 11 reporting entities received unmodified (clean) opinions, with an additional entity receiving a qualified opinion. We also note progress made towards retiring material weaknesses and other metrics as part of the Department's audit readiness and remediation efforts.

We strongly support the Department's efforts to achieve an unmodified audit opinion at the earliest possible date and note the importance of continued audit progress in maintaining public faith in the transparency of DOD. We encourage the Department to prioritize audit investments and, in particular, the investments necessary to modernize the Department's enterprise information technology systems to meet modern financial management standards. We are aware that such investments may require significant time to achieve the results needed, and therefore believe that the Department should prioritize and resource such key enabling systems as soon as practicable.

*Clean audit for the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1009) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a timeline to achieve a

clean financial audit for the Department of Defense, and submit to the Congress an annual report on progress and barriers to compliance with achieving a clean audit.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that section 240b of title 10, United States Code, requires the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) to submit an annual report that includes the dates on which the Department estimates it will obtain an unqualified audit opinion on the full financial statements of the Department, the military departments, the Defense Agencies, and other organizations and elements of the Department for a fiscal year. We expect the Department to continue rigorous annual reporting in compliance with this requirement, including a continued focus on correcting material weaknesses and addressing barriers to financial statement auditability.

*Inclusion of certain design information in annual naval vessel construction plans*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 1011) that would amend section 231(b) of title 10, United States Code, to include the following information whenever 50 percent or more of the design of a new construction vessel has come from foreign firms:

(1) An identification of each such foreign firm participating in the design; and

(2) A description of the benefit to the U.S. Government of adding such a vessel to the naval forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We expect the Secretary of the Navy to report by exception whenever a new naval vessel design has foreign content equal to or greater than 50 percent.

*Report accompanying requests for new flights or blocks of major shipbuilding programs*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1015) that would amend Chapter 863 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Navy to submit a detailed report on if the President's budget request includes a new flight or block of ships.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Report on auxiliary vessel co-production*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 1016) that would require the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of State, to provide a report on potential co-production of non-nuclear auxiliary vessels suitable for co-production with foreign governments and industry.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Alternative contracting authority for United States Naval Ships*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1016) that would amend chapter 863 of title 10, United States Code, to permit the Secretary of the Navy to employ the services of a vessel construction manager to contract for building a Navy auxiliary to be operated by civilian or commercial mariners.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include House provision.

The agreement, however, includes a provision elsewhere in this Act that would direct the Secretary of the Navy to use one or more vessel construction managers in executing the Medium Landing Ship program.

*Report on vessel leasing program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1017) that would require the Secretary of the Navy, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on various aspects of a potential commercial vessel leasing program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Evaluation of sites for shipbuilding and ship repair*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1020) that would:

(1) Require the Secretary of the Navy to delegate within 60 days to the Direct Reporting Program Manager of the Maritime Industrial Base Program primary responsibility for defining the requirements for evaluating sites to meet the capacity and needs of the Navy for shipbuilding and repair;

(2) Require that, not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary delegates this authority to the Direct Reporting Program Manager under paragraph (1), the Program Manager establish evaluation requirements to be applied to sites being considered as sites for private or public shipyards and other defense-production capabilities;

(3) Establish criteria for selecting sites for expanding capacity; and

(4) Require the Program Manager, within one after establishing the evaluation requirements, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes:

(a) a list of sites that meet the evaluation requirements; or

(b) a certification that no site exists that meets such requirements.

The Senate bill continued no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We agree that the Navy should move quickly to assess potential industrial expansion opportunities and follow the direction contained in the original House provision.

*Sense of Congress regarding naming of vessel for Battle of Dai Do*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1022) that would express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should

name an amphibious or expeditionary class vessel for the Battle of Dai Do.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Maritime redundant and resilient communications*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1024) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report on the results of advanced computing experiments involving large sensor constellations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

The Naval Information Warfare Center Atlantic and the United States Fourth Fleet have been conducting experiments for providing maritime operations centers (MOC) with advanced computing power to manage large sensor constellations in achieving maritime domain awareness. If these experiments prove successful, the capability could significantly increase the scale and complexity of operations that a MOC could support.

The Secretary of the Navy, in collaboration with the Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, and the Director of the Defense Innovation Unit, should plan for follow-on phases of this experimentation to develop these capabilities further.

In addition, we direct the Secretary of the Navy to submit to the congressional defense committees within 180 days of enactment of this Act a report on the results of these experiments. The report shall:

(1) Summarize the status of such experimentation, including the relationship and potential benefits to Project Overmatch;

(2) Provide a plan for any further development, testing, and production the Secretary deems appropriate for fielding and deployment of edge computing and enterprise network management capability to all United States fleets, focusing first on the U.S. Indo-Pacific and U.S. Central Commands;

(3) Identify funding required to execute such a plan;

(4) Identify a Department of Defense activity that could provide for program management for implementing such a plan; and

(5) Recommend an acquisition strategy, that could yield early fielding of such a capability.

*Report on Navy ship repair capabilities in Guam*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 1025) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on ship repair capabilities in Guam.

The Senate bill included no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to the congressional defense committees by April 1, 2026, on ship repair capabilities in Guam. The report shall include: (1) An assessment of the feasibility of leasing facilities controlled by the Department of the Navy in Guam for the purpose of mooring a drydock; (2) An assessment of the feasibility of conducting increased ship repair for Military Sealift Command in Guam; (3) An identification of the au-

thorities or the Department of the Navy to provide technical assistance to maritime services firms based in Guam seeking Navy Sea Systems Command certifications; and (4) Such other matters as the Secretary determines relevant.

We also believe that the Secretary, in assessing Guam ship repair capacity, should assess the ability of the Guamanian workforce to respond to an increase demand that would be place on them to support ship depot maintenance work. We note that Guam remains a strategic forward base that provides a multitude of contributions in support of our national security. We further note that, as a sovereign territory of the United States, Guam has a unique geographical position that has previously supported U.S. Navy ship repair capability.

*Clarification regarding definition of individual detained at Guantanamo*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1025) that would amend section 1034(f)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92) to clarify the definition of the term "individual detained at Guantanamo" as defined in that section.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Sense of Congress regarding naming an aircraft carrier after the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1026) that would express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name an aircraft carrier USS *United States*.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Notification of the use of military aircraft for immigration enforcement operations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1035) that would require Congressional notification regarding the use of Department of Defense aircraft to support immigration enforcement operations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision. Matters pertaining to Congressional notification regarding the use of Department of Defense aircraft, installations, or personnel to support immigration enforcement operations are addressed elsewhere in this Act.

*Limitation on authority of Armed Forces to detain citizens of the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1036) that would amend section 1021(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81) to limit the authority of the Armed Forces to detain citizens of the United States.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Prohibition on operation of connected vehicles designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction of a foreign entity of concern on Department of Defense property*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1037) that would prohibit the operation of connected vehicles designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction of a foreign entity of concern on Department of Defense property after January 1, 2028.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We are aware of the Department of Commerce's final rule that went into effect in March 2025 addressing security concerns related to connected vehicles manufactured by foreign adversaries. While this rule answers many questions, as these technologies evolve, we believe that there will be additional challenges for the Department of Defense in ensuring that sensitive information and locations are protected from the unacceptable risk posed by these vehicles and technologies. Accordingly, we direct the Department of Defense to develop guidelines for installations in anticipation of this new and evolving risk and provide a briefing on these guidelines to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by June 1, 2026. The guidelines shall address the following matters: (1) An executable plan for prohibiting connected vehicles and technologies used in vehicles that are designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by adversaries as defined in the Department of Commerce's 2025 rule, from accessing sensitive information and locations on domestic military installations; (2) An assessment of how the Department of Defense defines and identifies these locations; (3) A strategy for mitigating both the vulnerabilities caused by these vehicles and vehicle technologies and the challenges of barring non-adversary manufactured vehicles containing these technologies from key sensitive locations on installations; and (4) A strategy for containing the risk associated with connected vehicles and vehicles containing these technologies at overseas locations where these vehicles may be allowed to enter the market.

*Expedited access to certain military installations of the Department of Defense for Members of Congress and certain Congressional employees*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1042) that would authorize expedited access to military installations for Members of Congress and certain congressional employees.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Reports to Congress on Department of Defense support for immigration enforcement operations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1044) that would require additional Congressional reporting requirements related to the to the Department of Defense's support to immigration enforcement operations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision. Matters pertaining to Congressional notification regarding the provision of Department of Defense support to immigration enforcement operations are addressed elsewhere in this Act.

*Military Sealift Command*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 1045) that would require the Secretary of the

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Commander of the Military Sealift Command, and in consultation with the Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, the Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on efforts to improve recruitment and retention of Military Sealift Command Mariners. The report shall include: (1) An assessment of the current status, and additional opportunities, for training on the roles and significance of Military Sealift Command civilian mariner workforce to relevant military commands; (2) Authorities required to improve recruitment and retention of civilian mariners in Military Sealift Command; and (3) The merits of extending the maximum charter durations of commercial and specialty vessels for the Military Sealift Command.

*Prohibition on availability of funds for institutions of higher education that allow antisemitic demonstrations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1049) that would prohibit any of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense from being provided to an institution of higher education if an antisemitic demonstration has occurred on the campus of the institution; and the administration of the institution has failed to take action to mitigate and prevent further antisemitic demonstrations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Use of nonelectric vehicles by employees at Yuma Proving Ground*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1053) that would require the Secretary of Defense to authorize members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense at Yuma Proving Ground to use nonelectric vehicles in the performance of their duties.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that such members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense may use non-electric vehicles in the performance of their duties.

*Prohibiting Secretary of Defense from developing voting technology or methodology*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 1053) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from developing or facilitating any voting technology or methodology for voting in Federal and state elections.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note with concern that the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) funded a project to develop end-to-end electronic voting technology that included electronic delivery of a voted ballot. We also note with deep disappointment that DARPA funded and executed this project without consulting or coordinating with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP). FVAP is the primary voting assistance program within the Department of Defense, and it exists to ensure that individuals covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (Public Law 99–410), including servicemembers and their eligible family members, are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so from anywhere in the world. We encourage the Department to coordinate all efforts to improve military and overseas citizens voting access with FVAP.

*Assessment of the feasibility and advisability of using personnel of the Department of Defense to support U.S. Customs and Border Protection*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1054) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of the advisability and feasibility of using personnel of the Department of Defense to support U.S. Customs and Border Protection with translation and interpretation services in connection with border security operations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Process to furnish certain demographic data regarding members of the Armed Forces to State educational agencies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1054) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, state educational agencies, local educational agencies, and experts in student data and privacy to establish a process allowing states to access and incorporate military-service data on their high-school graduates into state longitudinal data systems.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Joint Explanatory Statement to accompany the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) required the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Education, to brief the committees on a secure data-sharing process with state education agencies not later than April 1, 2025. That briefing is still outstanding. We continue to view this requirement as important and expect the Department to provide this briefing not later than March 1, 2026.

*Revocation of Security Clearances for Certain Persons*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1055) that would require the Secretary of Defense to suspend or revoke a security clearance or eligibility for access to classified information for any retired or separated member of the Armed Forces or civilian employee of the Department of Defense who engages in lobbying activities or lobbying contacts for or on behalf of any entity that is identified in the most recent report submitted under section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) as a Chinese military company; or included in the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List published by the Department of the Treasury.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the current security clearance forms for initiating a background investigation already include questions on support for foreign entities, and the implementation of continuous vetting procedures allows for updates in between periodic reinvestigations to accommodate dynamic developments in near real time. Any individual holding a security clearance is responsible for being forthcoming and transparent in notifying the government of changes in information that might impact their ability to hold and maintain classified information, so that this continuous vetting process can remain agile and responsive. We believe lobbying for foreign entities requires review and oversight by the Department, and it is appropriate to continue to place focus on these questions during the adjudication process.

*Ceremonial horses adoption program of the Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1056) that would amend section 2583(c) of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Army to prioritize State, local, municipal, or Tribal law enforcement agencies when considering adoption or transfer of a horse used in any military working equids (MWE) program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We expect the Army to consult with the Congress prior to initiation of any action to adopt or transfer military working equids (MWE) out of the Army Equid Enterprise. As such, we direct the Secretary of the Army to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2026, on: (1) The existing policy and disposition authority for adopting or transferring MWEs from existing Army programs; (2) How the Army will ensure the wellbeing of MWEs being transferred or adopted; and (3) The plan and timeline for adopting or transferring any MWEs from the Army to any other entity or individual.

*Elimination of discretion of military chain of command and senior civilian leadership with respect to display of flags*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1057) that would amend section 1052(d)(N) of the National Defense Authorization

Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–31) to eliminate the discretion of military chain of command and senior civilian leadership with respect to the display of flags.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Priority consideration of energy projects that are likely to experience significant temporal impact due to seasonal Arctic climate conditions*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1060) that would direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to prioritize, to the maximum extent possible, for purposes of consideration by the Manufacturing Capability Expansion and Investment Prioritization office, the clearance of mining and energy project applications and white papers for projects where the operation or completion of which is likely to experience significant temporal impact due to seasonal Arctic climate conditions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We encourage the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to continue to prioritize the processing and clearance of mining and energy project applications and white papers where the operation or completion of which is likely to experience significant temporal impact due to seasonal Arctic climate conditions.

*Prohibition on lobbying activities with respect to the Department of Defense by certain officers of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the department following separation from military service or employment with the Department*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1063) that would amend section 1045 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91) to extend the prohibition on lobbying activities by certain military officers and civilian employees from 2 years to 5 years and to increase the length of time that former general and flag officers and civilian equivalents are subject to post-Government employment restrictions from 1 year to 3 years.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We are aware that Department of Justice and Department of Defense (DOD) Inspector General records indicate that violations of the post-Government employment laws are rare. Moreover, the violations that have been documented occurred because individuals knowingly and intentionally acted in contravention of the law and/or misrepresented information to ethics officials or others.

We are concerned that extending these post-Government employment restrictions will: (1) Restrict DOD's access to the knowledge and expertise of its former personnel and result in an adverse effect on recruitment and retention; (2) Create a significant risk of reducing government access to the knowledge and expertise of former DOD officials and more generally to private-sector expertise in support of technology development, supply chain security, and other national security matters; (3) Create an acute risk of confu-

sion that could undermine compliance and enforcement by using slightly different terminology that has no direct counterpart in executive branch-wide ethics laws; and (4) Result in inconsistency and overlap with executive branch-wide ethics provisions that address the same issues.

*Annual report on Guam civilian-military projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1066) that would require the Commander of Joint Region Marianas, in consultation with the Governor of Guam, to submit an annual report on projects in Guam that support military readiness and public interests.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the strategic importance of Guam and the vital partnership between the Department of Defense and the people of Guam in advancing regional security and shared prosperity. We also note the people of Guam's enduring hospitality and commitment to security underpin the success of U.S. defense activities in the Indo-Pacific region. Accordingly, we direct the Commander of Joint Region Marianas, in coordination with the Governor of Guam, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026, detailing ongoing and planned projects that support military readiness and public interests in Guam. The briefing shall include projects that strengthen local infrastructure and community resilience, improve quality of life, and ensure sustainable defense operations on the island. We further encourage continued consultation with the Government of Guam and community stakeholders to ensure these efforts reflect the priorities of the people of Guam.

*Classification of Nevada Test and Training Range as location where contamination occurred and members of the Armed Forces were exposed to toxic substances*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1066) that would require the Secretary of Defense to classify the Nevada Test and Training Range as a location where contamination occurred.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that there are concerns that members of the Armed Forces who were assigned to certain locations have been unable to successfully make claims for healthcare and disability compensation with the Veterans Administration due to classification of their service and medical records. Therefore, not later than January 1, 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on: (1) The process that the Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of the Air Force, will undertake to identify members of the Armed Forces and former members of the Armed Forces that were stationed at a location that was on the most recent list of facilities covered under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384 et seq.) published in the Federal Register by the Department of Energy, any location that is data masked or classified by the Department of Defense and where there is or was potential exposure

to toxic substances, since January 27, 1951; and (2) The policies and procedures that the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Air Force could establish to assist members of the Armed Forces and former members of the Armed Forces who were stationed at a covered location in order to provide adequate documentation of their service, and any injuries, exposures, or illnesses related to such service, to the Veterans Administration for the purpose of establishing a claim for benefits to which such members and former members are legally entitled.

*Annual report on military power and illicit activities of certain drug cartels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1067) that would direct the Department of Defense to compile an annual report on military power and illicit activities of certain drug cartels.

The Senate bill contained no such provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Department of Defense briefing on pulsed lasers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1068) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing within 90 days of the date of the enactment of this Act to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the efficacy and feasibility of pulsed lasers to defend both tactical and strategic facilities and installations against offensive unmanned aerial systems, especially in swarms, in the near term; and pulsed laser defensive capabilities against intermediate to long-range missile threats in the medium term.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than March 1, 2026, to providing a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the efficacy and feasibility of pulsed lasers to defend both tactical and strategic facilities and installations against offensive unmanned aerial systems, especially in swarms, in the near term and pulsed laser defensive capabilities against intermediate to long-range missile threats in the medium term.

*Report on DOD-funded institutions of higher education hosting Confucius Institutes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070A) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on U.S. institutions of higher education that host Confucius Institutes and receive Department of Defense funding.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the risk of Confucius Institutes operating in the United States, specifically at academic institutions that receive Department of Defense funding. We further note that, according to the Department of Defense, no academic institutions that receive Department of Defense funding host a Confucius Institute as of the summer of 2023.

*Report on aviation fleet maintenance, aircraft availability rates, and plans to reduce downtime*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070B) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on aviation fleet maintenance backlogs, aircraft availability rates, and plans to reduce downtime, with a focus on bases in Florida.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on aviation fleet maintenance backlogs, aircraft availability rates, and plans to reduce downtime across the Navy aviation enterprise. The report shall include information on how the Navy has implemented recommendations from the Comptroller General of the United States over the past number of years and detailed information about what the Department of Defense is doing to correct the situation.

*Study on improvement of Army contracted sealift assets*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070C) that would require a report from the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology on options for expanding a reserve contracted wartime sealift capacity in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.We direct the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, on options for expanding a reserve contracted wartime sealift capacity in the Indo-Pacific region. The report shall include: (1) An identification of each Army contracted sealift asset available during fiscal year 2025 in the area of operations of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; (2) An evaluation of current and projected mission requirements and operational tempo through fiscal year 2028, including an analysis of whether the existing Army contracted sealift assets are sufficient to meet the needs of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and United States Army Pacific in both peacetime and conflict scenarios; and (3) Recommendations for improving the contracted sealift capability, capacity, and responsiveness of the sealift capacity of the

*Study on public, private, and allied shipyard capabilities for Indo-Pacific region conflicts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070D) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to conduct a study to assess the capacity of each United States public and private shipyard, and each foreign shipyard of an allied or partner country, to support battle damage repair in the event of an armed conflict in the Indo-Pacific region.

The provision would direct the Secretary to include the following:

(1) An assessment of the major infrastructure, facilities, and equipment of United States public and private shipyards in the Indo-Pacific region capable of use by the United States Armed

Forces for battle damage repair during an armed conflict with a near-peer competitor in such region;

(2) An evaluation of the workforce of United States public and private shipyards in the Indo-Pacific region, including the availability, training, and projected needs of such workforce to support such battle damage repair;

(3) An assessment of the public and private personnel, infrastructure, facilities, and equipment of foreign shipyards of allied or partner countries in the Indo-Pacific region capable of supporting the United States Armed Forces with respect to such battle damage repair;

(4) An analysis of supply chain resilience and vulnerabilities relating to such battle damage repair; and

(5) Recommendations for strategic investments or policy changes necessary to expand or modernize public or private shipyard capacity to support such battle damage repair.

The provision would further direct the Secretary to report the results of this study and any recommendations to the congressional defense committees within 90 days of completing the study.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary to conduct the assessment and report on the findings from the assessment by December 1, 2026 as described in the House bill.

*Utilization of office space by the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070E) that would require the Secretary of Defense to annually submit a written report to the Administrator of the General Services Administration (GSA) on the use of office space.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that section 2849 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (P.L. 118–159) required "1 in 1 out" guidance regarding the maintenance of the aggregate square footage of facilities of the Department of Defense. We further note that facility occupancy has increased since telework opportunities have been significantly limited. However, we remain concerned about facilities that the Department retains that have low occupancy. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the congressional defense committees by April 1, 2026 on GSA facilities that the Secretary has retained for which occupancy falls below a 60 percent space utilization rate for 6 months within the last year; and the Secretary's assessment as to options to return such facilities to the GSA.

*Biennial assessment of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070F) that would require the Secretary of Navy to conduct biennial assessments of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) in 2026, 2028, and 2030. The provision would direct the Secretary to identify any challenges with respect to completing the mission of the

Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division and the Secretary's plan to address such challenges.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the critical role of the NAWCWD in advancing naval weapons research, development, testing, and evaluation capabilities that ensures U.S. maintains maritime superiority. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026, on the current and future state of NAWCWD. The briefing shall include:

(1) An overview of the current infrastructure condition and a description of requirements necessary to sustain the mission at China Lake and Point Mugu;

(2) An assessment of the Division's ability to meet current and emerging weapons development and testing missions;

(3) Any challenges with respect to preserving mission capability of NAWCWD; and

(4) Any recommendations to ensure mission sustainment and long-term readiness.

*Report on proposed Western Hemisphere Command*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070H) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on the proposed establishment of a Western Hemisphere Command through the consolidation of U.S. Army North and U.S. Army South.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of the Army to provide a report, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to the congressional defense committees, on the proposed establishment of U.S. Army Western Hemisphere Command through the consolidation of U.S. Army North, U.S. Army South, and U.S. Army Forces Command. The report shall include:

(1) A detailed description of the proposed mission and command structure of the U.S. Army Western Hemisphere Command;

(2) An explanation of how the proposed command would support or enhance Homeland defense, civil support, disaster response, and regional security cooperation operations currently conducted by U.S. Army North and U.S. Army South;

(3) An assessment of the anticipated relationship between the U.S. Army Western Hemisphere Command and the U.S. Northern Command and the U.S. Southern Command;

(4) An evaluation of how the proposed structure would improve coordination with interagency, international, and state partners; and

(5) An assessment of potential headquarters locations for the U.S. Army Western Hemisphere Command, including an analysis of the operational, strategic, and fiscal benefits of retaining the headquarters at each location under consideration.

*Report on modernization requirements for the Thunderbirds demonstration team*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070I) that would require a report on the modernization plan for the United States Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act that evaluates the current and projected aircraft modernization and sustainment needs of the United States Air Force Thunderbirds, including Fu platform sustainment timelines, readiness rates, and transition considerations for future aircraft platforms. We acknowledge that the United States Air Force Thunderbirds: (1) Serve a critical role in enhancing military recruitment, national unity, and airpower education; (2) Represent the highest standards of professionalism, precision, and public engagement; and (3) Require sufficient investment in the aircraft, training, and personnel to preserve the global reputation and readiness of the Thunderbirds' mission.

*Report on proliferation of Chinese medical device technology in the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070J) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the proliferation of Chinese medical device technology in the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on establishing communication enclaves between the Department of Defense and Congress*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070K) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on establishing classified and unclassified communication enclaves between the Department of Defense and the Congress.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, we direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees and congressional intelligence committees a report outlining the cost, schedule, and implementation plan to establish, or improve connectivity or access to, classified and unclassified communication enclaves between the Department of Defense and Congress, as annotated in the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform's 2024 final report, that:

(1) Enables more robust communication between the Department of Defense and the Congress;

(2) Includes a common set of reports and budget materials that can be readily searched, sorted, and retrieved for analysis across all security classification levels; and

(3) Enables efficient and effective communications between the Department of Defense and the Congress, increasing trust, transparency, and relevancy.

*Report on cost of living adjustment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070L) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to submit to the Committees on Armed

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense determines cost of living allowances for servicemembers using a price-comparison index that measures the cost of goods and services in a duty location relative to average prices within the continental United States, with adjustments for housing, utilities, transportation, and local market conditions. Department of Defense civilian locality pay is set by the Office of Personnel Management based on labor-market wage data within designated locality pay areas, while overseas civilian cost of living allowance is calculated using a retail price index that compares local living costs to Washington, D.C., benchmarks. We encourage the Department to continue refining these calculations to keep pace with current cost trends and ensure fair compensation for servicemembers and civilian employees.

*Responsible use of artificial intelligence for logistics, intelligence, maintenance, cyber defense, and other mission areas*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070M) that would require the Secretary of Defense to expand pilot programs and fielding of artificial intelligence-enabled systems that enhance decision-making, reduce costs, and improve warfighter effectiveness.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Assessment of integration of Joint Combatant Commander Exercise Team into large scale exercises of United States Indo-Pacific Command*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070O) that would require the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), to submit an assessment of the ways in which a standing joint and combatant command exercise team supported by experienced former members of the Armed Forces could be integrated into concepts of operations in support of coalition, joint, and combatant commander large scale exercises.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the importance of coalition, joint, and combatant commander large-scale exercises for USINDOPACOM. Therefore, we direct the Commander, USINDOPACOM, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2026, with an assessment of USINDOPACOM's existing capabilities to plan and execute large-scale exercises, and the extent to which such capabilities could be enhanced by incorporating a standing exercise team supported by experienced former members of the Armed Forces.

*Report on development and deployment of the Naval Autonomous Data Collection System*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070P) that would require a report by April 15, 2026, on the development and deployment of the Naval Autonomous Data Collection System.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to the congressional defense committees by April 15, 2026, on the development and deployment of the Naval Autonomous Data Collection System. The report shall include information about the progress of establishing the program, projected benchmarks for fiscal year 2027, and any impediments to meeting these goals.

*Report on options for establishing a digital engagement framework for addressing recruitment, retention, and readiness challenges*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070Q) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on options for establishing a digital engagement framework for the purpose of addressing recruitment, retention, and readiness challenges facing the Armed Forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department operates several digital engagement efforts, including Military OneSource, transition platforms, and the Services' recruiting information systems that provide targeted content, analytics, community support, and broader awareness of existing benefits. The Defense Human Resources Activity and the Joint Advertising, Marketing, Research, and Studies program also conduct enterprise-level surveys and strategic outreach to improve awareness and utilization of benefits. We encourage the Department to continue working toward a more integrated, enterprise-wide digital engagement framework that can strengthen these existing efforts.

*Report on red flags missed in fraud scheme perpetrated by Janet Yamanaka Mello*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070R) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the fraud scheme perpetrated by Janet Yamanaka Mello, a civilian employee of the Department of the Army, who was indicted and pleaded guilty to stealing over $100,000,000 in 4–H Military Partnership Grant program funds.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct a report to be provided to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act. The report shall include each of the following: (1) The identification of any supervisory or oversight failures in this case; (2) The identification of any supervisory or oversight failures with regard to grant funding in the Department of the Army generally; (3) Any remedial actions

taken by the Department of the Army to prevent fraud of this nature from occurring again; and (4) Any other information the Secretary deems appropriate.

*Air Force Technical Training Center of Excellence*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1071) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to operate a Technical Training Center of Excellence.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The provision is not adopted.

We note that the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) directed the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a Technical Training Center of Excellence. However, we note that that the briefing has yet to be provided due to the ongoing pause in Great Power Competition re-optimization efforts. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than March 1, 2026, on what the Department's implementation plan for a potential Technical Training Center of Excellence would be, if the briefing required by the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 determines that the creation of such Center of Excellence would be feasible and advisable.

*National Commission on the Future of the Navy study of maritime industrial base*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 1072) that would amend the duties of the National Commission on the Future of the Navy to require a study of the maritime industrial base.

The Senate bill included no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Budgeting and funding requirements for Northern Strike Exercise*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1078) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a budget line and provide adequate funding for the annual National Guard Bureau Northern Strike Exercise.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the annual Northern Strike Exercise is a large, all-domain reserve forces exercise. We believe it provides a realistic, decisive action training environment as well as robust training experiences for units and leaders to strengthen joint all-domain warfighting capabilities. Further, it fills a critical gap in resourced readiness building multi-domain exercises for National Guard combat formations. Resident within the State of Michigan, Northern Strike is conducted twice a year (winter and summer) within the four-season National All-Domain Warfighting Center's contested multi-domain operating environment. Using a combination of integrated live, virtual, and constructive models and simulations, participants increase Mission Essential Task proficiencies and build readiness through repetitive task iterations at echelon by training

for combat operations as part of the joint team. We believe that Northern Strike is at the forefront of unmanned aerial systems and counter unmanned aerial systems training that provide individual servicemembers critical exposure to current, real-world threats.

Accordingly, we encourage the Department of Defense to establish recurring funding for this critical exercise series.

*Counter-unmanned aircraft system readiness*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1082) that would direct the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Joint Counter Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office, to coordinate with the Secretaries of the military departments to identify differences in the interpretation and application of section 130i of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that matters pertaining to the interpretation and application of section 130i of title 10, United States Code, are addressed elsewhere in this Act.

*Feasibility study on removal of oil from sunken World War II vessels in waters near the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1082 (sub. F)) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to study the feasibility, costs, and risks of removing oil from World War II-era sunken vessels near Micronesia and Palau to prevent environmental damage.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Transportation, to assess the feasibility and advisability of the United States removing oil from three World War II-era sunken Japanese oil tankers located in the waters near the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau. We further direct the Secretary to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than June 1, 2026, on the assessment above.

*Pilot program on digital force protection for Special Operations Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1083) that would authorize the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) to carry out a pilot program, to be known as the "Digital Force Protection Pilot Program", to identify existing vulnerabilities in digital force protection, provide targeted ubiquitous technical surveillance mitigation training, and help identify commercially available secure communication and obfuscation technologies to protect personnel and support overall mission effectiveness.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that adversaries increasingly exploit the commercial digital surveillance capabilities as a low-cost, low-risk method of collecting information on U.S. forces. By reducing U.S. forces' digital signature exposure and adversary tracking, digital force protection

strengthens overall force protection, operational security, and strategic deception efforts across all domains of warfare. We believe digital force protection is a critical enabler of multi-domain operations, ensuring that U.S. forces can operate seamlessly across land, air, sea, space, and cyberspace without adversarial digital exploitation undermining mission success. Effective digital force protection also imposes costs on adversaries by complicating their ability to detect, track, or exploit U.S. personnel and assets through commercial data aggregation, as well as related open-source intelligence, signals intelligence, and adversarial artificial intelligence-powered analytics.

U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF) are especially vulnerable to adversarial exploitation of the commercial digital surveillance and ubiquitous technical surveillance (UTS) capabilities given the sensitive, multi-domain operations they carry out globally. As such, we believe that SOCOM must aggressively confront this growing threat to SOF personnel through enhanced training and the utilization of technological solutions to enhance digital force protection of SOF. We note that the Commander of SOCOM has the ability and inherent authority to test commercially available technology in operationally relevant scenarios, including through the conduct of pilot programs using commercially available technologies. We strongly encourage the Commander of SOCOM, in coordination with the commanders of SOCOM's military service components, to actively seek out technological capabilities, particularly in the areas of secure communication and obfuscation technologies, that could enhance SOF digital force protection, and conduct operationally relevant testing and evaluation efforts, including through pilot programs using commercially available technologies. We direct the Commander of SOCOM to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act on the Command's efforts to enhance digital force protection of SOF, as well as any ongoing or planned activities to test commercially available technological solutions for such purposes.

*Mapping America's Pharmaceutical Supply*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1083) that would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to map, or otherwise visualize, the supply chains, from manufacturing of key starting materials through manufacturing of finished dosage forms and distribution, of drugs and biological products, including the active ingredients of those drugs and biological products, and to use data analytics to identify supply chain vulnerabilities that pose a threat to national security, as determined by the Secretary or the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Provision to Navy personnel of information on career opportunities at Military Sealift Command*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1083 Sub. G) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to provide to Navy personnel information about career opportunities at Military Sealift Command and workforce training programs for shipbuilders.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that a separate provision in this Act directs the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program to provide individuals denied enlistment with information about opportunities to work in areas of national interest to the United States.

*Pilot program for blockchain-enabled inventory management*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1084) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program to improve inventory management within the Department of Defense using commercially available blockchain technology.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on defense workforce integration*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1084) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives describing the Department's implementation of initiatives to connect individuals who are ineligible or medically disqualified from military service with civilian and defense-industrial-base career pathways and to provide related workforce information across the services.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that a separate provision in this Act directs the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program to provide individuals denied enlistment with information about opportunities to work in areas of national interest to the United States, and requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives regarding the implementation of such program.

*Acceleration of accreditation and access to sensitive compartmented information facilities for industry*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1085) that would accelerate the accreditation of sensitive compartmented information facilities (SCIFs) for industry.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services for the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than June 1, 2026, on the feasibility of accelerating the construction of SCIFs for industry use. The briefing shall include the following:

(1) A description of the current process and average timelines for approval of SCIF construction in the private sector;

(2) A description of current barriers in policy and statute to the expeditious construction of SCIFs within the private sector;

(3) Recommendations to accelerate accreditation and approval timelines, including options for parallel processing of construction security plans, construction of facilities, and technology deployment;

(4) An evaluation of the efficiency and efficacy of current policies regarding the use of mobile Secret Internet Protocol Router Network and Joint Worldwide Intelligence Communications System, to include an evaluation of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction 6211.02D; and

(5) An assessment of the feasibility of designating shared commercial classified facilities as authorized work places for Department of Defense personnel.

*Standardization of data analysis and visualization across the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1086) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that each of the military departments adopts a set of standard data analysis and data visualization for the collection, management, analysis, visualization, and reporting of data related to harmful behaviors.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than December 1, 2026, on the Department's current processes, systems, and practices for the collection, management, analysis, visualization, and reporting of data related to harmful behaviors. The briefing shall include:

(1) An overview of existing data systems of record used by each military department to collect, track, analyze, and visualize harmful-behavior data, including a description of system workflows, required and optional data fields, and interfaces;

(2) An assessment of the extent to which current systems provide commanders with timely, actionable, and consistently presented information, including a discussion of existing metrics, data visualization formats, dashboards, and reporting tools;

(3) An evaluation of the Department's ability to identify location-based trends, patterns over time, and changes in harmful behavior using existing systems and analytics;

(4) A description of current best practices for data collection, management, analysis, visualization, and reporting used within the military departments, and any opportunities to expand those practices enterprise-wide;

(5) Identification of data elements not currently captured that would improve the Department's ability to identify and respond to harmful behaviors;

(6) An assessment of current challenges, limitations, and redundancies in the Department's harmful-behavior data envi-

ronment, including any technological, resourcing, or interoperability barriers; and

(7) Recommendations to improve consistency, usability, and effectiveness of harmful-behavior data systems and visualizations across the Department, without requiring the creation of new working groups or pilot programs.

*Construction of 9/11 Pentagon Memorial Visitor Education Center*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1088) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to construct a visitor education center near the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026, on the feasibility of constructing a 9/11 Pentagon Memorial Visitor Education Center near the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. The briefing shall include an assessment of potential sites, cost estimates, and partnership opportunities with non-government or non-profit organizations. The briefing shall also include potential funding mechanisms to include grants or cooperative agreements, and any logistical or security challenges associated with this project.

*Virtual reality technology pilot program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1086) that would require the military departments to adopt a standard of data analysis and data visualization for data related to harmful behaviors.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Defense critical infrastructure protection interagency review*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1094) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a review of interagency coordination mechanisms for the protection of defense critical infrastructure.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We believe that strengthening interagency coordination, and coordination with the private sector, is critical to securing defense critical infrastructure against emerging threats. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act on an evaluation of and recommendations to improve such coordination. The report shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of how the Department of Defense (DOD) identifies, prioritizes, and protects defense critical infrastructure under existing mission assurance and risk management frameworks;

(2) An assessment of whether the DOD list of critical cyber missions, functions, and supporting assets is comprehensive;

(3) An assessment of whether the Defense Information Assurance Program (10 U.S.C. 2224) requires updates, consolida-

tion, or repeal or whether Department policy requires better integration;

(4) An assessment of the Department's responsibilities for security infrastructure vital to defense and national security pursuant to section 1016 of the USA PATRIOT Act (42 U.S.C. 5195c);

(5) A review of the Department's compliance with information protection standards under the Critical Infrastructure Information Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 671 et seq.) and 6 C.F.R. part 29;

(6) A review of how the DOD oversees cybersecurity requirements for contractors supporting or operating defense critical missions or infrastructure;

(7) An assessment of the Department's organizational structures and guidance related to defense infrastructure sectors, including whether the Defense Infrastructure Sector Lead Agent structure and sector designations require adjustment;

(8) An evaluation of how effectively the Department's work with Federal, state, local, Tribal, and private sector partners on defense critical infrastructure protection, including information sharing, threat response, and risk mitigation, and the identification of barriers that impede such coordination; and

(9) Recommendations for improving DOD policies, governance, and authorities to strengthen interagency coordination and protect defense critical infrastructure.

*Reports on food insecurity in Armed Forces*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6025) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Congress a report on food insecurity in the Armed Forces.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that the Department already submits an annual report to the Congress detailing the status of its food security strategy as mandated by section 645 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263).

## TITLE XI—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

*Sec. 1101—Prohibition on the use of funds from carrying out a hiring freeze, reduction in force, or hiring delay without cause at a public shipyard*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1051) that would prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Defense to carry out a hiring freeze or reduction in force of certain public shipyard workers.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1108).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1102—Living quarter allowance for Department of Defense civilian employees with permanent duty station in Guam*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1101) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide a living quarter allow-

ance for Department of Defense civilian employees with permanent duty station in Guam.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that limits the authority of the Secretary of Defense to provide this living quarter allowance to a 3-year period.

*Sec. 1103—Modification of temporary authority to appoint retired members of the armed forces to positions in the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1102) that would amend the process for appointment of retired members of the Armed Forces to competitive service and excepted service positions in the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with amendments that provide . . . ear extension of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) temporary authority to appoint recently retired members of the Armed Forces to positions in the Department of Defense for General Schedule–13 and below positions at defense industrial base facilities and Major Range and Test Facility Bases, provided the Secretary concerned certifies a lack of qualified applicants, and adds licensed medical personnel to such temporary authority.

We appreciate the value that retired members of the Armed Forces bring to the Department of Defense (DOD) and recognize that there can be benefits to reemployment following retirement. Section 3326 of title 5, United States Code, prescribes that a retired member of the Armed Forces may be appointed to a position in the civil service in or under the Department of Defense during the period of 180 days immediately after retirement only under certain circumstances.

We recognize the Department's need to leverage available authorities to ensure that the best talent is hired into the civil service. However, we have questions about DOD's implementation of the 180-day rule, the Department's use of waivers, and the impact of the process on merit-based hiring practices.

We direct the Comptroller General of the United States to review the appointment of retired members of the Armed Forces to certain positions within the Department of Defense. Specifically, the review shall include an assessment of: (1) The extent to which DOD collects data on appointment of retired servicemembers, including the positions to which the servicemembers are appointed, the number of appointments made after the 180-day period referenced in section 3326, the number made during the 180-day period, and any authorizations, approvals, or waivers used, and hiring shortages in positions where retiring servicemembers would otherwise be qualified; (2) A description of existing authorities for the Department to hire recent military retirees within 180 days of retirement, notwithstanding section 3326, and the extent to which the Department utilizes these authorities; (3) How DOD and the Office of Personnel Management conduct oversight of the application of section 3326 and associated challenges, including the process for any authoriza-

tions, approvals, or waivers; (4) The extent to which DOD has assessed the consistency of the waiver process with merit-based hiring; (5) A review of the impact of the appointment process on the DOD's ability to hire retired members of the Armed Forces into certain positions through a merit-based review, to include positions with critical shortages; (6) Historical review of hiring timelines for retired servicemembers in accordance with section 3326 including additional waivers, authorizations, and approvals required compared to candidates unaffected by 3326, including an assessment of the Department's adherence to merit principles in finding and hiring the most qualified candidates for civil service positions; (7) The associated impact on hiring timelines and staffing from Department

We further direct the Comptroller General to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than May 15, 2026 on preliminary findings, with the results of the review to follow in a mutually agreed upon format and timeframe.

*Sec. 1104—Revisions to limitations on pay for officers and crews of maritime vessels operated by or for the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1103) that would amend section 5348 of title 5, United States Code, to prevent certain administrative payment limitations from applying to the officers and crews of vessels of the Military Sealift Command.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1105—One-year extension of authority to waive annual limitation on premium pay and aggregate limitation on pay for Federal civilian employees working overseas*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1105) to extend the authority to waive the annual limitation on premium pay for federal civilian employees working overseas.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1102).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1106—One-year extension of temporary authority to grant allowances, benefits, and gratuities to civilian personnel on official duty in a combat zone*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1103) that would extend for 1 year the discretionary authority of the head of a federal agency to provide allowances, benefits, and gratuities, comparable to those provided to members of the Foreign Service, to the agency's civilian employees on official duty in a combat zone.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1106).

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1107—Modifications to total force management requirements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1108) that would amend section 129a of title 10, United States Code, to include additional requirements in order for the Department of Defense to carry out a reduction in force of more than 50 people.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1108—Definition of defense industrial base facility for purposes of direct hire authority*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1114) that would amend Section 1125 (c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) to define "defense industrial base facility" for the purpose of direct hire authority.
The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 6101 Div. E).
The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1109—Payment of retention bonuses to DOD civilian employees in Guam*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1115) that would amend chapter 81 of title 10, United States Code, to pay retention bonuses to civilian employees of the Department of Defense in Guam.
The Senate bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1110—Amendments to title 5, United States Code*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1122) that would modernize competitive hiring authorities within the Department of Defense.
The Senate bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1111—Educational travel authority for dependents of certain employees*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1101) that would require the Secretary of Defense, notwithstanding section 1599b of title 10, United States Code, to direct the Director of the Defense Travel Management Office to update the Joint Travel Regulations to authorize educational travel for a dependent of a covered employee without regard to whether the Federal agency responsible for the employment of the covered employee anticipates that the covered employee will be transferred or travel to a location in the United States for home leave. This authority is limited to Department of Defense Education Activity employees assigned to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.
The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1112—Modification of direct hire authority for domestic defense industrial base facilities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1106) that would amend section 1125 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) to clarify that the direct hire authority provided by that section includes the Navy Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair positions.
The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1113—Cyber workforce recruitment and retention*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1107) that would provide the Secretary of Defense with additional pay authorities to recruit and retain members of the Cyber Excepted Service.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with amendments relating to basic pay for existing Cyber Excepted Service positions with rates of pay comparable to positions across the Federal Government, subject to pay caps; exceptions for additional cyber positions at Combatant Commands, defense agencies, and field activities supporting U.S. Cyber Command, including other hard to fill positions; and an annual report requirement on implementation of the authorities provided for by this provision. The amended provision does not include additional positions within the Senior Executive Service, new personnel management systems, or additional compensation authorities.

*Sec. 1114—Public shipyard apprentice program*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 6102 (Div. E)) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to induct a class of not fewer than 100 apprentices at each of the 7 Navy shipyards.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1115—Personnel management*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 521) that would amend section 8081 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Chief of Naval Personnel to be responsible for the overall management, oversight, and administration of Navy civilian employees.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Exception to limitation on rate of basic pay for crews of vessels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1104) that would amend section 5373 of title 5, United States Code, to permit the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military department to fix the annual rate of basic pay of officers and crews of vessels.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that another section under this Act includes an authority to address appropriate levels of pay for mariners.

*Exemption from civilian hiring freeze for delayed DOD appointments due to active duty*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1109) that would exempt certain active-duty servicemembers in the Department of Defense from a hiring freeze.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Limitation on use of funds to limit collective bargaining*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1110) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from expending funds to implement Executive Order 14251, issued on March 27, 2025, which excluded several Federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, from the Federal Labor-Management Relations Programs.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Personnel actions against DOD SES career appointees*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1111) that would provide additional authorities to the Secretary of Defense to carry out personnel actions with respect to Senior Executive Service career appointees.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Study on locality pay Department of Defense employees*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1112) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on locality pay.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Government Accountability Office has conducted a study on locality pay and issued a report of findings on April 30, 2025 which assessed current and potential alternatives for locality pay methodology.

*Feasibility study on Department of Defense civilians forward deployed into combat zones and toxic exposure*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 1113) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on Department of

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study regarding the number of Department of Defense civilian employees who are forward deployed to combat zones and who may have been exposed to toxic substances as a result of their deployment. The study shall include: (1) The number of Department of Defense civilian employees currently forward deployed into combat zones, disaggregated by region and occupational specialty; (2) Historical data, to the extent practicable, on the number of such civilians deployed over the past 20 years; and (3) The extent and nature of potential toxic exposures to Department of Defense civilians deployed into combat zones, including exposure to open-air burn pits, contaminated water supplies, airborne particulates, industrial or chemical hazards associated with local environments, and other environmental or occupational toxins.

We further direct, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the findings of the above study with an assessment of the current benefits, entitlements, and protections available to such civilians in cases of toxic exposure including: (1) Health care benefits and eligibility; (2) Hazard pay and deployment allowances; (3) Workers' compensation and

other occupational insurance coverages; (4) Eligibility for Department of Labor's Office of Workers' Compensation Programs; and (5) Eligibility for Department of Veterans Affairs programs if any.

*DOD prevailing rate employee pay increase*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1116) that would increase the rate of basic pay for any employee of the Department of Defense who is a prevailing rate employee.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Office of Personnel Management issued a final rule that took effect on October 1, 2025, that would amend 5 CFR 532.211 to change the regulatory criteria used to define federal wage system wage area boundaries and make changes in certain wage areas.

*Defense Hiring Modernization Act of 2025*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1121) that would establish a short title for the Defense Hiring Modernization Act of 2025.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

## TITLE XII—MATTERS RELATING TO FOREIGN NATIONS

### Subtitle A—Assistance and Training

*Sec. 1201—Modification of authorities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1201) that would make various modifications to section 321 of title 10, United States Code.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would make various technical modifications to the provision.

*Sec. 1202—Modification of authority to build capacity of foreign security forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1202) that would amend subsection (g)(2) of section 333 of title 10, United States Code, to make a technical correction related to the availability of funds.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1203—Modification of payment of costs for Regional Centers for Security Studies*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1202) that would amend section 342(f)(3)(A) of title 10, United States Code, by modifying the waiver authority for reimbursement related to the Regional Centers for Security Studies.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1204—Modifications to Irregular Warfare Center and Regional Defense Fellowship Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1203) that would amend section 345 of title 10, United States Code, by moving the Irregular Warfare Center from the Defense Security Cooperation Agency to U.S. Special Operations Command.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1205—Modification of authority for Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1203) that would modify section 352 of title 10, United States Code, relating to the operation and sustainment of the Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1206—State partnership program selection analysis*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1207) that would require the Secretary of Defense to modify Department of Defense Instruction 5111.20, or any successor instruction, to ensure that in performing selection analysis for the State Partnership Program, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall consider the number of current partnerships assigned to the National Guard of a state and give preference to states that have only one active assigned country under the program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would direct the Secretary of Defense to modify Department of Defense Instruction 5111.20, or any successor instruction, to ensure that in performing selection analysis for the State Partnership Program, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall consider the capacity of the National Guard of a state and the number of assigned countries.

*Sec. 1207—Enhancement of international biodefense capacity*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 234) that would require the Secretary of Defense to direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, in consultation with the Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, to enter into 12 memoranda of understanding with other departments and agencies of the Federal Government to clarify the roles and responsibilities of those departments and agencies for building biodefense capabilities internationally in execution of national security and other policies of the Federal Government, with the Secretary focused on working with defense counterparts in countries that are allies of the United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle B—Foreign Military Sales and Related Processes

*Sec. 1211—Improvements to security cooperation workforce and defense acquisition workforce*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1259) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to issue guidance regarding foreign military sales to the security cooperation workforce and the acquisition workforce and modify the Foreign Military Sales Continuous Process Improvement Board established by section 1210 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) to specify that up to three members of the board shall be selected from among individuals who are not officers or employees of the Department of Defense, members of the Armed Forces or a registered lobbyist.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1212—Modifications to foreign military sales processes*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1261) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to develop an acquisition strategy that establishes alternative acquisition paths for the procurement of Foreign Military Sales.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1213—Periodic review of FMS-only list*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1703) that would require the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, to conduct an annual review of the foreign military sales-only list to identify items that should be eligible for sale through direct commercial sales.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with clarifying amendments.

*Sec. 1214—Assessment and establishment of office to support the acquisition of specified non-program of record systems by foreign allies and partners*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1254) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish and charter, within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, a Joint Program Office for Non-Programs of Record, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1215—Guidance for coordination of international arms transfers*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1257) that would direct the Secretary of Defense, in accordance with section 382 of

title 10, United States Code, to streamline and align the roles, responsibilities, and authorities, as well as improve transparency, relating to Department of Defense processes for international arms transfers, including Foreign Military Sales.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

## Subtitle C—Matters Relating to the Middle East

*Sec. 1221—Extension of authority for reimbursement of certain coalition nations for support provided to United States military operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1232) that would amend Subsection (a) of section 1233 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181).

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1211).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1222—Extension and modification of annual report on military power of Iran*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1238) that extended and modified the annual report on the military power of Iran.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1223—Extension and modification of authority to provide assistance to vetted Syrian groups and individuals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1233) that would modify and extend Section 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291).

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1213).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1224—Extension and modification of authority to provide assistance to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1234) that would amend Section 1236 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291).

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (Sec. 1214).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1225—Counter-terrorism support*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1235) that would extend and modify the authority to provide support to certain United States partners.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1215) that would extend and modify the authority to provide support to certain United States partners.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1226—Enhancing security partnership with Jordan and Lebanon*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1253) directing the Secretary of Defense, pursuant to existing authorities, to seek to provide assistance, including training, equipment, logistics support, supplies, and services, to the Government of Jordan and the Government of Lebanon for the purpose of supporting and enhancing efforts of the military forces of Jordan and the military forces of Lebanon to ensure the territorial security of Jordan and Lebanon.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1227—Prohibition on funding to the Badr Organization*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1236) prohibiting funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Secretary of Defense for fiscal year 2026 from being made available to the Badr Organization.

The Senate bill did not contain a similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

We commend the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency for the timely delivery of the report that was directed in the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act's explanatory statement on Badr Organization offshoots.

We direct the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency to provide an update of this assessment not later than June 1, 2026.

*Sec. 1228—Limitation on availability of funds for the Iraqi security forces*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1218) conditioning at least 50 percent of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq on the Secretary of Defense submitting to the congressional defense committees a certification that the Government of Iraq has taken credible steps to reduce the operational capacity of Iran-aligned militia groups not integrated into the Iraqi Security Forces; strengthen the authority and operational control of the Prime Minister of Iraq as Commander-in-Chief over the Iraqi Security Forces; and investigate and hold accountable members of militias or members of security forces operating outside the formal chain of command of the Iraqi Security Forces who engage in attacks on United States or Iraqi personnel or otherwise act in an illegal or destabilizing manner.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1229—Report on strategy for increasing membership in the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 1245) directing the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report describing the strategic importance of the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement and the benefits of its potential expansion.

The Senate bill did not contain a similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1229A—Report on ISIS detention facilities in Syria*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1216) that directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State and pursuant to authorities available to the Secretary of Defense, to take appropriate measures to support the defenses of al-Hol and Roj camps and security for detainees within such camps, including through support for vetted foreign partner security forces, so as to prevent escape and radicalization efforts that could contribute to a resurgence of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, and include an annual reporting requirement.

The House bill did not contain a similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1229B—Report on United States force posture and activities in Syria*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1217) that would limit the use of funds to reduce the number of, or consolidate, bases of the U.S. Armed Forces in Syria.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment, directing the Secretary of Defense to report on changes, as well as planned changes, to U.S. posture in Syria.

Subtitle D—Matters Relating to Israel

*Sec. 1231—Extension and modification of United States-Israel anti-tunnel cooperation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1212) that extends the authority for United States-Israel anti-tunnel cooperation through December 31, 2028.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1255) that extends the authority for United States-Israel anti-tunnel cooperation through December 31, 2028 and increases the authorized funding from $50.0 million to $80.0 million.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1232—Extension and modification of United States-Israel cooperation to counter unmanned systems in all warfighting domains*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1213) that would extend and modify the authority for United States-Israel Cooperation to Counter Unmanned Systems in all Warfighting Domains.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1256).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1233—Modification of certain temporary authorizations related to munitions replacement*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6241) that would amend section 1244 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 to modify certain temporary authorizations related to munitions replacement.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1234—Research, development, test, and evaluation of emerging technologies to further the warfighting capabilities of the United States and certain partner countries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1205) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense, upon request by the Ministry of Defense of a covered partner country and in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Director of National Intelligence, to carry out, jointly with the covered partner country, research, development, test, and evaluation of emerging technologies to further the warfare capabilities of the United States and the covered partner country to meet emerging defense challenges, including in the areas of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, robotics, quantum, and automation.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment. We maintain that it should be the policy of the United States to support and encourage further defense collaboration with Israel in areas of emerging technologies capable of enabling the warfighting capabilities of both the United States and Israel to meet emerging defense challenges, including in the areas of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, robotics, quantum, and automation.

*Sec. 1235—Report on United States-Israel military exercises*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1218) that would direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for a period not to exceed 3 years, to submit a written, unclassified report, on United States-Israel military relations, which may contain a classified annex, to the congressional defense committees.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

We maintain that conducting regular military exercises of increasing complexity with the State of Israel that involve air, sea, ground, space, and cyberspace forces supports the national security interests of the United States; these military exercises should include other regional partners as well when feasible; and these military exercises strengthen the readiness of U.S. forces and those of our partners, bolster their ability to operate together, reinforce deterrence, and support regional security.

## Subtitle E—Matters Relating to Europe, Ukraine, and the Russian Federation

*Sec. 1241—Modification and extension of annual report on military and security developments involving the Russian Federation*

The House bill contained provisions (sec. 1241 and sec. 1618) that would extend and modify the reporting requirement mandated in section 1234 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) regarding the military and security developments involving the Russian Federation through January 31, 2030, and require a report on Russian active measures to be submitted by the Director of National Intelligence.

The Senate bill contained similar provisions (sec. 1222 and 6222) that would extend section 1234 through January 31, 2031, and modify the reporting elements to include an assessment of the Russian Federation's use of chemical weapons.

The agreement includes the House provision (sec. 1241) with additional reporting requirements to include assessments of Russian chemical weapons use, the threat posed by Russian hybrid attacks to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) industrial and military targets, Russian incursions into NATO airspace, and Russia's military-to-military cooperation with the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Iran.

*Sec. 1242—Extension of prohibition on availability of funds relating to sovereignty of the Russian Federation over internationally recognized territory of Ukraine*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1221) that would amend section 1245(a) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–236) to extend the prohibition of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act for fiscal year 2026 from being obligated or expended to implement any activity that recognizes the sovereignty of the Russian Federation over the internationally recognized territory of Ukraine.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1243—Extension and modification of Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 1223, sec. 1226, and sec. 1227) that would amend section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92) to extend the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative (USAI) through December 31, 2028, and authorize $500.0 million for fiscal year 2026. The provisions would also modify USAI to provide an additional 2 years for the period of performance across fiscal years. The provisions would waive section 2571 of title 10, United States Code, with respect to the use of reimbursable support from one component of the Department of Defense (DOD) to perform work on behalf of another component in support of USAI. The provisions would also modify section 1250 to specify the conditions that must be met for the Department to treat USAI-procured materials as

DOD stocks and require additional reporting to Congress in advance of such actions.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1302) that would extend the USAI authority in section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 through December 31, 2028, and authorize $400.0 million for fiscal year 2026 and $300.0 million for fiscal year 2027.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with amendments that would extend section 1250 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 through December 31, 2029, authorize $400.0 million for fiscal year 2026 and $400.0 million for fiscal year 2027, and further clarify the conditions for treatment of USAI equipment as DOD stocks.

*Sec. 1244—Military intelligence support for Ukraine*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1228) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide intelligence support, including information, intelligence, and imagery collection authorized under title 10, United States Code, to the Government of Ukraine for the purpose of supporting military operations that are specifically intended or reasonably expected to defend and retake the territory of Ukraine.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment to require a notification to Congress not later than 48 hours after a decision to pause, terminate, or otherwise restrict or materially downgrade intelligence support to the Government of Ukraine.

We reaffirm the vital importance of providing intelligence support to the Government of Ukraine to enable it to defend itself against Russian aggression and express concern about any termination, pause, or delay in the provision of intelligence to the Government Ukraine. Any such termination, pause, or delay should be promptly notified to the appropriate congressional committees.

*Sec. 1245—Report relating to allied and partner support to Ukraine*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1303) that would extend the requirement for the Secretary of Defense to submit regular oversight reports relating to allied and partner support to Ukraine.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1230).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would add additional reporting requirements on the implementation of the Joint Ukraine Multinational Program—Services, Training, and Articles Rapid Timeline (JUMPSTART) initiative and the Prioritized Ukraine Requirements List (PURL) initiative as well as a plan for the use of allied contributions to the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative (USAI) account to support Ukraine's capacity to defend itself and strengthen its deterrence against future Russian aggression.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, a report on the JUMPSTART initiative. The report shall include:

(1) A detailed description of the purpose, scope, and objectives of the JUMPSTART initiative;

(2) A description of the statutory authorities used by the Department of Defense, including the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, to establish and execute the JUMPSTART initiative;

(3) The date and manner in which Congress was notified of the establishment of the JUMPSTART initiative; and

(4) A description of the acquisition and contracting authorities leveraged under JUMPSTART to procure major defense equipment.

*Sec. 1246—Allied contributions to United States force posture on NATO's eastern flank*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1301) that would amend section 2350(j) of title 10, United States Code, to enable an ally of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to contribute to the reasonable and proper costs of the United States Armed Forces in a deployed or rotational status in another NATO country in the European theater.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment.

We reaffirm that the United States remains steadfast in its ironclad commitment to NATO as the foundation of transatlantic security and committed to upholding its obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty, including its commitment to collective defense under Article 5 of the Treaty. We also reaffirm that United States Armed Forces in a deployed or rotational status on NATO's eastern flank remain critical to conventional deterrence and defense on the European continent.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander, U.S. European Command, to provide a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on the Department's plan for the use of these authorities as modified. The report shall include:

(1) A description of how the Department plans to use the modified section 2350(j) authorities for contributions from NATO allies for the reasonable and proper costs of United States Armed Forces in a deployed or rotational status in a NATO member country in Europe, with a particular focus on NATO's eastern flank;

(2) A comprehensive analysis of the monetary and non-monetary costs already borne by NATO allies in support of the U.S. presence in the European theater, including payment-in-kind, access, basing, infrastructure, and host-nation support arrangements;

(3) A discussion of how the Department intends to work with allies to balance the potential for greater allied burden sharing using contributions under section 2350(j) with the requirement that allies meet their obligations under Article 3 of the North Atlantic Treaty to maintain and develop individual and collective defense capabilities; and

(4) A description of allied consultation undertaken in the preparation of this report.

*Sec. 1247—Baltic Security Initiative*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1230C) that would require the establishment of a Baltic Security Initiative (BSI). It would also require the Secretary of Defense to provide a strategy to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives to achieve the objectives of BSI.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1306).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with clarifying amendments.

*Sec. 1248—Modification of United States basing and training, and exercises in North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1230A) that would amend section 1250 of the

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1305) that would urge every NATO member to meet the new defense spending commitment adopted at the June 2025 NATO summit at The Hague.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

We urge every NATO member to meet the new defense spending commitment adopted at the June 2025 NATO Summit at The Hague to invest 5 percent of gross domestic product annually in defense by 2035 in order to ensure that Allied armed forces possess the capabilities necessary to maintain credible deterrence and collective defense.

*Sec. 1249—Oversight of United States military posture in Europe*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1225) that would prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act for the United States to reduce the total number of members of the Armed Forces permanently stationed in or deployed to the U.S. European Command area of responsibility below 76,000; divest of property; permanently withdraw or redeploy major equipment; or relinquish the role of Supreme Allied Commander Europe until 90 days after the Secretary of Defense and the Commander, U.S. European Command, submit independent assessments and certifications to the congressional defense committees regarding such action.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1304).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with amendments, including changing the waiting period from 90 days to 60 days. The agreement also includes a nondelegable briefing requirement for the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy to brief the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services on the implementation of the National Defense Strategy, including the policy and overall guidance for the governance of the global defense posture.

*Sec. 1250—Report on United States deterrence and defense posture in the European region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1242) that would require an independent assessment from the Commander, U.S. European Command, on the capabilities and resources required for the U.S. deterrence and defense posture in the European region.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle F—Matters Relating to the Indo-Pacific Region

*Sec. 1251—Extension of Pacific Deterrence Initiative*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1231) that would amend section 1251 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) to extend the Pacific Deterrence Initiative (PDI) through fiscal year 2026.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1311).

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

We reaffirm our support for the PDI as a mechanism to strengthen U.S. posture in the Indo-Pacific and to enhance transparency into the Department of Defense's activities that support deterrence, reassure allies and partners, and build readiness and operational capability in the region—primarily west of the International Date Line. However, we note that the U.S. Government Accountability Office released a report on November 25, 2025, titled "Clearer Guidance Is Needed to Improve Visibility into Resourcing of Pacific Deterrence Efforts" (GAO–26–107698) highlighting that the Department's approach to identifying programmatic investments for PDI lacks consistency, alignment with strategic priorities, and internal accountability. Consequently, we are concerned that the PDI budget exhibits reflect incomplete or inaccurate information that could result in misleading conclusions regarding resource investments in the Indo-Pacific. We note that the Department concurred with the recommendations in the GAO–26–107698 report to revise and update PDI guidance.

To improve the transparency and utility of the PDI budget exhibit, we direct the Department to annually include operation and maintenance budget estimates for all operational forces and supporting enablers west of the International Date Line, along with any enhancements to those forces. While the focus of PDI should be on enhancements, these cannot be properly evaluated without visibility of the baseline they are intended to enhance. Enhancements may include operation and maintenance, procurement, and military construction programs. In all cases, however, enhancements should be primarily west of the International Date Line or necessary for missions west of the International Date Line. We further direct the Department to include budget estimates related to deployments or rotations of units west of the International Date Line. We also direct the Department to include routine costs west of the International Date Line if such costs are directly supporting a PDI category and selected consistently across the Department's

components. We note this direction is intended to supplement, not replace, existing statutory requirements for the PDI budget exhibit.

We believe the PDI could be used more effectively to incentivize additional investments by the military services in joint enabling capabilities needed in the Indo-Pacific theater and urge the Department to utilize a total obligation authority withhold technique for a significant portion of the PDI. We note that the Department still has not complied with the requirement to provide the congressional defense committees with a plan for utilizing a total obligation authority withhold technique, as appropriate, for future PDI budget requests across the Future Years Defense Plan and direct the Secretary of Defense to do so, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

We also direct the Secretary of Defense, with input from the military services, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, and other relevant stakeholders, to revise the Department's guidance for PDI program selection. This revised guidance should reflect the direction above and establish consistent processes for component-level review of PDI selections. We further direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the congressional defense committees on this revised PDI guidance, not later than June 30, 2026.

*Sec. 1252—Extension of Indo-Pacific extended deterrence education pilot program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1244) that would amend section 1314(c) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) by changing the sunset date of the program from December 31, 2027, to December 31, 2030.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1314).

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1253—Partnership for Indo-Pacific Industrial Resilience*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1235) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish and maintain a security cooperation initiative to strengthen cooperation among the defense industrial bases of the United States and allied and partner countries in the Indo-Pacific region. In addition, the Secretary of Defense would be required to provide the congressional defense committees with a report outlining progress in establishing the initiative on a recurring basis beginning on January 1, 2027 and annually thereafter until 2031. The Senate provision would also require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than December 1, 2026 and annually thereafter until 2030.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1254—Strategy to strengthen multilateral defense in the Indo-Pacific*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1315) that would require the Secretary of Defense to implement a strategy to strength-

en multilateral deterrence against regional aggression in the Indo-Pacific region by expanding multilateral coordination with United States allies and partners in the region.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 6233).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1255—Sense of Congress on defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1247) that would express the sense of Congress on the importance of defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1316).

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

Subtitle G—Matters Relating to Asia

*Sec. 1261—Extension of pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with foreign military partners in Southeast Asia*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1209) that would extend the pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with covered foreign military partners in southeast Asia authorized by section 1256 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) through 2029 and expand the pilot program to include each member of the Pacific Islands Forum.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would extend the pilot project through 2028.

We support expanded cyber cooperation with partners in the Indo-Pacific region to address shared threats. Therefore, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, we direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives regarding the feasibility and advisability of expanding the pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with foreign military partners in the Pacific Island Countries.

*Sec. 1262—Preventing circumvention by Chinese military companies in third-party countries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1204) amend section 1260H(g)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) by revising the definition of a "Chinese military company" to include such companies operating inside or outside of the People's Republic of China.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1246).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1263—Inclusion on list of Chinese military companies of entities added to certain other lists*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1245) that would amend section 1260H(b)(3) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry Na-

tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) to require the review of each entity added to any other list of Chinese entities subject to restrictions or scrutiny maintained by the U.S. Government during the annual revision in which such entity was added.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1264—Prohibition on use of funds to support entertainment projects with ties to the Government of the People's Republic of China*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1031) that would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to be made available for providing active and direct support to any film, television, or other entertainment project if the Secretary of Defense has demonstrable evidence that the project has complied, or is likely to comply, with a demand from the Government of the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party to censor content of the project in a material manner to advance the national interest of the People's Republic of China.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1265—Modification of Taiwan security cooperation initiative*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1236) that would modify the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative authorized by section 1323 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) by adding medical equipment, supplies, and related combat casualty care capabilities as a category of authorized assistance under the initiative.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1313).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1266—Joint program with Taiwan to enable fielding of uncrewed systems and counter-uncrewed systems capabilities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1237) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than March 1, 2026, to seek to engage with appropriate officials of Taiwan in a joint program for the purpose of enabling the fielding of uncrewed systems and counter-uncrewed systems capabilities, including co-development and co-production of such capabilities, for the Armed Forces of the United States and the military forces of Taiwan, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–8).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1267—Extension of authority to transfer funds for Bien Hoa dioxin cleanup*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1312) that would extend the authority to transfer funds to the Department of State for

dioxin remediation at Bien Hoa Airbase in Vietnam pursuant to section 1253 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283), as amended.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 1232).

The agreement includes the provision.

*Sec. 1268—Oversight of United States military posture on the Korean Peninsula*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1233) that would prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to reduce the total number of members of the Armed Forces permanently stationed in or deployed to the Republic of Korea below 28,500 or to complete the transition of wartime operational control of the United States-Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command from United States-led command to Republic of Korea-led command until 90 days after the Secretary of Defense submits an assessment and certification to the appropriate committees of the Congress regarding such action.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1269—Report on enhanced defense relations with the Philippines*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1240) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than June 1, 2026, to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on enhancing United States security cooperation with the Philippines.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1270—Modernizing the defense capabilities of the Philippines*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6231) that would direct the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to develop and implement a multiyear plan to provide for the acquisition of appropriate defensive capabilities by the Philippines and to engage with the Philippines in a series of combined training, exercises, and planning activities to enhance the United States-Philippines defense relationship.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

Subtitle H—Other Matters

*Sec. 1271—Limitation on availability of funds for travel expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1234) that would prohibit the obligation or expenditure of 25 percent of the funding authorized for travel expenses for the Office of the Secretary of De-

fense until various overdue reports related to the Indo-Pacific are submitted to the congressional defense committees.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1272—Repeal of war-related reporting requirements for concluded operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1231) that would repeal Section 1221 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109–163).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1273—Defending international security by restricting unacceptable partnerships and tactics*

The Senate bill contained the provisions (sec. 1271 through sec. 1274 (Sub. H)) that would require the executive branch to develop a whole-of-government strategy to disrupt growing cooperation among the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and mitigate the risks posed to the United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1274—Report regarding joint training with Mexico to counter transnational criminal organizations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1205) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a plan for a pilot program under which the armed forces of Mexico and the United States Armed Forces will train jointly in the United States on tactics, techniques, and procedures for countering the threat posed by transnational criminal organizations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Government of Mexico, to submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report detailing current counter-transnational criminal organization training between the Department of Defense and the armed forces of Mexico and include recommendations for future additional activities with respect to joint training that will improve the counter-transnational criminal organization capabilities of the armed forces of Mexico and deepen Mexico's counter-transnational criminal organization cooperation with the United States.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Authority to build capacity for space domain awareness*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1201) that would modify section 333 of title 10, United States Code, by adding the authority to build capacity for space domain awareness.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1208). The agreement does not include either provision.

*Permanent extension of acceptance and expenditure of contributions for multilateral security cooperation programs and activities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1204) that would modify section 1208 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) related to the acceptance and expenditure of specified contributions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Cybersecurity integration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1206) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to cooperate with the Government of

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1206).

The agreement does not include either provision.

We are aware of the seriousness of cyber-related threats to the Panama Canal and the importance of the Canal to the commercial and security interests of the United States. Therefore, we strongly support cybersecurity cooperation between the United States and the Government of Panama and the Panama Canal Authority and urge the Department of Defense to use existing authorities and programs to enhance the cybersecurity capabilities of the national security forces of Panama and Panama Canal Authority.

*Modification of Department of Defense State Partnership Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1207) that would amend section 341 of title 10, United States Code, regarding the availability of funds.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*War Reserve Stockpile authority for Israel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1211) that would amend section 12001(d) of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–287) by striking "January 1, 2027" and inserting "January 1, 2029".

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Extension and modification of authority to support operations and activities of the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1212) that extended and modified the authority to support the operations and activities of the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Sense of Congress on international defense exhibitions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1214) that would affirm that it is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense and its agencies should not participate in international de-

fense exhibitions in any way until the Secretary of Defense certifies that such exhibitions and the jurisdictions in which they are located allow Israeli companies to fully participate in the exhibition and are not using restrictions or the threat of restrictions on any party's participation in the exposition as a means of deterring Israel from defending itself.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The provision was not included.

We direct the Department and its agencies to avoid participation in international exhibitions that exclude Israeli companies from participating.

*Study and report on international security measures on the border between Gaza and Egypt*

The House bill contained a provision directing the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to conduct a study on steps that Israel, Egypt, and the United States can take to enhance international security measures on the border between Gaza and Egypt to ensure Hamas and other actors do not use tunnels or methods via the Mediterranean Sea to smuggle weapons and illicit goods.

The Senate bill did not contain a similar provision.

The provision is not adopted.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to conduct a study on steps that Israel, Egypt, and the United States can take to enhance international security measures on the border between Gaza and Egypt to ensure Hamas and other actors do not use tunnels, unmanned aerial systems, or methods via the Mediterranean Sea to smuggle weapons and illicit goods. The report should include a description and map indicating any existing tunnels on the border between Gaza and Egypt. The report should be submitted to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, and the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, not later than June 1, 2026, and may include a classified annex if necessary.

*Establishment of defense innovation unit office in Israel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1216) that would establish a Defense Innovation Unit in Israel.

The Senate bill did not contain a similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We are aware of ongoing efforts to expand the geographic presence of the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) within and outside the United States. We believe geographic expansion of DIU could help expand the defense industrial base and ensure new entrants to the defense technology ecosystem represent companies from across the United States and world. Accordingly, we include a provision elsewhere in this Act [Log 0586] authorizing DIU to establish regional outreach centers to enable more streamlined interactions between DIU, the private sector, and other mission partners across the world. As DIU develops a strategy and criteria for the selections of locations for such centers, we encourage DIU to explore adding a regional outreach center in Israel. Such a center could help foster

increased partnership across the region and help improve DIU's own technological edge.

*Ukraine's maintenance and sustainment capacity*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1224) that would require the Secretary of Defense to partner with the Minister of Defense of Ukraine to develop a weapons depot maintenance strategic plan and report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We remain concerned about Ukraine's long-term ability to maintain and sustain critical weapons systems provided by the United States and allied nations. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander, U.S. European Command (EUCOM), to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 30, 2026, a report on efforts to develop and enhance Ukraine's organic maintenance and sustainment capacity. The report shall include:

(1) An assessment of the current state of Ukraine's organic capacity to maintain and sustain critical weapons systems in its inventory, including F–16 aircraft, High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, 155-millimeter howitzers, National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems, Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles, Patriot air defense batteries, Abrams tanks, Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles, Stryker and M113 Armored Personnel Carriers, and other systems identified by the Commander, EUCOM, as critical to Ukraine's ability to defend itself against aggression by the Russian Federation;

(2) An identification of key gaps in Ukraine's organic capacity to maintain and sustain these systems;

(3) An identification of which of Ukraine's partners has primary responsibility for monitoring the maintenance and sustainment of each of the critical weapons systems in Ukraine's inventory;

(4) An identification of any critical weapons systems experiencing maintenance or sustainment issues that could result in mission failure; and

(5) A summary of existing and planned United States and allied efforts to partner with Ukraine to address these gaps and develop greater organic capabilities for maintenance and sustainment, including for depot-level maintenance of critical systems.

*International Security Cooperation Program funding for United States European Command*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1229) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that not less than 15 percent of the funds authorized to be appropriated for International Security Cooperation Programs would be made available for use by the U.S. European Command (EUCOM).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision. The authorization of additional security cooperation funding for EUCOM is dealt with elsewhere in this Act.

*Modification of requirements for transfers of United States defense articles and defense services among Baltic states*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1230B) that would modify the requirements for transfers of United States defense articles and defense services among Baltic states.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than July 1, 2026 on efforts to enable the seamless sharing of High Mobility Artillery Rockets Systems (HIMARS) and munitions between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

The briefing shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of current legal, regulatory, and technical barriers impeding the interoperability and integration of HIMARS platforms and munitions among the three Baltic countries;

(2) Recommendations for specific policy, technical, or programmatic changes needed to enable the sharing of HIMARS assets and munitions between Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania during a crisis;

(3) A description of ongoing or planned initiatives to facilitate the interoperability and sharing of HIMARS, including modifications to systems, standardization of munitions, development of joint or multilateral operational protocols, or other measures; and

(4) Any other information the Secretary considers relevant.

We also direct the Secretary of Defense to include the Senate Armed Services Committee in the briefing on the Baltic High Mobility Artillery Rocket System Deployment directed in the House Report accompanying H.R. 3838 (H. Rept. 119–231) of the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.

*Intelligence sharing with resistance units in Afghanistan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1237) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to provide such intelligence sharing as the Secretary determines appropriate with units of the former Afghan Army and police forces, as well as other units the Secretary determines are resistance units, for purposes of countering the Taliban.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on critical digital infrastructure of Taiwan*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1238) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, analyzing the critical digital infrastructure capabilities of Taiwan and identifying potential Department of Defense actions that could help to enable the protection of such in-

frastructure, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–8).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report that:

(1) analyzes the critical digital infrastructure of Taiwan in the event of a military invasion or blockade by the People's Republic of China; and

(2) identifies potential Department of Defense actions that could help enable the protection of such infrastructure, consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act.

At a minimum, the required report shall include:

(1) A description of threats to the critical digital infrastructure of Taiwan in the event of a military invasion or blockade by the People's Republic of China.

(2) A description of the critical digital infrastructure capabilities of Taiwan, including:

(a) the type and amount of physical hardware available to support the transfer of large quantities of electronic data from Taiwan to a cloud-based system or a geographic location outside Taiwan; and

(b) the availability of resilient satellite communications from low-Earth orbit constellations and any other necessary activity relating to such a transfer.

(3) An identification of potential Department of Defense actions that could help enable the protection of the critical digital infrastructure of Taiwan in the event of a contingency, including:

(a) the pre-positioning of digital hardware capabilities; and

(b) acquisition of cloud-based services and radio frequency satellite communications.

(4) Recommendations for any resources or authorities required to support the Department of Defense actions identified under paragraph (3).

We expect the required report will take into account lessons learned from ongoing conflicts, especially the war in Ukraine, and the risks associated with making assumptions about the availability of commercial vendors in the event of a military invasion or blockade of Taiwan by the People's Republic of China. We also encourage the Secretary of Defense to seek input from civilian executives from commercial technology companies that provided support to Ukraine in its fight against the Russian Federation's war of aggression.

*Report on U.S. support for Japanese counterstrike capabilities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1239) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide the congressional defense committees with a report, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, outlining Department of Defense efforts to support Japan in the fielding of an operational counterstrike capability.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than July 1, 2026, on United States efforts to enable Japan's effort to field a conventional counterstrike capability that includes:

(1) a description of the activities and objectives of the United States-Japan Roles, Missions, and Capabilities Working Group with respect to the fielding of a conventional counterstrike capability by Japan;

(2) a description of the operations, activities, and investments the Department is undertaking in collaboration with the Government of Japan;

(3) a description of progress made by the United States to aid Japan in the fielding of conventional counterstrike capabilities, including in and across the First Island Chain;

(4) a description of the counterstrike capabilities of Japan and a characterization of the potential for enhancement of such capabilities; and

(5) a description of the impediments to fielding a strengthened alliance strike posture, including—

(a) domestic legal constraints;

(b) regulatory restrictions, including technology and foreign disclosure constraints; and

(c) industrial base-driven capacity limitations;

(6) a description of the modalities that the United States and Japan will use to coordinate and to deconflict conventional counterstrike operations;

(7) an assessment of potential alliance posture changes that would support an enhanced alliance counterstrike capability, including in the First Island Chain; and

(8) a description of the command and control mechanisms and information-sharing requirements needed to enable coordination and deconfliction of allied counterstrike operations.

*Extension and modification of annual report on military and security developments involving the People's Republic of China*

The House bill contains a provision (sec. 1243) that would modify a reporting requirement mandated in section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106–65) regarding the Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1241).

The agreement does not include either provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to ensure that future iterations of the Department of Defense's annual report on Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China include an assessment of the People's Republic of China's military strategy with respect to the Tibetan Plateau, biotechnology and other emerging technologies, and cyber enabled economic warfare aimed at Taiwan.

*Report relating to AUKUS Pillar 1*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1244) that would require, not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State shall submit a comprehensive report on the impact and potential of Pillar 1 of the Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States (AUKUS) partnership.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the importance of the AUKUS partnership and direct the Secretary of Defense to comply with the statutory reporting and briefing requirements for AUKUS contained in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31).

*Inclusion of special operations forces in planning and strategy relating to the Arctic region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1246) that would direct, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Commander, U.S. Northern Command, to develop and submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a Special Operations Forces Arctic Security Strategy.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Strategy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1247) directing the Department of Defense to submit a strategy to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives relating to raising the issue of political prisoners in Pakistan, including former Prime Minister Imran Khan, in all military-to-military engagements with the military of Pakistan.

The Senate bill did not contain a similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Expansion of country prioritization*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1260) that would clarify that the Secretary of Defense may assign a Defense Priorities Allocation System rating for foreign military sales.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that the Department of Defense (DOD) may already assign a Defense Priorities Allocation System rating for all DOD contracts to include foreign military sales. We encourage the Department of Defense to utilize this authority.

*Redesignation of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies as the James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1262) that would amend section 342 of title 10, United States Code, to designate the Africa Center for Strategic Studies as the James M. Inhofe Center for Africa Security Studies.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the provision.

*Establishment of program to promote participation of foreign students in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1263) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a program using the authority provided under section 2103(b) of title 10, United States Code, to promote the participation of foreign students in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (SROTC).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing, not later than 180 days after enactment, on the current status of efforts to promote participation of foreign students in SROTC programs under existing authorities. The briefing shall describe:

(1) The Department's present organizational structure, processes, and coordination mechanisms for identifying and engaging partner countries and institutions;

(2) The number of participating students, participating countries, and SROTC programs;

(3) The criteria used to recommend foreign students for participation;

(4) Current Department efforts to expand participation, including outreach to additional partner countries and academic institutions; and

(5) Any recommendations for improving program administration or expanding participation within existing authorities.

*Report on civilian-military relations in the Freely Associated States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1317) that would assign the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) responsibility for assessing and coordinating military efforts to strengthen community relationships between the United States Armed Forces and individuals living in the Freely Associated States (FAS). The provision would also require the Commander, USINDOPACOM, to provide the congressional defense committees a report, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, regarding the relationship between civilians living in the FAS and United States military presence in the FAS.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that USINDOPACOM's Joint Task Force-Micronesia is responsible for synchronizing military operations and activities throughout its assigned area of responsibility, which includes the FAS. We believe maintaining positive civilian-military relations are critical to enabling U.S. military presence in the FAS and elsewhere in the Indo-Pacific region. Therefore, we direct the Commander, USINDOPACOM, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees with a report on relations involving the United States Armed Forces present in the FAS. At a minimum, the required report shall include:

(1) An assessment of the relationships between civilians living in the FAS and elements of the United States Armed Forces operating, training, or otherwise present in the FAS;

(2) A summary of efforts by USINDOPACOM to improve such relationships to the extent affected by United States military activities in the FAS;

(3) An identification of legally available, civilian-military community engagement programs, activities, and authorities with respect to the FAS;

(4) An identification of any new authorities needed to implement or improve existing DOD civilian-military community engagement programs, activities, and authorities in the FAS;

(5) An identification of any other component of a Federal department or agency required to implement any whole-of-government, civilian-military community engagement program, activity, or authority in the FAS; and

(6) A plan and estimated cost for improving such community engagement efforts with respect to the impact of the United States Armed Forces' activities in the FAS.

*Annual report on presence and activities of European Union and NATO militaries in the Indo-Pacific Region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1318) that would require, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), in coordination with the Commander, U.S. European Command (USEUCOM), to submit to the congressional defense committees a comprehensive report on the military presence and activities of European Union and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Commander, USINDOPACOM, in coordination with the Commander, USEUCOM, to submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than June 1, 2026, a report on the military presence and activities of European Union and NATO member countries in the Indo-Pacific region, that includes the following:

(1) The best available estimate, over the course of the preceding year, of the sum of the reported number of personnel from the European Union and NATO-member militaries operating in or deployed to the Indo-Pacific region; and

(2) An analysis of how the presence of the militaries of such countries in the Indo-Pacific region contributes to stability and U.S. security interests, including a discussion of posture, capability, readiness, multilateral operations, and strategic signaling effects.

(3) With respect to each military of a member country of the European Union or NATO with a presence in the Indo-Pacific region, the following:

(a) An estimate of the percentage of each military's total forces, disaggregated by service branch (land, maritime,

air), that are typically deployed, stationed, or otherwise present in the Indo-Pacific region on an annual basis;

(b) Types and frequency of military activities, such as maritime patrols, joint training exercises, port visits, freedom of navigation operations, and other relevant operations conducted in the Indo-Pacific region; and

(c) Identification and assessment of the specific offensive, defensive, and logistics capabilities deployed or maintained by each military in the region, including platforms, systems, and infrastructure; and

(4) An analysis of how the military presence and capabilities of NATO and European member militaries in the Indo-Pacific region impacts U.S. military readiness and capabilities in the USEUCOM region.

*Strategy to enhance Indo-Pacific defense industrial cooperation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1319) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a strategy to enhance defense industrial cooperation between the United States and allies and partners of the United States in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing, not later than April 1, 2026, on ongoing efforts to enhance defense industrial cooperation between the United States and allies and partners of the United States in the Indo-Pacific region. This briefing shall:

(1) Describe current activities and identify future actions to be taken over the next 5 years by the Department of Defense to enhance defense industrial cooperation between the United States and allies and partners of the United States in the Indo-Pacific region, including efforts under the existing Partnership for Indo-Pacific Industrial Resilience;

(2) Identify lessons the Department has learned from defense industrial cooperation initiatives with European allies, including through meetings among National Armament Directors of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, the European Union, and the North American Treaty Organization, for efforts to enhance defense industrial cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region; and

(3) Identify priority armaments for joint development, production, or sustainment with Indo-Pacific allies and partners, including priority weapons systems for joint acquisition and sustainment with Taiwan.

*Annual report on Taiwan capabilities and intelligence support*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1320) that would amend section 1248 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81) relating to the conventional and irregular military threats faced by Taiwan and the military capabilities of Taiwan to defend against such threats.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the sections 5501 through 5512 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023

(Public Law 117–263), known as the Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act, include comprehensive reporting requirements related to the conventional and irregular military threats faced by Taiwan and the military capabilities of Taiwan to defend against such threats. We expect the reports required by the Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act will address the topics included in the House provision, as appropriate.

*Strategic partnership on defense industrial priorities between the United States and Taiwan*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1241) that would establish a strategic partnership on defense industrial priorities between the United States and Taiwan.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1321).

The agreement does not include either provision.

We are aware of ongoing efforts to expand the geographic presence of the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) within and outside the United States. We believe geographic expansion of DIU could help expand the defense industrial base and ensure new entrants to the defense technology ecosystem represent companies from across the United States and world. Accordingly, we include a provision elsewhere in this Act authorizing DIU to establish regional outreach centers to enable more streamlined interactions between DIU, the private sector, and other mission partners across the world. As DIU develops a strategy and criteria for the selections of locations for such centers, we encourage DIU to explore adding a regional outreach center in Taiwan. Such a center could help foster increased partnership across the region and help improve DIU's own technological edge.

*Reporting Requirement on Obstacles to Taiwanese Procurement*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1322) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report identifying obstacles to United States assistance in strengthening Taiwan's self-defense capabilities as well as any policy recommendations to address those obstacles.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the multiyear plan to fulfill defensive requirements of military forces of Taiwan required by the Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act in section 3355 of title 22, United States Code, addresses matters related to the acquisition of appropriate defensive capabilities by Taiwan, including an assessment of any challenges in providing military assistance to Taiwan in the event of a crisis or conflict and recommendations for addressing such challenges.

*Invitation to Taiwan to the Rim of the Pacific exercise*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1323) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to invite the naval forces of Taiwan to any Rim of the Pacific exercise that is to take place following the date of enactment of this Act.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1243).

The agreement does not contain either provision.

We note that the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, has the authority to invite the naval forces of Taiwan to participate in the Rim of the Pacific exercise, as appropriate.

*Support for Taiwan to improve the resilience and security of its energy infrastructure*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1324) that would state the President should take such actions as may be necessary to support efforts to strengthen Taiwan's ability to withstand any potential blockade or embargo and ensure Taiwan is eligible for certain energy security and diversification efforts.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We believe that the United States should support efforts by Taiwan to strengthen its ability to withstand any potential blockade or embargo, in a manner consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act (22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), including by exploring opportunities for training and support to the naval forces of Taiwan and energy security and diversification efforts, as appropriate.

## TITLE XIV—OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

### Subtitle A—Military Programs

*Sec. 1401—Working capital funds*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1401) that would authorize appropriations for the defense working capital funds at the levels identified in section 4501 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 1401).

The agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1402—Chemical agents and munitions destruction, defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1402) that would authorize appropriations for Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction, Defense at the levels identified in section 4501 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1402).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1403—Drug interdiction and counter-drug activities, defense-wide*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1403) that would authorize appropriations for Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense-wide at the levels identified in section 4501 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 1403).

The agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1404—Defense Inspector General*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1404) that would authorize appropriations for the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense at the levels identified in section 4501 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 1404).

The agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1405—Defense Health Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1405) that would authorize appropriations for the Defense Health Program at the levels identified in section 4501 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 1405).

The agreement includes this provision.

Subtitle B—National Defense Stockpile

*Sec. 1411—Modifications to Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1412) that would amend the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98h–5(f)(2)) to require additional information in the briefing to the congressional defense committees and require a separate briefing on the progress of implementing certain Government Accountability Office recommendations.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1411).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would: (1) Require additional information in the briefing to the congressional defense committees; (2) Amend section 98d(b) of title 50, United States Code, to authorize disposal of materials from the National Defense Stockpile if such disposal was included in the annual materials plan submitted to congressional defense committees and if the Stockpile Manager notifies congressional defense committees not later than 15 days after disposing of the material; and (3) Amend sections 98d(a)(2), 98e(d)(1), and 98e(d)(2) of title 50, United States Code, to standardize existing wait periods to all be 30 days.

*Sec. 1412—Recycling for critical minerals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 874) that would amend section 848 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) and seeks to expand the recycling of optical-grade germanium used in weapons systems and night vision equipment.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Department of Defense to expand the existing recycling programs of the Department of Defense.

Subtitle C—Other Matters

*Sec. 1421—Extension of authorities for funding and management of joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund for Captain James A. Lovell Health Care Center, Illinois*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1411) that would extend the authorities for funding and management of joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility demonstration fund for Captain James A. Lovell Health Care Center, Illinois until September 30, 2027.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 722).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to transfer $165 million to the demonstration fund.

*Sec. 1422—Beginning balances of the Defense Logistics Agency Working Capital Fund for audit purposes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1413) that would establish an official opening balance for the Defense Logistics Agency Working Capital Fund for audit purposes.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1423—Authorization of appropriations for Armed Forces Retirement Home*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1414) that would authorize an appropriation of $77.0 million from the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund for fiscal year 2026 for the operation of the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 1421).

The agreement includes the provision.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Report on prioritization of recovery of rare earth elements from end-of-life equipment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1415) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on prioritization of recovery of rare earth elements from end-of-life equipment.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note this provision is covered elsewhere in this Act.

## TITLE XV—CYBERSPACE-RELATED MATTERS

### Subtitle A—Cyber Operations

*Sec. 1501—Planning, programming, and budget coordination for operations of cyber mission force*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1608) that would amend section 167b of title 10, United States Code, to codify enhanced budget authority for Cyber Mission Force operations of the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command that had previously been established in section 1507 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment that strikes authorization for review of service budget proposals concerning funding for reserve component units supporting the cyber mission force, and repeals section 1507 of the Na-

tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81).

*Sec. 1502—Modification to reporting requirements for Senior Military Advisor for Cyber Policy*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1607) that amends section 392a(b) of title 10, United States Code, by modifying the reporting requirements for the Senior Military Advisor for Cyber Policy and Deputy Principal Cyber Advisor.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with technical amendments.

*Sec. 1503—Framework for integration of information technology technical debt assessment into annual budget process*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1614) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a framework for integrating technical debt assessment into existing Department of Defense processes, not later than September 1, 2026, to support the fiscal year 2027 planning, programming, budgeting, and execution processes.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1504—Department of Defense Data Ontology Governance Working Group*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1624) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a Department of Defense Ontology Governance Working Group to develop and implement a common data ontology and governance structure to improve data interoperability and enable more effective decision-making.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1505—Future force employment concepts development tabletop exercises*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1610) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a review of future force employment concepts for cyber forces, including all elements of the Cyber Operations Force, to assess where additional personnel policy changes may be warranted.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct one or more tabletop exercises to develop and examine future force employment concepts for cyber forces under development beyond the timeframe for the future years defense plan and the implementation of the CYBERCOM 2.0 force generation model.

*Sec. 1506—Occupational resiliency of the Cyber Mission Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1542) that would ensure behavioral health providers have the requisite security clearances to treat the Cyber Mission Force where they are co-located.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that adjusts the reporting requirement from quarterly briefings for 1 year to annual briefings for 3 years.

*Sec. 1507—Prohibition on the elimination of certain cyber assessment capabilities for test and evaluation*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1620A) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from taking any action to divest, consolidate, or curtail any current cyber assessment capabilities or National Security Agency-certified red teams supporting operational test and evaluation for Department of Defense programs until the Secretary provides the necessary certification.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1508—Prohibition on availability of funds to modify authorities of the Commander of United States Cyber Command*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1610B) that would prohibit appropriated funds from being available for modifying, reorganizing, or otherwise changing the responsibilities, authorities, or command structure of the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, from those in effect on June 1, 2025.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1509—Limitation on availability of funds for the Combined Joint All-Domain Command and Control initiative*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1619) that would limit research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide funds for the Joint Staff and Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer for the Combined Joint All-Domain Command and Control (CJADC2) initiative until the Secretary of Defense provides a congressional briefing that includes a framework for guiding investments.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

We express serious concern that despite nearly 3 years of quarterly briefings on the CJADC2 initiative, fundamental questions remain unanswered regarding CJADC2's operational value to Department planning and its role in guiding program investments for service command and control efforts. The committees observe that CJADC2 has been characterized by overly technical terminology and aspirational concepts that appear disconnected from service program planning. Of particular concern is the committees' inability to understand how hundreds of millions of dollars in investments across dozens of programs align with CJADC2 milestones and objectives, or whether these investments are contributing to a

coherent joint capability. Until the Department can articulate what CJADC2 actually means in terms that enable the services to align and justify their investments, it risks becoming another ambiguous strategy that provides top cover for disconnected service programs pursued in the name of jointness without delivering meaningful integration. The committees expect the required briefing to address these fundamental concerns with transparency, providing concrete frameworks, clear investment criteria, measurable milestones, and demonstrable linkages between service programs and CJADC2 objectives.

## Subtitle B—Cybersecurity

*Sec. 1511—Secure mobile phones for senior officials and personnel performing sensitive functions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1513) that would require the Department of the Navy to implement regulations requiring that certain telecommunication contracts include updated cyber security requirements.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would direct the Secretary of Defense to ensure that all wireless mobile phones and related telecommunications services provided to senior officials of the Department of Defense and other personnel, as determined by the Secretary, who perform sensitive national security functions are procured through contract vehicles that include enhanced cybersecurity protections.

We reaffirm the critical importance of cybersecurity for mobile devices across the Department of Defense and encourage the Department to expeditiously complete the evaluation directed in section 1515, Protective Measures for Mobile Devices Within the Department of Defense, of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) and deliver the corresponding report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

*Sec. 1512—Artificial intelligence and machine learning security in the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1531) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a Department-wide policy for the cybersecurity and governance of artificial intelligence and machine learning systems, addressing threats such as model tampering, adversarial attacks, and supply chain vulnerabilities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

We believe that any policy, regulation, guidance, or requirement issued by the Department of Defense relating to the use, submission, or maintenance of a software bill of materials should also apply, to the extent practicable, to artificial intelligence systems, models, and software used, developed, or procured by the Department. We recognize that existing documentation practices, such as model cards and similar transparency mechanisms, provide valu-

able frameworks for implementing these requirements, and encourage the Department of Defense to consider such mechanisms. We also note that additional model oversight and governance requirements are addressed elsewhere in this Act.

*Sec. 1513—Physical and cybersecurity procurement requirements for artificial intelligence systems*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1627) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive cybersecurity and physical security framework for artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies procured by the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that directs integration of industry and academic collaboration into the security framework outlined in the original provision.

*Sec. 1514—Collaborative cybersecurity educational program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1502) that would require the Director of Cyber Academic Engagement Office to manage the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1515—Incorporation of artificial intelligence considerations into cybersecurity training*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1512) that would require the Secretary of Defense to revise the mandatory annual training on cybersecurity for members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense to incorporate content related to artificial intelligence.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

We direct the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the implementation of revised training on

Subtitle C—Information Technology and Data Management

*Sec. 1521—Accountability of the Authorization to Operate processes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1501) that would amend Section 1522 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) and require the establishment of an expedited appeals board for authority to operate submissions pending more than 180 days.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would remove the designation of a board and replace it with an expedited review process available under specified criteria.

*Sec. 1522—Annual report on Department of Defense unified datalink strategy*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 134) that would amend section 1527 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) to require annual reports through 2032 on the Department of Defense's datalink strategy. These reports are to include updated implementation timelines for each element of the strategy outlined in subsection (a)(2) of section 1527, as well as detailed accounts of both funding and execution efforts planned or undertaken during the current fiscal year.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

Subtitle D—Artificial Intelligence

*Sec. 1531—Modification of high-performance computing roadmap*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1625) that would amend section 1532(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 and direct the Secretary of Defense to expand the high-performance computing roadmap to include both Department of Defense-owned computing assets and commercially procured cloud services or infrastructure-as-a-service contracts.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1532—Guidance and prohibition on use of certain artificial intelligence*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1628) that would require the Secretary of Defense to consider issuing guidance on excluding or removing artificial intelligence developed by a foreign adversary.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1533—Artificial intelligence model assessment and oversight*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1623) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a cross-functional team for artificial intelligence model assessment and oversight not later than June 1, 2026.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1534—Digital sandbox environments for artificial intelligence*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1622) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer and the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, to establish a task force on artificial intelligence sandbox environments, not later than April 1, 2026.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1535—Artificial Intelligence Futures Steering Committee*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1626) that would establish an Artificial General Intelligence Steering Committee within the Department of Defense (DOD) to analyze artificial intelligence trajectories and develop DOD adoption strategies.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment expanding the focus to advanced artificial intelligence capabilities.

Subtitle E—Reports and Other Matters

*Sec. 1541—Modification to certification requirement regarding contracting for military recruiting*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1541) that would amend section 1555 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from contracting with any entity that rates or ranks news or information sources for misinformation or bias in connection with military recruiting advertising, and to strike the existing sunset clause.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 1620B).

The agreement includes the provision with a clarifying amendment and a sunset clause of December 31, 2030.

*Sec. 1542—Amendment to annual assessments and reports on assignment of certain budget control responsibility to Commander of the United States Cyber Command*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1604) that would amend section 1558 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) to include a requirement for a review of investments in artificial intelligence as compared to roadmap milestones and identified use cases previously established by the Department of Defense, as well as to extend the reporting requirement until fiscal year 2030.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with clarifying amendments.

*Sec. 1543—Study on reducing incentives for cyber attacks on defense critical infrastructure of the United States*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1603) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Defense Continuity and Mission Assurance, develop a strategy and a list of various courses of action across the spectrum of military capabilities to create a credible deterrence against cyberspace attacks and posturing for future such attacks against United States defense critical infrastructure.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1544—Integration of reserve component into cyber mission force*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1605) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy and the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command to produce and submit a joint report on the integration of reserve components into the cyber mission force not later than August 1, 2026.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that removes the requirement for an implementation plan and extends the deadline for the completion of the study to October 1, 2026.

*Sec. 1545—Annual report on Mission Assurance Coordination Board activities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1615) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a task force to support the assessment of vulnerabilities to defense critical infrastructure necessary for the execution of existing defense operational and contingency plans.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that directs the Mission Assurance Coordination Board to provide annual reports on key activities and findings identified by such board.

*Sec. 1546—Limitation on the divestment, consolidation, and curtailment of certain electronic warfare test and evaluation activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1504) that would prohibit the divestment, consolidation, and curtailment of certain electronic warfare test and evaluation activities.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 1562).

The agreement includes this provision.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Assessment of Cyber Operational Support to geographic combatant commands*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1503) that would require a report from commanders of unified combatant commands to assess the sufficiency of support provided by the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that section 1506 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) similarly required the development of cyber support mechanisms for geographic combatant commands. The committees remain supportive of improved integration of cyber operations into the plans and operations developed by combatant commands, and the enhancement of operational command and control integrated specifically within the Indo-Pa-

cific. We look forward to understanding how this progress is replicated across all geographic combatant commands. The committees await the execution of the U.S. Cyber Command (CYBERCOM) 2.0 force generation plan and recognize its implementation could impact the integration of cyber effects into combatant command operations.

To ensure incorporation of the impact of the changes resulting from CYBERCOM 2.0 implementation, we direct that not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff submit to the congressional defense committees a report assessing the sufficiency of support provided by the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command in carrying out the mission of each unified geographic combatant command. The report shall address the following: (1) The integration of cyber capabilities across the competition continuum, including competition, crisis, and conflict; (2) The ability to support both dynamic and deliberate planning and execution processes; (3) Capabilities that support

*Incentivization plan for critical skills for members of the Armed Forces to carry out Department of Defense cyber operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1505) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, to develop and implement a plan to incentivize critical skills for members of the Armed Forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that elements of this plan are included elsewhere in this Act.

*Evaluation of Joint Task Force-Cyber for the Indo-Pacific Area of responsibility*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1506) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide recommendations on establishing a Joint Task Force-Cyber for the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1610A).

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that integration of cyber capabilities in support of geographic combatant commands are addressed in a provision located elsewhere in this Act.

*Annual report on weapon systems data accessibility and security*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1511) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on weapons systems that lack real-time cybersecurity capabilities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that elements of the House provision are addressed elsewhere in this Act.

*Federal contractor vulnerability disclosure policy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1514) that would require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in con-

sultation with the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the National Cyber Director, the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and any other appropriate head of an Executive department to recommend updates to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) designed to ensure that covered contractors implement a vulnerability disclosure policy consistent with National Institute of Standards and Technology guidelines for contractors. This section would also require the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council to review the recommendations and update the FAR as necessary to incorporate requirements for covered contractors to receive information about a potential security vulnerability relating to an information system owned or controlled by a contractor in performance of the contract.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Strategy to defend against risks posed by the use of artificial intelligence*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1515) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on cybersecurity capabilities in regards to the risks posed by the use of artificial intelligence in espionage and cyberattacks.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Procurement of best-in-class cyber data products and services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1522) that would require the Chief Information Officer to provide a briefing on and develop an open and competitive process to provide best-in-class cybersecurity solutions.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1617).

The agreement does not include the House or the Senate provisions.

We commend the Department of Defense's Enterprise Software Initiative for enhancing purchasing power through consolidated enterprise licenses. We recognize the complexity of identifying and negotiating user agreements that optimize purchasing power and look forward to collaborating with the Department to address these challenges. However, we remain particularly focused on how the program can better serve cybersecurity-unique data and service license needs. The evaluation processes for such data and services, as well as the engagement mechanisms for determining the most appropriate solutions for Department components based on their specific requirements and workforce needs, warrant further examination. Therefore, we direct the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than June 1, 2026, on the processes and metrics used to evaluate cybersecurity data and service licenses, the organizational responsibilities for conducting such evaluations, and the specific challenges encountered regarding vendor terms and conditions.

*Generative artificial intelligence for national defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1533) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out not less than two but no more than 12 generative artificial intelligence (AI) efforts to enhance the national security of the United States.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense (DOD) has yet to articulate a clear plan for evaluation, adoption, and training of generative artificial intelligence capabilities to support military missions. We also note that many countries, including potential adversaries, are making significant investments into this area. We, therefore, are concerned that without a plan to align disparate Department entities and ensure proper usage of such tools, the DOD risks ceding leadership in this area. We believe the DOD must focus on harnessing the United States' competitive advantages in private sector innovation; responsible artificial intelligence; safe and rights-respecting AI deployments; and the development and implementation of effective, globally interoperable policies for AI safety, security, and trust. We encourage the Department to coordinate and leverage investments and available resources across the Department to accelerate adoption and training of generative artificial intelligence capabilities.

*Reports on AI use for business processes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1534) that would require the Chief Information Officer to submit a report on the use of artificial intelligence tools across the business process of the Department of Defense.

The Senate contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the growing role of artificial intelligence in modernizing Department of Defense (DOD) business processes and want to encourage responsible, well-governed, and market-informed adoption of commercial and emerging artificial intelligence capabilities. We underscore the importance of the Department grounding its use of artificial intelligence in market research, guidelines for appropriate use, and proactive engagement with industry to ensure Department business systems are modernized, efficient, and secure. Therefore, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, we direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the Department's use of artificial intelligence tools and capabilities across its business processes, including ongoing market research, opportunities for modernization, and associated resource implications.

*Assessment of cyber-physical ranges as potential National Cyber Range complexes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1543) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to submit a report on the benefits and costs of designating the cyber-physical ranges of the Department of Defense as National Cyber Range Complexes (NCRC).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than July 1, 2026, that assesses the benefits and costs of integrating the cyber-physical ranges of the Department of Defense into the Test Resource Management Center's NCRC, or treating such ranges in a manner similar to the treatment of range facilities or distributed infrastructure integrated into the NCRC.

*Report on replacement of Time Division Multiplexing lines at armories of the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1544) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Army to jointly submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, detailing the costs and timelines for replacing Time Division Multiplexing lines with modern communication technologies in armories of the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We believe the Army and Air Force should continue their efforts replacing Time Division Multiplexing lines with modern communication technologies in armories of the Air

(1) An identification of the Time Division Multiplexing lines technologies to be replaced and the replacement modern communication technologies, including the current deployment of such technologies across the Department of Defense;

(2) An explanation of the costs associated with replacing Time Division Multiplexing lines technologies identified under paragraph (1), including any changes to sustainment costs, and the sources of funding to pay for such costs;

(3) An assessment of the operational effects associated with the replacement technologies identified under paragraph (1); and

(4) The current timelines and resources allocated for such replacement.

*Comprehensive cyber workforce strategy*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1601) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Department of Defense (DOD) Chief Information Officer (CIO) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, to develop a comprehensive cyber workforce strategy and submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than January 31, 2027.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on progress in implementing and, as needed, updating the 2023–2027 Department of Defense Cyber Workforce Strategy to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-

tives not later than October 1, 2026. To the extent practicable in drafting this report, we believe that the Secretary of Defense should strive to solicit or coordinate views from external organizations with relevant expertise in human resources planning or human capital strategy, higher education or training, or cyber professional industry associations. Such report shall include:

(1) An assessment of progress achieved and remaining gaps in implementation of the 2023–2027 Department of Defense Cyber Workforce Strategy, including identification of elements that should be continued, modified, or discontinued;

(2) An assessment of the scope of the affected workforce for the Defense Cyber Workforce Framework, including specific workforce numbers, vacancy numbers, work roles, or other statistical data relating to personnel system metrics, including:

(a) An identification of critical skills and proficiencies required by covered members of the Armed Forces to carry out Department of Defense cyber operations; and

(b) Estimated personnel levels required for each skill set and proficiency related to such operations.

(3) An evaluation of existing incentive pay opportunities for personnel within the Defense Cyber Workforce Framework to determine if there are major gaps in the availability of such opportunities, including:

(a) A process for providing continuation or certification pay for each skill set needed for such operations; and

(b) An anticipated budget for incentives to be used with personnel within the Defense Cyber Workforce Framework.

(4) Identification of any issues, problems, or roadblocks identified by the Department in implementing the Framework, as well as any adjustments required to measurements of progress or inclusions of new goals, activities, milestones, key performance indicators, or work roles since publication of such framework, and any steps taken by the Department to overcome issues or lack of authority to address roadblocks;

(5) Opportunities to leverage support from non-Department entities, or of any workforce or talent management authorities that exist within other Federal agencies in which inclusion in the Framework might benefit the Department;

(6) The availability of commercial tools that support Framework talent management processes and might enhance performance or effectiveness, including for workforce qualification and certification tracking, talent identification and tracking, tagging for additional skill identifiers in existing personnel management systems, or enhancing skill development for specific work roles;

(7) Opportunities to leverage supplementary personnel models that might be adapted from other domains, such as cyber civilian reserves or cyber auxiliary forces;

(8) Integration of existing academic centers of excellence or other university partnerships to help improve workforce development, talent acquisition, and skills development; and

(9) A review of Framework work roles for artificial intelligence, data science, and data engineering to assess alignment with corresponding work roles in industry and recommenda-

tions for modifications to enable more effective recruiting of industry talent.

*United States Cyber Command artificial intelligence industry collaboration roadmap*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1602) that would direct the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command (CYBERCOM), in coordination with senior Department of Defense artificial intelligence and research officials, to develop a roadmap for industry and academic collaboration on artificial intelligence-enabled cyber capabilities for cyberspace operations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We acknowledge the progress CYBERCOM has made in developing an artificial intelligence roadmap pursuant to section 1554 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263). However, we believe that to effectively counter the evolving threat environment, significantly enhanced engagement with industry is essential to fully leverage state-of-the-art technology capabilities. Strengthening partnerships between the Command and the commercial technology sector is critical to maintaining operational advantage in cyberspace. We note that the Congress has provided the Command with numerous authorities to facilitate collaborative efforts with industry, including other transaction authorities and cooperative research and development agreements.

We direct the Commander of CYBERCOM to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than August 1, 2026, on a comprehensive roadmap for industry collaboration on artificial intelligence-enabled cyber capabilities for cyberspace operations. The report shall address: (1) Alternatives for managing and executing collaborative research and development partnerships with industry; (2) Development lines of effort for artificial intelligence-enabled cyber capabilities and associated near-term use cases; (3) Strategy and methodology for industry engagement, including contractual mechanisms, Security clearance requirements and resource needs, and evaluation of existing authorities with identification of required policy changes or new authorities; (4) Implementation objectives, milestones, and status of relevant pilot programs; (5) Technology transition mechanisms from development to operational use; (6) Infrastructure requirements and associated costs; and (7) Assessment of organizational structure options, including establishment of a new center or integration within existing organizations.

*Evaluation of cyber range management and funding*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1606) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to complete a comprehensive evaluation of Department of Defense cyber range oversight, not later than January 15, 2027, examining the separate executive agent designations for cyber test and training ranges.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, and the principal cyber advisors of the military departments, to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the current structure of oversight for the cyber ranges of the Department of Defense, including an assessment of the separate executive agent designations for cyber test ranges and cyber training ranges, and provide a briefing of the results to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than January 1, 2027. The evaluation shall include the following: (1) A thorough assessment of the effectiveness of the current organizational structure under which separate executive agents exist for cyber test ranges and cyber training ranges; (2) A detailed analysis of funding mechanisms and budgetary authority challenges and benefits associated with the current structure, potential alternative structures, and unified oversight options; (3) A comprehensive evaluation of the potential integration of physical and logical ranges under various organizational structures; (4) An assessment of how different organizational structures would affect the speed and ease of transferring systems or tools from test environments into operational use, including the incorporation of tactics, techniques, and procedures; (5) A recommendation to the Secretary regarding whether the current separate executive agent structure should be maintained, or an alternative structure, including a unified executive agent structure, should be implemented; and (6) In the event the recommendation under paragraph (5) supports maintaining separate executive agents, the specific criteria that would need to be satisfied for the two functions to be managed under a singular organization in the future.

*Expansion of scope of affirmation of authority for cyber operations to include defense of critical infrastructure of the Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1609) that would expand the scope of affirmation of authority for cyber operations under section 394 of title 10, United States Code, to include defense of critical infrastructure of the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Program for talent management of cyber personnel through active and reserve transitioning*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1610C) that would require the Department of Defense to build a program to manage Cyber Mission Force (CMF) personnel transitioning to the reserve cyber force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, as part of the Defense Cyber Workforce Framework, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2026, on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a program to support active management of cyber tal-

ent transitioning to the reserve cyber force. The briefing shall assess, at a minimum:

(1) The Department's ability to track, reskill, and upskill transitioning active-duty Cyber Mission Force personnel and critical enablers for potential retention in the reserve component to meet emerging cyber mission demands;

(2) The feasibility of implementing transparent and time-efficient processes to recruit transitioning, fully qualified, and in-good-standing CMF and other cyber personnel as deemed necessary by U.S. Cyber Command and its subordinate commands;

(3) Options for a centralized resource within the Department that could:

(a) provide incentive-related services to assist transitioning CMF personnel in navigating active-to-reserve personnel systems across the military services; and

(b) identify and advertise vacancies in reserve cyber units.

(4) The potential to expand such services to related areas, such as cyber auxiliary forces or direct commissioning programs for cyber forces.

The briefing shall also include:

(1) An assessment of potential resourcing requirements across the Future Years Defense Program; and

(2) Identification of metrics or other assessment tools that could be used to evaluate the impact of such a program on CMF and cyber-enabling force retention as part of a total force strategy.

*Designation of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy as principal staff assistant*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1610D) that would amend section 138(b)(8) of title 10, United States Code, to designate the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy as a principal staff assistant that reports directly to the Secretary of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy was established in March 2024. When Congress directed the creation of this position in Section 901 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263), we requested insight into the authorities needed for effective cyber oversight. Now that the position has existed for over a year, we believe it is timely for the Department of Defense to reevaluate those fundamental questions based on lessons learned in execution to determine what additional authorities, resources, or structural changes may be necessary and work with Congress to implement any required statutory changes or investments. In conducting this assessment, the Department should draw not just upon the last year but also upon the over 10 years of operational experience with the Principal Cyber Advisor role to inform its conclusions.

Therefore, we encourage the Secretary of Defense to issue a charter through a Department of Defense Directive that defines the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy. We believe such a directive would provide essential clarity and strengthen the Department's civilian oversight of cyber activities. The directive should include: (1) A comprehensive description of the Assistant Secretary's authorities, responsibilities, and functions; (2) The organizational structure; (3) Oversight authorities for cyber operations, policy development, and workforce matters; (4) Formal relationships and communication procedures consistent with the Assistant Secretary's statutory roles under sections 138 and 392a of title 10, United States Code; and (5) Defined relationships and protocols with the military departments, combatant commands, defense agencies, and other Department components.

*Modernization program for full content inspection*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1611) that would modify section 1515 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) and require the addition of a new implementation phase to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities into the pilot program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We acknowledge and commend the Department of Defense on the progress made under section 1515 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) for cross-boundary and network domain defense under the full content inspection program managed by the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). We recognize that this program should expand both in scale across the military services and in capability through the incorporation of AI technologies, which will enable the Department to more rapidly identify and remediate network threats. However, we are concerned with the current contracting approach and pace at which DISA is pursuing this expansion, particularly regarding AI integration. Therefore, we direct the Director of DISA to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than July 1, 2026 on efforts to accelerate integration of AI into the full content inspection program, including contracting strategies, assessment of integration with other Department capabilities, performance metrics for evaluating AI effectiveness, scaling plans, and fielding timelines.

*Assessment of feasibility and advisability of establishing an operational technology cybersecurity training center of excellence*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1613) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, to determine the feasibility and advisability of establishing a center of excellence for operational technology cybersecurity training not later than December 1, 2026.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We recognize the growing importance of operational technology and industrial control systems cybersecurity across the Department's critical infrastructure. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense and in coordination with the Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than July 1, 2026, on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a center of excellence for operational technology cybersecurity training. The report shall include: (1) An identification of available curricula and training programs, including those provided by private sector entities; (2) An assessment of anticipated training throughput demands for military and civilian personnel; (3) An evaluation of resources needed and a cost-benefit analysis; and (4) An assessment of potential locations with existing physical and logical cyber training ranges that enable enhanced operational technology training capabilities and maintain a cadre or workforce of engineering and infrastructure expertise, with consideration of existing multiservice training facilities and centers of excellence. If determined feasible and advisable, the report shall also include a phased implementation approach with milestones, integration with existing cybersecurity certification requirements, proposed effectiveness metrics, funding requirements, an analysis of potential challenges, and proposed metrics for assessing effectiveness in improving operational technology and industrial control systems security outcomes across the Department.

*Limitation of funds for travel expenses for the Office of the Chief Information Officer*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1618) that would limit the obligation or expenditure of funds authorized to be appropriated for travel for the Department of Defense (DOD) Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) until the DOD CIO, in coordination with the military departments' CIOs, submits to the congressional defense committees a comprehensive circuit transport transition plan for updating legacy circuits to more modern Internet Protocol-based circuits.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the DOD Chief Information Officer, in coordination with the Chief Information Officers of the military departments, to develop a comprehensive plan to transition from legacy circuits to Internet Protocol-based circuits that comply with Department of Defense security requirements, and provide a briefing on that plan to the congressional defense committees not later than August 1, 2026. This briefing shall include: (1) Identification of all legacy circuits currently in use across the Department of Defense and the military departments; (2) Establishment of timelines for the transition of each identified legacy circuit; (3) Detail of resource requirements necessary to execute the transition; (4) Identification of any technical, operational, or security challenges that may impact the transition and proposed solutions to address such challenges; (5) Specification of associated funding lines for each military department and defense agency participating in the transition; and (6)

Identification of investments over the Future Years Defense Program required to complete the transition.

*Review of Joint Fires Network program transition*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1620) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing on the plans and progress of transitioning the Joint Fires Network initiative to a program of record within the Air Force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note the recent decision to transition the Joint Fires Network initiative to Air Force management as a program of record. We recognize that service management for a significant acquisition effort makes sense, but remain concerned that critical linkages and potentially funding control may be loosened in that process. In particular, we are concerned with how the voice of the operational user may be lessened or lost in that process. We recognize that the military services have a spotty track record of sustaining priority for joint projects, especially in tight fiscal environments where joint modernization efforts may compete with service priorities.

Therefore, we direct the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, and the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026 on the plans and progress of transitioning the Joint Fires Network initiative to a program of record within the Air Force. Such briefing shall include: (1) An update on the charter for the program, including organizational relationships between the Air Force program manager, relevant stakeholders supporting developmental efforts, and operational customers of the Joint Fires Network; (2) Details on the funding profile and milestones for the program across the future-years defense program, highlighting any potential challenges or delays, and recommendations for how to advance the Joint Fires Network program; (3) A description of processes and guardrails related to the management of requirements and funding to ensure military department-specific requirements or funding pressures are not prioritized over joint requirements or needs of operational customers; and (4) A description and timeline of transition planning for providing specific capabilities to operational customers, including processes for balancing needs and requirements across multiple operational customers.

Additionally, we direct the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, to provide a briefing on an independent assessment of this plan to the congressional defense committees not later than August 1, 2026. Such briefing shall include an assessment of: (1) The charter for the program and organizational relationships for facilitating coordination with the Combatant Command; and (2) Mechanisms to include feedback from operational customers in the program and continue the rapid delivery of the Joint Fires Network capability at the point of need.

*Department of Defense working group, strategy, and report on ensuring the security, resiliency, and integrity of undersea cables*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1620C) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to convene a working group, not later than March 1, 2026, to develop a strategy and report on ensuring the security, resiliency, and integrity of undersea cables.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees not later than November 1, 2026 on the strategy, challenges and capability gaps facing the Department of Defense in protecting undersea cables from physical and cybersecurity threats. Such report shall include: (1) Assessing the unique challenges of protecting covered undersea cables and covered cable landing stations from threats posed by the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, naval and shadow fleets of adversaries of the United States, and subsea cable destruction mechanisms and any foreign entity of concern; (2) Assessing he implications posed by relevant treaties and customary international law; (3) Examining the roles, responsibilities, and limits of the Department of Defense in ensuring the security, resiliency, and integrity of covered undersea cables; (4) Identifying gaps in current mechanisms for detection of, prevention of, and response to threats against covered undersea cables and covered cable landing stations; (5) Recommended areas for enhanced collaboration with industry stakeholders, including establishing standards, guidelines, and public-private reporting mechanisms; (6) Assessment of training needs, including the development of a dedicated cadre of covered undersea cable security experts; (7) Identification of resources required for expanded operations and enhanced interagency and international coordination; (8) Recommendations for enhanced collaboration with allied and partner nations, including current best practices and lessons learned; (9) Assessment of the maximum disruption to covered undersea cables and landing stations tolerable for the continuity of critical Department of Defense operations; (10) Consideration for incorporating undersea cable security into mission sets and operational planning of relevant combatant commands; (11) The practicability of repairing any covered undersea cable within 100 hours, including through the development and use of aerial-deliverable, submersible, splicing robots; (12) The utility and practicability of developing 72-hour deployable portable cable landing stations; and (13) Identification of the costs associated with the deployment of anti-tamper sensors.

*Public-private cybersecurity partnership for highly capable artificial intelligence systems*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1621) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy to establish a public-private partnership body not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act to address cybersecurity and physical security threats to highly capable artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) systems.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We encourage the Department to use existing mechanisms and security coordination bodies to do outreach with private sector and academic entities involved with AI/ML systems, and find ways to broaden and strengthen such public-private partnerships. Furthermore, we note that elements of this provision are addressed elsewhere in this Act.

*Roadmap for advancing digital content provenance standards*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1629) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a roadmap to guide adoption and integration of digital content capabilities across the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to develop a roadmap to guide potential future adoption and integration of digital content provenance capabilities across the Department of Defense and provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than June 1, 2026. Such report shall include: (1) Identification and assessment of current and proposed open technical standards for digital content provenance that could be applied to publicly released digital media assets produced by the Department of Defense, the military components, and field activities of the Department; (2) Identification of strategic objectives relating to securing and authenticating public-facing digital content; (3) Description of relevant roles and responsibilities across military departments and components of the Department; (4) Consideration for the establishment of standardized processes to enable embedding and verification of content credentials in appropriate public-facing Department media; (5) Assessment of potential acquisition approaches for supporting technologies and solutions; (6) Development of metrics, as appropriate, to assess the effectiveness, reliability, and scalability of digital content provenance technologies; (7) Establishment of an engagement mechanism for coordination with relevant stakeholders, including federally funded research and development centers, industry, and academia, to align efforts with evolving best practices and technical capabilities; and (8) Establishment of notional milestones and resource needs, disaggregated by fiscal year, to inform longer-term planning.

*Enhanced protection of data affecting operational security of Department of Defense personnel*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1630) that would require the Secretary of Defense to identify and prioritize the protection of personal data related to operational security of members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on risks to Department of Defense personnel and their dependents in the digital environment not later than August 1, 2026. This report shall be unclassified but may include a classi-

fied annex, and shall include the following: (1) An assessment of the risks related to the storage of personal data of Department of Defense personnel and their dependents on non-Department servers or cloud services; (2) An assessment of the applicable security training as it relates to personal data of Department of Defense personnel stored outside the Department of Defense; (3) Potential for improvements related to the protection of personal data of Department of Defense personnel, including any identified potential negative effects of those recommendations; (4) Assessment of recent legislation related to this issue, whether directed solely at Department of Defense personnel and their dependents or to broader populations, including any identified potential negative effects of that legislation; and (5) Any other items the Secretary deems appropriate.

*Secure and interoperable defense collaboration technology*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6612) that would require the Department of Defense to identify interoperability standards for collaboration technology and mandate that, after 4 years, the Department may only procure collaboration technology compatible with those standards and utilizing end-to-end encryption.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We recognize the critical importance of secure communications capabilities across the Department and encourage the Secretary to

*Comptroller General of the United States review of Department of Defense governance processes for adoption of artificial intelligence tools*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6621) that would require the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer to produce a briefing on the need for artificial intelligence tools within the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of the Department of Defense policies and governance relating to adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) tools for military needs, including: (1) An analysis of DOD organization structures for overseeing, tracking and responding to risks and opportunities arising from military uses of AI, including the responsibilities, functions and authorities of the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officers of the Department of Defense and for the military services; (2) Processes for development of lessons learned, adoption of best practices, and information sharing and consultation with other government agencies, industry, academia, and foreign allies and partners; (3) Development of metrics, policy guardrails, oversight mechanisms, and risk mitigation procedures for DOD use of AI tools; (4) Steps to ensure all DOD engagement with external parties incorporate appropriate recusal requirements, safeguards and oversight mechanisms to prevent conflicts of interest and biased decision-making processes, including for any new contracting mechanisms specific to AI; and (5) Recommendations for improvements to standards, processes, procedures and policy re-

lated to the use of AI. We further direct the Comptroller General to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than July 1, 2026, with a report to follow at a mutually agreed upon date.

## TITLE XVI—SPACE ACTIVITIES, STRATEGIC PROGRAMS, AND INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

### Subtitle A—Space Activities

*Sec. 1601—Acquisition career path in the Space Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1601) that would amend chapter 908 of title 10, United States Code, to create new sections establishing Space Force officer career-path requirements, to include setting minimum manning requirements for new Space Force officers, requiring that each Integrated Mission Delta (IMD) have a commander or deputy commander whose primary specialty is in acquisition, and establishing the criteria and grade for the Program Executive Officer for Assured Access to Space. This provision would also amend chapter 951 of title 10, United States Code to add a new section prescribing curriculum requirements for the initial Space Force officer training course and amend section 20233 of title 10, United States Code to add additional prerequisites for appointment to the grade of brigadier general in the Space Force.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with amendments that would: replace the assignment quotas for new Space Force officers with a broader manning requirement that maintains acquisition billets at levels comparable to operational billets; strike the mandate that commanders or deputy commanders of integrated mission deltas hold acquisition-focused occupational specialties; shift the Space Force officer training course curriculum from equal subject-area quotas to foundational instruction in acquisition management, space mission integration, and related disciplines; and require the Secretary of the Air Force to establish and implement regulations governing eligibility for consideration for promotion to brigadier general.

Further, we direct the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than November 1, 2026, on the career-field composition of commander and deputy-commander billets within IMDs and an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of requiring that an acquisition officer occupy one of those billets. At a minimum, the briefing shall include:

(1) The total number of IMDs across the Space Force and the number of commander and deputy-commander billets associated with each IMD;

(2) The career field or military occupational specialty of each officer currently filling such billets;

(3) An analysis of the feasibility and advisability of requiring each IMD to have a commander or deputy commander whose primary specialty is in acquisition; and

(4) An assessment of whether the Space Force's acquisition career field has sufficient inventory to support such a require-

ment without pulling officers from other critical acquisition billets, and how current billet structure or dual-hatting affects unity of command.

The briefing shall also address the overall effectiveness of the IMD construct, including:

(1) How IMDs are integrating operations and acquisition functions in practice;

(2) Any measurable improvements or degradations in program execution since IMDs were implemented; and

(3) Whether the IMD construct is achieving its intended outcomes with respect to program execution, cost control, and mission integration.

*Sec. 1602—Noise mitigation regarding space launches*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1603) that would amend section 2276a(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, to include in the definition of space launch activities the study and mitigation of noise caused by space launches.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1603—Acquisition and operation of space systems for space warfighting and control*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1503) stipulating any weapon systems intended to produce space control effects to adversary satellite systems be acquired and operated by the U.S. Space Force, with commercial augmentation as required. The provision would further allow for a national security waiver to be granted, with the stipulation that the Secretary of Defense would be required to provide notice to the congressional defense committees within 10 days of exercising any such waiver.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1604—Use of middle tier acquisition program for proliferated warfighter space architecture of Space Development Agency*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1606) that would amend Section 1608(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 to extend the use of middle tier acquisition authority for tranches four, five, and six of the Space Development Agency.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1506).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1605—Rocket cargo test and demonstration*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1501) that would delay the implementation of the Environmental Assessment for Rocket Cargo Test and Demonstration at Johnston Atoll, United States (EAXX–007–57–USF–1728497279, March 3, 2025) until the notice of intent is further modified to include the consideration of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site, U.S. Army Garrison–Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment requiring the Secretary of the Air Force to use existing test ranges and infrastructure to support the Rocket Cargo program.

*Sec. 1606—Continuation of operation of Defense Meteorological Satellite Program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1507) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to continue to operate the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program until the end of the functional life of the satellites in orbit as of the date of the enactment of this Act, and a provision (sec. 6502) that would direct the Secretary to brief the congressional defense committees on the status of the program, its requirements and capabilities, its projected annual and lifecycle costs, and the projected costs to replace the program's functions.

The House bill contained no similar provisions.

The agreement includes the Senate provisions with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1607—Study on establishing a tactical surveillance, reconnaissance, and tracking program of record*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1604) that would require the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to establish a requirement for a tactical surveillance, reconnaissance and tracking (TacSRT) program to provide capabilities to the commanders of the combatant commands. The House provision would also require the Secretary of the Air Force to establish the TacSRT program as a program of record.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1605).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment directing the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, to conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of establishing TacSRT as a program of record. This study must include, at a minimum, an assessment of operational and technical requirements, recommended organizational placement within the Department of Defense, potential acquisition approaches, and applicable intelligence oversight laws and regulations. The Secretary of the Air Force is authorized to establish such a program based on determination of feasibility and advisability of the study.

*Sec. 1608—Spaceport of the Future initiative and study on future space launch capacity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1605 and sec. 2858) that would require the

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1502).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that also requires the study and report directed in the Senate bill to be delivered by March 31, 2026.

*Sec. 1609—Auxiliary payload for Next Generation Polar Overhead Persistent Infrared satellites*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1607) that would require the Secretary of the Defense to direct the milestone decision authority for the Next Generation Polar Overhead Persistent Infrared satellite program to revise the acquisition strategy to include the auxiliary payload (commonly referred to "APS-A") in the program of record.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1610—Blast damage assessment guide for space vehicles at Air Force launch complexes*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1504) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to publish a liquid oxygen and methane blast damage assessment guide for space launch vehicles using U.S. Air Force launch range complexes within 1 year of the date of the enactment of this Act, with a notice and one-time briefing to the congressional defense committees within 30 days of publication.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle B—Defense Intelligence and Intelligence-Related Activities

*Sec. 1621—Vendor support to clandestine activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1611) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish, maintain, and continuously update a secure, centralized database containing a list of all commercial vendors that perform work for the Department of Defense in support of a clandestine activity.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

We expect the required centralized, technical capability will be utilized by the Department of Defense (DOD) as the primary means for facilitating oversight, deconfliction, and risk assessments of applicable vendor support to DOD clandestine activities and be used to assist the Department of Defense with facilitating coordination and deconfliction of vendor support with other departments and agencies of the Federal Government, as appropriate. Furthermore, we expect that any decision to exclude vendor information from the centralized, technical capability will be communicated to the congressional defense and intelligence committees along with a detailed explanation of how the Department will conduct oversight, deconfliction, and risk assessments of such vendor support.

*Sec. 1622—Sensitive activities of the Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1056) that would require the Secretary of Defense to keep the congressional defense committees fully and currently informed of Department of Defense sensitive activities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

We believe oversight of Department of Defense (DOD) sensitive activities by the congressional defense committees is a critical endeavor. The complexity and risk associated with DOD sensitive activities requires that the congressional defense committees remain fully and currently informed of such activities. We direct the Secretary of Defense to prioritize keeping the committees currently informed of DOD sensitive activities, including any suspected compromise or failure of such activities, rather than waiting until the full circumstances or facts become known. Additionally, we believe the congressional intelligence committees should also be notified of a suspected compromise or failure of a DOD sensitive activity when it is supporting an intelligence or intelligence-related activity or the suspected compromise or failure could be reasonably be expected to negatively impact an ongoing activity of the intelligence community. We expect procedures for notifying the congressional intelligence committees of a suspected compromise or failure of a DOD sensitive activity will be developed in consultation with the congressional defense committees.

*Sec. 1623—Codification of Department of Defense insider threat program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1613) that would amend section 131 of title 10, United States Code, by inserting a new section 2225 to codify the Department of Defense Insider Threat Program and modify such program to include all networks and enclaves used by civilian Department of Defense personnel, privileged users, members of the Armed Forces, and Department of Defense contractors who have access to classified, controlled unclassified, or personally identifiable information in furtherance of their work on behalf of the Department of Defense. This section would require the Department of Defense to ensure this program achieves initial operating capability by October 1, 2027, and full operating capability by October 1, 2028. Finally, this section would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a plan for implementing such section, including the resources required and legal or technical concerns that may need to be addressed, among other requirements.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1557).

The agreement includes the House provision with amendment.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a plan for increasing the use of user activity monitoring capabilities on Department of Defense unclassified networks and systems not later than June 1, 2026. The plan shall include the following: (1) Identification of additional networks or systems to be covered by user activity monitoring; (2) Opportunities to integrate user activity monitoring into other cybersecurity or personnel vetting information systems to enhance the availability of data, as well as increase performance for such systems; (3) Proposed timelines, milestones, and anticipated costs for expansion to the additional networks; (4) Identification of resources to continue expansion or integration with other cybersecurity or personnel vet-

ting information systems; (5) An assessment of commercially available tools that could be integrated to improve performance of user activity monitoring capabilities; (6) A description of what data is needed to determine measures of performance and effectiveness; and (7) An assessment of the feasibility of integrating a dashboard capability for user activity monitoring performance data through the Advancing Analytics tool.

*Sec. 1624—Provision by Air Force of meteorological services for intelligence community*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1064) that that would direct the Secretary of the Air Force to provide meteorological and environmental services to the intelligence community.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1625—Annual report on requests of combatant commands for remote sensing data*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1064) that would require the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in consultation with the commanders of the combatant commands, to submit an annual report on the fulfillment of requests for certain remote sensing data.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1626—Review and evaluation of extension of inactive security clearances*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1552) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to update the Department of Defense Manual 5200.02, or any successor manual, to ensure that an individual who has been retired or otherwise separated from service in the Armed Forces or employment with the Department of Defense for a period of not more than 5 years and who was eligible to access classified information on the day before the individual retired or otherwise separated will be granted eligibility by the Secretary to access classified information under specified circumstances. The provision would also require the Secretary to conduct an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of subjecting inactive security clearances to continuous vetting and due diligence and to provide a briefing, not later than June 30, 2026, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the findings of the required assessment.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, to conduct a review and evaluation of the feasibility and advisability of extending the period of inactive security clearances for specified individuals to a period of not more than 5 years.

Subtitle C—Nuclear Forces

*Sec. 1631—Adjustment to responsibilities of Nuclear Weapons Council*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1515) that would make a series of technical adjustments to section 179 of title 10, United States Code, to further clarify the responsibilities of the Nuclear Weapons Council.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1632—Prohibition on reduction of intercontinental ballistic missiles of the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1623) that would prohibit the use of funds authorized for fiscal year 2026 to reduce the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1511(c)) that would prohibit the use of funds authorized for fiscal year 2026 to reduce the number of ICBMs of the United States below the number less than that specified by subsection (n) of section 9062 of title 10, United States Code, or reduce the alert level of the ICBM force; but provide an exception to this prohibition for activities related to maintenance, sustainment, and replacement, or activities to ensure safety, security, or reliability.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would amend section 9062 of title 10, United States Code, to establish a minimum inventory requirement for Air Force ICBMs and a minimum number of ICBM launchers distributed equally across Francis E. Warren, Malmstrom, and Minot Air Force Bases.

*Sec. 1633—Matters relating to the nuclear-armed, sea-launched cruise missile*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1622) that would amend Section 1640(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31), as amended by section 1627 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), to eliminate the statutory requirement for the nuclear sea-launched cruise missile (SLCM-N) to be a Major Defense Acquisition Program.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1517) that would amend Section 1640 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) to establish a rapid fielding parallel path for the SLCM-N program and accelerate the required timeline for reaching initial operational capability (IOC) from 2034 to 2032.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator for Nuclear Security to provide a limited number of assets prior to IOC being achieved to enable limited operational deployment of the SLCM-N weapon system, in a quantity to be determined by the Nuclear Weapons Council, to meet combatant command requirements not later than September 30, 2032, and require

the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Nuclear Weapons Council, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees on details regarding the development of the SLCM-N capability.

*Sec. 1634—Adjustment to bomber aircraft nuclear certification requirement*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 1513) that would amend section 211 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239) to require the Secretary of the Air Force to ensure that the B–21 bomber is operationally certified to employ nuclear gravity bombs not later than 180 days after the date on which the B–21 achieves initial operational capability and employ the AGM–181 Long Range Standoff Weapon not later than 2 years after the date on which either the B–21 bomber or the AGM–181 Long Range Standoff Weapon achieves initial operational capability, whichever is later.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1635—Organizational realignment with respect to Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Deterrence, Chemical and Biological Defense Policy and Programs; limitation on availability of certain funds*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1625) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees within 60 days on continued implementation of section 1621 of the Servicemember Quality of Life National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1514) that would limit the obligation or expenditure of 50 percent of fiscal year 2026 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide funding for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment until the Department of Defense fully implements section 1621 of the Servicemember Quality of Life National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would direct the Secretary of Defense to enact specific organizational adjustments to the Office of the Secretary of Defense to implement section 1621 of the Servicemember Quality of Life National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) be completed within 45 days of enactment, limit the obligation or expenditure of 50 percent of fiscal year 2026 Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide travel funding for the Office of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition until such adjustments are completed, and require a report from the Secretary.

*Sec. 1636—Matters relating to intercontinental ballistic missiles of the United States*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1511) that would establish a target date of initial operational capability for the LGM–35A Sentinel Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) weapon system and minimum inventory requirements for ICBMs and ICBM launch facilities. The provision would also prohibit the use of fiscal year 2026 funds to reduce the quantity of deployed ICBMs to a number less than 400, with exceptions for maintenance, sustainment, or replacement.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to enter into contracts for the life-of-program procurement of solid rocket motor nozzle material and related processing activities for the LGM–35A Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile.

*Sec. 1637—Deep cleaning of launch control centers of the Air Force Global Strike Command*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1520) that would require the deep cleaning of the underground crew capsules at the three intercontinental ballistic missile wings every 5 years.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1638—Limitation on availability of funds pending notification of tasking authority delegation*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1516) that would limit the obligation or expenditure of 50 percent of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, and available to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for travel purposes, until the date on which the Secretary of Defense notifies the congressional defense committees that the delegation of authority described in section 1638(e) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) has been completed.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment to adjust the percentage of funds limited.

*Sec. 1639—Limitation on availability of funds pending commencement of annual briefings on implementation of recommendations by the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1519) that would limit the obligation or expenditure of 10 percent of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, until the date on which the Under Secretary completes the first annual briefing to the congressional defense committees required by section 1637 of the Servicemember Quality of

Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1640—Limitation on availability of funds for compensation caps*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1521) that would prohibit any actions to establish or implement a requirement to establish a cap on reimbursement of compensation and benefits for non-Federal employees under contract with the National Nuclear Security Administration or employees of any Federally-funded research and development center supporting any atomic energy defense activity; the sustainment and modernization of nuclear weapons delivery systems and platforms of the Department of Defense, nuclear command, control, and communications systems of the Department, any associated infrastructure; or the development, testing, or fielding of technologies supporting the Golden Dome missile defense system.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would limit the prohibition to fiscal year 2026.

We direct the Administrator for Nuclear Security, in coordination with the Chair of the Nuclear Weapons Council, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the non-Federal employee workforce of the National Nuclear Security Administration not later than April 15, 2025. Such report shall address, at a minimum:

(1) An overview of size, role and adequacy of the non-Federal employee workforce to meet mission needs, including identification of recruitment and retention challenges;

(2) A description of any targeted exceptions consistent with 10 USC 4304(a) or 41 USC 4304(a) currently utilized by and/or available to the Administrator with respect to the non-Federal employee workforce;

(3) A summary of the impact a substantial change related to limitations on reimbursable compensation for non-Federal employees would have on mission performance, recruitment, and retention, including the identification of any specialist or other category

(4) A sufficiency assessment of the National Nuclear Administration's ability to use the authority for narrowly targeted exceptions under 10 USC 4304(a) or 41 USC 4304(a) to manage potential negative mission impacts of a change described in (3);

(5) A description of the tools and mechanisms available to the Administrator through which potential changes related to limitations on reimbursable compensation for non-Federal employees are assessed prior to their implementation; and

(6) Any other matters that the Administrator and the Chair determine to be relevant.

*Sec. 1641—Strategy to sustain Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile and maximize end-of-life margin*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1624) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to annually submit to the congressional defense committees a strategy on the sustainment of the LGM–30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile capability and associated supporting systems.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1642—Matters relating to Air Force Global Strike Command*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1621) that would amend chapter 907 of title 10, United States Code, to add a new section 9068, "Global Strike Command" to codify the structure and functions of Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC).

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1512) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to reverse any changes made to the manpower, composition, roles, or responsibilities of AFGSC related to efforts to establish an Integrated Capabilities Office or an Integrated Capabilities Command since October 1, 2023; establish limitations on potential future changes to AFGSC composition, roles, or responsibilities that could affect the command's support to U.S. Strategic Command; make a series of adjustments to section 9040(b) of title 10, United States Code, to clarify Air Force requirements for oversight of the nuclear deterrence mission; codify Air Force Mission Directive 63, dated July 12, 2018; and require Air Force to update Air Force Program Action Directive D16–01, dated August 2, 2016, to reflect the requirements of this section within 90 days of enactment.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would make a series of adjustments to section 9040(b) of title 10, United States Code, to clarify Air Force requirements for oversight of the nuclear deterrence mission.

## Subtitle D—Missile Defense Programs

*Sec. 1651—Modification to national missile defense policy to reflect Golden Dome for America policy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1641) that would revise section 5501 of title 10, United States Code, to modify the policy of the United States regarding the national missile defense policy to reflect the establishment of the Golden Dome for America integrated air and missile defense initiative.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1531(a)) that would revise section 5501 of title 10, United States Code, to modify the policy of the United States regarding the national missile defense policy to account for growing threats, clarify that missile defense helps guarantee the viability of an effective nuclear response capability for the United States, and support the cooperative development of missile defense technologies with allies and partners.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to include references to growing threats and the need for missile defense to maintain an effective United States nuclear response ca-

pability to support continued deterrence of strategic attacks against the Homeland.

*Sec. 1652—Golden Dome missile defense system*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1642) that would require annual reports and consolidated budget exhibits for activities related to the next-generation missile defense architecture.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1531(b)) and additional provisions (sec. 1532, sec. 1542, sec. 1543, sec. 1544) related to the scope of, testing plan for, and opportunities to accelerate capabilities for such architecture.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require both annual reports and quarterly briefings on the development of the next-generation missile defense architecture.

We also note the Department's current plans for air and missile defense improvements include both Hawaii and Alaska, as well as Guam. We continue to support these efforts and believe they are essential components of the nation's future air and missile defense posture. Additionally, we direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, assessing the feasibility of, and funding necessary to accelerate the development and deployment of the major elements and programs comprising the next-generation air and missile defense architecture.

*Sec. 1653—Amendments to technical authority of Director of Missile Defense Agency regarding integrated air and missile defense activities and programs*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1536) that would amend section 5531 of title 10, United States Code, by adding "system-level architectures" to the technical authority of the Missile Defense Agency and make other technical corrections.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1654—Prohibition on privatized or subscription-based missile defense intercept capabilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1643) that would amend 23 Subchapter II of chapter 551 of title 10, United States Code, by adding a new section 5516 to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from developing, deploying, testing, or operating a missile defense system with kinetic missile defense capabilities if such system is: (1) Not owned and operated by the Armed Forces; and (2) Provided via a subscription-based service, pay-for-service, or recurring fee model.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1655—Matters related to integrated air and missile defense capabilities to defend Guam*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1645) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees an unclassified summary of the report required by section 1660 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) not later than April 1, 2026.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1535) that would require that any removal of the Aegis Guam Combat System from the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility be consistent with section 162(a) of title 10, United States Code, using procedures outlined under Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Manual 3130.06D, or successor document, and require a notification to the congressional defense committees within 10 days of the commencement of any such removal.

The Senate bill also contained a provision (sec. 1539) that would limit the obligation or expenditure of 10 percent of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 for Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, and available to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, until the date on which the Under Secretary completes the first annual briefing to the congressional defense committees required by section 1648 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

The agreement includes Senate provision section 1539 with an amendment that would prohibit the use of fiscal year 2026 funding to remove an integrated air and missile defense system or capability from Guam unless the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff provides a 10-day advance notification of such removal and require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees an unclassified summary of the report required by section 1660 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

*Sec. 1656—Design and construction of missile instrumentation range safety vessels*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1531(c)) that would require the Director of the Missile Defense Agency to initiate such actions as are necessary to establish and ensure the validation of requirements for two replacement missile instrumentation range safety vessels for the National Defense Reserve Fleet to allow for the construction of such vessels to begin not later than September 30, 2026. The Senate bill also contained a provision (sec. 1531(d)) that would require the provisions of the Secretary of Defense memorandum titled "Direct Reporting Program Manager Appointment for Golden Dome for America" and dated May 27, 2025, shall remain in force until changed by law.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 3534).

The agreement includes the Senate provisions with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1657—Iron Dome short-range rocket defense system and Israeli cooperative missile defense program co-development and co-production*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1534) that would authorize funding for the procurement of the Iron Dome short-range rocket defense system, David's Sling Weapon System, and Arrow 3 Upper Tier Interceptor Program as outlined under the Memorandum of Agreement between the United States and the Government of Israel for cooperative missile defense programs.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1658—Limitation on authority to reduce sustainment for or halt operation of the AN/FPS–108 COBRA DANE radar*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1652) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from reducing sustainment efforts for, halt operation of, or prepare to reduce

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1541).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1659—Limitation on availability of funds pending independent analysis of space-based missile defense capability*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1540) that would limit the obligation and expenditure of fiscal year 2026 funds for operation and maintenance of the Missile Defense Agency until it enters into an arrangement in accordance with section 1671(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) and notifies the congressional defense committees of such arrangement.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1660—Assessment of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1537) that would require the Director of the Test Resource Management Center (TRMC) to visit the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Test Site each year until March 31, 2030, and assess the site and the state of infrastructure supporting test and evaluation facilities. Further, the provision would require the director to brief the congressional defense committees on the findings of the visit not later than 30 days after the visit. The provision would provide a waiver to delegate the visit to a senior official within the TRMC.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1661—Biennial assessments of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1538) that would require biennial assessments of the capability of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site on U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment to assign responsibility for conducting the assessment to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff rather than the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM), and other technical corrections.

## Subtitle E—Matters Relating to Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena

*Sec. 1671—Briefings on intercepts of unidentified anomalous phenomena by North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1555) that would amend section 1683(l) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81) to include a new element for the semi-annual briefing requirement to include details on any unidentified anomalous phenomena intercepts conducted by the North American Aerospace Defense Command or U.S. Northern Command.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1672—Elimination of duplicative reporting requirements relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1561) that would modify the reporting requirements applicable to the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate bill with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1673—Accounting of security classification guides relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1556) that would direct the Director of the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act to issue a consolidated security classification guidance matrix for programs relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

## Subtitle F—Matters Relating to Electromagnetic Warfare

*Sec. 1681—Modification of functions of Electromagnetic Spectrum Enterprise Operational Lead for Joint Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations to include dynamic spectrum sharing technologies*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1563) that modifies the functions of the Electromagnetic Spectrum Enterprise Operational Lead for Joint Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations under section 500e of title 10, United States Code, to include evaluation

of tactics, techniques, and procedures for dynamic spectrum sharing technologies.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment that removes assignment of the test and evaluation functions.

*Sec. 1682—Integration of electronic warfare into Tier 1 and Tier 2 joint training exercises*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1554) that would move section 1091 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) to chapter 25 of title 10, United States Code, as a new section 500(g) and extend the termination date from fiscal year 2026 to fiscal year 2030. The Senate provision would also require the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to annually brief the congressional defense committees on the results of the exercises in this provision as it applies to electronic warfare.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1683—Annual review of the Joint Electromagnetic Battle Management Software Program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1553) that would require the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the Department of Defense to enter into a contract with a federally funded research and development center to review, on an annual basis, the development of the Joint Electromagnetic Battle Management Software Program, ending October 1, 2031. The Senate provision would also require the CIO to brief the congressional defense committees annually, not later than September 30 of each year through 2031, on the results of the review.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment placing this responsibility with the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command.

*Sec 1684—Support by the 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing to EA–37B Compass Call aircraft*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 1558) that requires the U.S. Air Force's 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing to support the EA–37B Compass Call Aircraft.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

Subtitle G—Other Matters

*Sec 1691—Cooperative threat reduction funds*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1301) that would authorize $282.8 million for the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program, define the funds as authorized to be appropriated in sec-

tion 301 of this Act, and authorize CTR funds to be available for obligation for fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1651).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec 1692—Prohibition on access to Department of Defense cloud-based resources by certain individuals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1616) that would prohibit individuals from foreign countries from accessing any Department of Defense (DOD) cloud computing system.

The Senate bill contained similar provisions (sec. 6613 and 1620D).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that establishes an immediate prohibition of access by individuals located in covered nations and a prohibition, to be established not later than January 1, 2028, of any citizens of a covered nation.

We note that in addition to changes needed to implement this provision, the DOD should review the revisions made to the Cloud Computing Security Requirements Guide this past summer in response to incidents involving the use of technical support engineers and work with industry to identify and remediate areas of confusion or ambiguity. Key areas requiring clarification include: the definition of access; screening requirements for cloud service provider personnel who lack standing access to U.S. Government data; the authoritative source and change process for country classifications; the role of component authorizing officials in oversight; and harmonization of country designations with this provision, including potential exception processes consistent with existing export control regimes. The Department should actively engage with industry to identify additional areas requiring clarification or refinement.

Furthermore, we direct the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to conduct an audit of cloud computing contracts for the Department of Defense to assess the risk of exposure of sensitive information, including data, systems architecture details, procedures, or other controlled unclassified information, as a result of policies that may have allowed computer scientists or engineers from foreign countries of concern to access proposed software updates to underlying cloud computing infrastructure or operating systems, and provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than September 20, 2026. The report on this audit shall include the following: (1) Determination of how many cloud computing contracts the Department has that may be or have been supported by employees located in foreign countries of concern or are citizens of foreign countries of concern; (2) Identification of policies or clauses in such cloud computing contracts that allow for the use of so-

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*Pilot program for unmanned aerial vehicle resupply to launch control facilities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1518) that would authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to carry out a pilot program over a period of up to 3 years to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of resupplying intercontinental ballistic missile facilities using unmanned aircraft systems.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Independent assessment of the Department of Defense National Industrial Security Program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1551) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct an independent assessment of the National Industrial Security Program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We are aware that the Department of Defense has initiated an effort known as the Fast-tracking Acquisition Security Transformation (FAST) study, which is intended to identify and resolve security bottlenecks that hinder the rapid delivery of critical technology to our warfighters and make recommendations to modernize security policies and processes. The FAST study has focused on several key challenges, including foreign ownership, control and influence, cybersecurity, information systems authorizations, classified facility accreditation, facility clearances, personnel, and subcontracting. We applaud the Department for proactively engaging in this effort, and with the broad industry outreach, they have started to gain better understanding of the impacts of the challenges for industry and the ensuing impact on the government's ability to be responsive to industry needs. We expect this study will also inform the government on any potential personnel shortfalls that may exist in the evolution of processes that have not had commensurate staffing increases to accommodate those changes. We look forward to the final report, and to discussions about how that report will inform future budgeting and resourcing decisions for the Department.

*Report on the technical collection capabilities of the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation in the Republic of Cuba*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1559) that would require a report on the technical collection capabilities of the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation in the Republic of Cuba.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-

tives and the congressional intelligence committees within 180 days of enactment of this Act on the technical collection capabilities of the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation in the Republic of Cuba. The report shall include an assessment of the current technical capabilities and potential expansion of such capabilities, the counterintelligence risks associated with such capabilities, and the capabilities and resources of the Department of Defense to counter any technical collection capabilities of the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation in the Republic of Cuba.

*Extension of protection of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 1560) that would extend the sunset date on section 130i of the United States Code, from December 31, 2026, to December 31, 2027, and the date by which the President must ask for an extension of this provision to extend coverage of the provision for another 180 days from November 15, 2026, to November 15, 2027.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision. Extension of the sunset date for section 130i in treated elsewhere in this Act.

*Limitation on modification of certain electromagnetic spectrum relied on by Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1564) that would amend section 488 of title 10, United States Code, to limit the Secretary of Defense's authority to modify certain electromagnetic spectrum relied on by the Department of Defense until September 30, 2034, or when dynamic spectrum sharing is certified as fully operational.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Advance payments for commercial satellite communication services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1602) that would allow advance payments to be made for commercial satellite communication services.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision, as the issue is addressed elsewhere in the bill.

*Assistance by United States Space Command to track fentanyl trafficking*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1608) that would amend chapter 135 of title 10, United States Code, by adding a new section on a provision of assistance to track fentanyl trafficking.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We believe that the Secretary of Defense should support the interagency, as appropriate, by sharing information that is delivered to the U.S. Space Command with regards to monitoring fentanyl trafficking, including precursor chemicals and supplies.

*Modification of authority of Army counterintelligence agents to execute warrants and make arrests*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1612) that would amend section 7377 of title 10, United States Code, to strike the sunset for the authority of Army counterintelligence agents to execute warrants and make arrests.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We continue to support the work of Army Counterintelligence Command to fully implement the new authorities authorized by the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) and understand final guidance on the use of the enhanced authority under section 7377 of title 10, United States Code, is imminent. We look forward to receiving regular updates from the Army on efforts to enhance the Army's counterintelligence efforts.

*Requirement to authorize additional security clearances for certain contractors*

The House bill included a provision (sec. 1615) that would authorize an entity that enters into a covered contract or agreement with a component of the Department of Defense to designate additional covered persons who may submit an application for a security clearance in specified circumstances.

The Senate bill included no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize that personnel who support certain covered contracts may require security clearances to perform key management and oversight functions of those contracts. However, we remain concerned about delays in the issuance of regulations and policies to further expand clearance access, as required by section 6605 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263). Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than March 31, 2026, on the status of regulations and policies to support additional security clearances for personnel supporting covered contracts. The briefing shall include the following information:

(1) Anticipated implementation timelines and resource requirements;

(2) A list of specific officers and offices responsible for developing and implementing the policies; and

(3) Any barriers to issuing the policies.

*National Security Agency support for defense industrial base and critical infrastructure cybersecurity operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1617) that would amend subchapter I of chapter 21 of title 10, United States Code, to add a new section which would allow the Director of the National Security Agency to carry out activities to support the cybersecurity of the defense industrial base, the telecommunications sector, and cybersecurity service providers.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on delays in accreditation of sensitive compartmented information facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1619) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on delays in the accreditation of sensitive compartmented information facilities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the House Report accompanying H.R. 3838 (H. Rept. 119–231) of the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 included a requirement for a report on complying with Intelligence Community Directive 705, which aligns significantly with the requirements in section 1619. We believe that if the Department includes in that report an element to also provide recommendations to ensure timely accreditation of the facilities covered by that report, that reporting requirement should address this request.

*Review of the occupational health and safety conditions of operational facilities associated with the LGM–30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile system*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1627) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to enter into an agreement with the Executive Officer of the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a review of the occupational health and safety conditions of specified LGM–30G Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile facilities and submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 18 months from the date of the enactment.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We encourage the Department of the Air Force to continue to closely monitor facilities and take appropriate steps to limit servicemember exposure to toxic or hazardous substances should such substances be detected.

*Funding for sea-based launch for missile defense targets*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1644) that would adjust the amounts authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, to increase the amount of funding to be made available for sea-based launch for missile defense targets, with an offsetting reduction in the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operations and Maintenance, Army, Other Service Support.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Middle East integrated air and missile defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1646) that would amend Section 1658 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Au-

thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) to require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees containing an update on progress made toward implementing an integrated air and missile defense architecture with U.S. allies and partners in the Middle East.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1251) that would also require the Secretary of Defense to continue to seek to cooperate with allies and partners in the Middle East area of responsibility on integrated air and missile defense capabilities.

The agreement does not include either provision.

We believe that the Secretary of Defense should continue to seek to cooperate with allies and partners in the Middle East with respect to implementing an integrated air and missile defense architecture to protect U.S. deployed forces in the region and the people, infrastructure, and territory of such allies and partners from cruise and ballistic missiles, manned and unmanned aerial systems, and rocket attacks from Iran and groups linked to Iran. Further, we direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, a report, not later than May 31, 2026, on further implementation of the integrated air and missile defense architecture in the area of responsibility of the U.S. Central Command as required by Section 1658 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023. The report shall include the following:

(1) Any changes to the initial assessment of the threat to allies and partners within the area of responsibility of the U.S. Central Command posed by ballistic and cruise missiles, manned and unmanned aerial systems, and rocket attacks launched from Iran and by groups linked to Iran;

(2) A description of:

(a) the missile defense priorities and capability needs of the U.S. Central Command with respect to defense against the threats described in subparagraph (1); and

(b) the planned regional missile defense architectures derived from such priorities and capability needs.

(3) An analysis of current integrated air and missile defense systems within the area of responsibility of the U.S. Central Command to defend against threats described in subparagraph (1) and to meet the priorities identified under subparagraph (2);

(4) A description of the progress made toward addressing challenges identified in implementing the strategy required by section 1658(b) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023;

(5) An identification of elements of the multinational integrated air and missile defense architecture that have been acquired by specified foreign partners in the area of responsibility since October 7, 2023;

(6) With respect to the defensive operations against aerial threats since October 7, 2023, namely the ballistic missile and

drone attacks against Israel that occurred on April 13, 2024, and October 1, 2024, the following:

(a) lessons learned with respect to the adequacy of data-sharing agreements in facilitating effective joint responses, and recommendations for further improvements to such agreements, if needed;

(b) an evaluation of the extent to which the strategy required by section 1658(b) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 contributed to the defensive operations described in this clause;

(c) lessons learned with respect to countering projectiles launched by the Houthis in Yemen against maritime targets in the area of responsibility of the U.S. Central Command; and

(d) total costs, including deployment of systems and interceptor inventory expended, of U.S. integrated air and missile defense systems located in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility since October 7, 2023; and

(7) Any other matter the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

The report submitted should be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex. Any activity carried out in writing this report shall be conducted in a manner that is consistent with protection of intelligence sources and methods and appropriately protects sensitive information and the national security interests of the United States.

*Sense of Congress with respect to Arrow interceptor production capacity and inventory*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1653) that would express the sense of Congress it is in the national security interest of the United States to help allies and partners, including Israel, strengthen their air and missile defense capability and capacity, and require a report on cooperative U.S. and Israeli efforts on expanding Arrow missile defense system production.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Director of the Missile Defense Agency to brief the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2026, on: (1) An assessment of Israel's Arrow missile defense system capacity as of the date of the enactment of this section, including launchers and interceptors; (2) An assessment of the current supply base for such system and how such supply base can be strengthened; (3) A summary of the steps the Department of Defense is taking in cooperation with industry and the Government of Israel to increase Arrow missile defense production capacity and inventory; (4) An identification of any challenges or obstacles encountered and current plans to address such challenges or obstacles; (5) Specific authorities or appropriations that Congress could provide to expedite and expand efforts to increase Arrow missile defense system production capacity and the number of deployed systems and interceptors; and (6) An assessment of what additional steps would be required to establish a fully redundant Arrow production capacity in the United States.

*Enhancement of space domain awareness through ground based sensor development*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6501) that would, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, direct the Secretary of the Air Force to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on efforts by the Space Force to expand space domain awareness infrastructure.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We agree that the Secretary of the Air Force should provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 31, 2026. The briefing shall include:

(1) A description of current and planned infrastructure, equipment, and capability expansions;

(2) A summary of current and planned engagement with institutions of higher education that possess demonstrated expertise in space domain awareness, including electro-optical sensor development, tasking algorithms, and automation frameworks; and

(3) An assessment of the ability to integrate research and development from academic partners into operational testing and training environments in support of space domain awareness objectives.

*Transfer of Foreign Languages Program to Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6551) that would direct the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense to transfer the execution of the Foreign Languages Program, including personnel, assets, and facilities from the Director to the Secretary.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, not later than February 15, 2026, to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on a strategy to transfer any programs pertaining to foreign language training currently in title 50, United States Code, for which members of the armed services or Department of Defense civilians are beneficiaries, to title 10, United States Code, in order to fall under the jurisdiction the Department of Defense. The briefing shall include technical drafting assistance to execute such a transfer in fiscal year 2027, any budgetary resourcing considerations that would result from such a transfer, recommendations to address such concerns, and any other matters the Secretary deems appropriate.

*Strategy on quantum readiness*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6611) that would, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense (DOD), to submit to the congressional defense committees a strategy on quantum readiness.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, to submit to the congressional defense committees not later than July 1, 2026 a report on the readiness of DOD cryptographic systems to adopt quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms and practices. Such report shall include:

(1) An assessment of the risks that quantum computing poses to DOD systems and data;

(2) A determination of which DOD systems and data are most vulnerable to quantum threats and critical to protect, and timelines for the transition of such systems to quantum-resilient capabilities;

(3) An identification of the progress made by components of the DOD in inventorying and migrating all cryptographic systems to post-quantum cryptography by 2035;

(4) A plan to adopt and deploy automated quantum readiness platform tools that provide continuous visibility into DOD systems, automate the prioritization of cryptographic risks, and facilitate remediation of insecure systems;

(5) An identification of the methodology used for evaluating and validating DOD cryptographic systems;

(6) An estimate of resources needed to achieve quantum readiness by 2035;

(7) Identification of reconciliation funds that will be allocated and obligated for this purpose across specific programs; and

(8) Any other matters as the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

## TITLE XVII—OTHER DEFENSE MATTERS

*Sec. 1701—Technical and conforming amendments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1721) that would make technical and conforming amendments to existing law.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with technical and conforming amendments.

*Sec. 1702—Copyright to a literary work produced by a civilian faculty member of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in the course of such employment: free use by the Federal Government*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1701) that would add copyright protection for certain literary works at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1703—Temporary authority for nonimmigrant construction workers on Wake Island*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1052) that would amend section 6(b)(1)(B) of the Joint Resolution titled "A Joint Resolution to approve the 'Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America', and for other purposes" (48 U.S.C.

1806(b)(1)(B)), approved March 24, 1976, by extending the deadline for certain nonimmigrant H–2B workers to 2031.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1704—Mapping and report on strategic ports*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1705) that would require the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to complete a study and report on the value of key port infrastructure and the People's Republic of China's efforts to acquire or otherwise gain controlling access of them.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 1705—Authorization of United States Coast Guard rotary aircraft work at Department of Defense depots*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1731) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to conduct rotary aircraft work for the Department of Homeland Security and the United States Coast Guard at any Department of Defense depot.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the work to be performed on a reimbursable basis and a certification that Coast Guard repair facilities are at or above capacity prior to the use of this authority.

*Sec. 1706—Continual assessment of impact of international state arms embargoes on Israel and actions to address defense capability gaps*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1706) that would direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, to conduct a continual assessment on the effect of international state arms embargoes on Israel and the resulting gaps or vulnerabilities in Israel's security posture.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1707—Protection of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 350) that would extend, expand, and modify Department of Defense authorities to counter unmanned aircraft systems.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement contains the Senate provision with amendments.

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*Combating illicit tobacco products*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1702) that would establish a process for approving the sale of certain Electronic Nico-

tine Delivery System products or oral nicotine products at military commissaries and exchanges.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the only military entities in which non-Department of Defense (DOD) retail establishments sell tobacco products are the Marine Corps and the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS). We further note that, previously, certain non-DOD retail establishments selling tobacco products have offered items that violate applicable Federal tobacco regulations.

We direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commandant of the Marine Corps, to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2026, on steps the WHS and Marine Corps are taking to ensure that all tobacco and nicotine-containing products sold at establishments under contract with or on installations operated by the WHS or the Marine Corps are compliant with Federal tobacco regulations, including the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.). The briefing shall include a description of the oversight process the Office of the Director of Administration and Management and installation commanders use to verify that non-DOD retail establishments are in compliance with Federal tobacco regulations as well as any recent changes that have been implemented to ensure the aforementioned compliance.

*Transfer or possession of defense items for national defense purposes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1722) that would amend section 922 of title 18, United States Code, to authorize the controlled transfer of defense articles for government end users to, from, and between appropriately licensed government contractors for national security purposes.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Evaluation of risks posed by communications equipment and services produced by foreign adversary entities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1723) that creates a national security review process for unmanned aircraft systems and related communications and video equipment, including software.

The Senate bill contained no such provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Sense of Congress with respect to execution of warrants of the International Criminal Court*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1724) that would encourage the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to use international forums to engage the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Major Non-NATO allies to ensure they do not enforce warrants issued by the International Criminal Court against members of the

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Briefing on expediting arms transfers to Israel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1725) that would require a briefing on expediting arms transfers to Israel.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We support the transfer of arms to Israel to assist its defense against shared regional adversaries, including Iran and Iranian-backed terrorist groups such as Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah. Therefore, we direct that, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, on the status of deliveries to the Government of Israel of any military aircraft or air-launched munitions approved for transfer that are undelivered or partially delivered.

The briefing shall include:

(1) The estimated delivery timetable and any ongoing or potential measures associated with the items, including advance training and integration challenges;

(2) Specific reasons for any delay related to the United States Government, defense suppliers, or a foreign government;

(3) The feasibility and advisability of providing the State of Israel an interim capability;

(4) What measures are being taken or could be taken to address barriers to deliveries to Israel, including recommended changes to authorities or appropriations that Congress could provide.

*Feasibility study on extending critical minerals procurement authorities to other Federal agencies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1726) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, the Administrator of General Services Administration, and the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, to conduct a study on the feasibility of providing to other Federal agencies authorities similar to Department of Defense critical mineral procurement authorities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on plan to increase exportation of defense-related components and materials*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1727) that would require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade and in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to submit to the Congress a strategy to increase the exportation of domestically manufactured, defense-related components and materials.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*GAO study on Department of Defense reliance on Chinese-sourced materials*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1728) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a component-level assessment on the reliance of the Department of Defense on Chinese-sourced materials in munitions, microelectronics, and energy storage systems, including recommendations for alternative sourcing strategies.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the importance of supply chain stability for critical munitions, microelectronics, and energy storage systems and commend the Department of Defense for their efforts to shore up and diversify the supply chain.

*Report on interagency coordination targeting fentanyl and precursor chemicals*

The House contained a provision (sec. 1729) requiring a report on interagency coordination to counter fentanyl trafficking and production.

The Senate contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, on coordination between the Department of Defense, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Homeland Security to counter fentanyl trafficking and develop or implement policies to disrupt or discourage supplies of precursor chemicals for fentanyl production. The report should identify current coordination between the Departments in detection, monitoring, and interdiction activities; health information operations; healthcare services; and any plans for expanding such coordination.

*Government Accountability Office audit of national security foreign exchange programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1730) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to provide a briefing and submit a report to the congressional defense committees containing the results of an audit with respect to the international defense personnel exchange programs of the Department of Defense, to assess the extent to which such programs are coordinated across the Armed Forces, combatant commands, and defense agencies.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the value of improved oversight and coordination of international defense personnel exchange programs, and therefore direct the Comptroller General to provide a briefing, not later than September 1, 2026, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, containing information on the international defense personnel exchange programs of the Department of Defense, to assess the extent to which such programs are coordinated across the Armed Forces, combatant com-

mands, and defense agencies. The briefing should include the following programs:

(1) Military Reserve Exchange Program;

(2) Engineer and Scientist Exchange Program;

(3) Foreign Academy Exchange Program;

(4) Personnel Exchange Program; and

(5) All other Department of Defense funded exchange programs that enhance international cooperation and military interoperability.

The briefing should also include the following:

(1) An assessment of whether a centralized entity within the Department of Defense oversees or coordinates international defense personnel exchange programs;

(2) An assessment of whether any policies, regulations, or directives mandate administration of such programs across military services and defense agencies;

(3) An assessment of whether the lack of coordination has resulted in gaps in strategy, inefficiencies, or duplicative efforts; and

(4) An assessment of any key factors that limit the ability of the Department to host foreign personnel in an exchange program.

*Briefing on supply chain exposure*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1732) that would, not later than August 1, 2024, require the Secretary of Defense to brief the congressional defense committees on the North American Treaty Organization Procurement and Supply Agency procurement exposure and supply chain risks with respect to China, including dependency risk, security risk, and resilience risk.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than April 1, 2026, on North American Treaty Organization Procurement and Supply Agency acquisition and supply chain risks with respect to China.

*Recognition and honoring of service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1733) that would amend section 106 of title 38, United States Code, to recognize and honor the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize and honor the service of the individuals that served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II.

*Interest on funds provided to Federal Communications Commission*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1733A) that would prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from charging interest

on funds borrowed by the Federal Communications Commission under section 5404(c) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on Henry E. Rohlsen Airport in St. Croix*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1733B) that would require the Secretary of Defense to study and report on the readiness of Henry E. Rohlsen Airport in St. Croix for use by the U.S. Air Force.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the importance of enhancing regional readiness and security cooperation capabilities within the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility, including through the potential use of civilian airports for contingency and emergency operations. Accordingly, we direct the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026, on the feasibility of using Henry E. Rohlsen Airport in St. Croix for U.S. Air Force operations. The briefing shall include an assessment of the infrastructure, facilities, and requirements necessary to support such use, along with recommendations to enable or improve its feasibility.

*Strategy to counter Iranian and Hezbollah influence operations in Latin America*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1733D) directing the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, to submit to the appropriate congressional committees a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's and Hezbollah's propaganda, religious networks, and influence operations in Latin America.

The Senate bill did not contain a similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Strategy to encourage defections from the Government of Iran*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1733E) that would direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to develop and submit to Congress a strategy aimed at encouraging defections by Senior Iranian security officials and members of the armed forces.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Penalties for unlawful entry and violation of security regulations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1733G) that would amend section 1382 of title 18, United States Code, and section 21 of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 797) to make a violation of unlawful entry into a national defense area a general intent crime and increase the penalty for such violation to imprisonment for up to 2 years.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on arms sales of the People's Republic of China*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1734) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to submit a report on arms sales facilitated by entities in the People's Republic of China.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense's annual report on Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China required by section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106–65) is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of China's military strength and security relationships with other countries. We expect that future iterations of the Department of Defense's annual report on Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China will include an analysis of arms sales facilitated by entities in the People's Republic of China, as appropriate. Additionally, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, we direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, a briefing on arms sales facilitated by entities in the People's Republic of China. At a minimum, the briefing shall include an analysis of:

(1) The weapons systems and defense equipment originating from the People's Republic of China available for purchase;

(2) The technical aspects and capabilities of such weapons systems and defense equipment;

(3) How such weapons systems and defense equipment may impact the balance of power in the area of responsibility of each United States combatant command, when applicable;

(4) The weapons systems and defense equipment originating from the People's Republic of China that are considered direct alternatives to weapons systems and defense equipment originating from the United States;

(5) The weapons systems and defense equipment originating from the People's Republic of China that present the greatest security risks regarding the potential to collect intelligence on or compromise assets, weapons, or platforms of the United States;

(6) The countries mostly likely to procure weapons systems and defense equipment originating from the People's Republic of China, including the specific type, quantity, and estimated value in United States dollars of weapons;

(7) The weapons systems and defense equipment in development as of the date of the submission of the report by entities in the People's Republic of China that could be available on the global market not later than 5 years after such date;

(8) The factors that incentivize countries to procure such weapons systems and defense equipment, including costs, flexi-

ble payment conditions and financing, a lack of end-user agreements, and speed of sale and delivery; and

(9) The strategy of the People's Republic of China regarding arms sales and variables that could influence such strategy.

*Strategy to combat arms sales of the People's Republic of China*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1735) that would, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, require the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to develop a strategy to dissuade purchases of new weapons systems and defense equipment, excluding spare parts or parts for maintenance of previously procured weapons, originating from the People's Republic of China.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Securing American Funding and Expertise from Adversarial Research Exploitation Act of 2025*

The House bill contained multiple provisions (sec. 1736, sec. 1737, sec. 1738, sec. 1739, and sec. 1740) on the Securing American Funding and Expertise from Adversarial Research Exploitation Act of 2025.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provisions.

## TITLE XVIII—ACQUISITION REFORM

### Subtitle A—Alignment of the Defense Acquisition System

*Sec. 1801—Alignment of the defense acquisition system with the needs of members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1801) that would amend chapter 205 of title 10, United States Code, to establish that the defense acquisition system exists to expeditiously provide the United States Armed Forces with the capabilities necessary to operate effectively, address evolving threats, and maintain the military advantage of the United States in the most cost-effective manner practicable. This section would also make conforming amendments to sections 139 and 139a of title 10, related to the responsibilities of the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation and the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation to align with the aforementioned stated objectives of the acquisition system. In addition, this section would require the Secretary of Defense to revise Department of Defense Directive 5000.01 and any other relevant instructions, policies, or guidance to carry out the requirements of this section not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1802—Establishment of the role of portfolio acquisition executive*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1802) that would insert a new section in chapter 87 of title 10, United States Code, to formally establish the role of a Program Executive Officer (PEO) as the senior official responsible for the oversight of the plans, budgets, and execution of the programs assigned to the portfolio of such senior official. The provision would also establish the objectives and specific responsibilities for a PEO.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 801).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

We believe transitioning Program Executive Officers to Portfolio Acquisition Executives (PAEs) will enable the Department of Defense to transition from managing acquisitions on a program by program basis to managing portfolios of programs to better deliver capabilities to end-users. We believe that in order for portfolio management to work, PAEs must be provided with functional support from the disparate stakeholders of the acquisition system including contracting, budgeting, engineering, and related disciplines, and be empowered to make decisions across all of these areas. We intend PAEs to reduce bureaucracy, not to add an additional layer of bureaucracy. To accomplish this, we intend for PAEs to report directly to the service acquisition executives and program managers to report directly to the PAE. Functional support for the portfolio should, to the maximum extent practicable, be under the operational control of the PAE with administrative control of personnel and certain clearances retained outside of PAE authority as needed.

*Sec. 1803—Amendments to life-cycle management and product support*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1803) that would establish a new section in chapter 87 of title 10, United States Code, to elevate and strengthen the role of a product support manager as the individual responsible for managing the support functions required to field and maintain the readiness and operational capability of major weapon systems in support of the program manager's life cycle management responsibilities. The section would also make further amendments to chapter 87 to establish the product support manager as a critical acquisition position and enact minimum education, training, and experience requirements. The House bill also contained two provisions (sec. 1804 and sec. 1805) that would make amendments chapter 323 of title 10, United States Code, to strengthen and clarify the requirements of the Secretary of Defense related to life-cycle sustainment planning and product support to ensure the systems acquired by the Department of Defense are operationally relevant, reliable, and cost-effective to operate and maintain. The House bill would also make clarifying amendments to section 118 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 870) that would modify product support manager responsibilities in section 4324 of title 10, United States Code.

The agreement includes the House provisions with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1804—Adjustments to certain acquisition thresholds*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1821) that would make revisions to several contracting thresholds established in title 10 and title 41, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 839).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would make revisions to several contracting thresholds established in title 10.

*Sec. 1805—Modification to acquisition strategy*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 803) that would amend section 4211 of title 10, United States Code, by modifying specific requirements for acquisition strategies.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1806—Matters related to cost accounting standards*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1824) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to identify and implement actions necessary to reduce or eliminate requirements for compliance with Cost Accounting Standards in cases where Generally Accepted Accounting Principles would serve as a viable commercial accounting standard and system.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 806).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, conduct a review to identify actions to streamline the Department of Defense implementation of compliance with requirements associated with the cost accounting standards established under section 1502 of title 41, United States Code. We direct the Secretary to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 15, 2026, on the findings of the review and progress made in updating associated policies and regulations.

We also direct the Comptroller General of the United States to, not later than March 15, 2026, provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives on the progress made in implementing the requirements of this section.

*Sec. 1807—Establishment of Project Spectrum*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1807) that would amend chapter 19 of title 10, United States Code, to codify Project Spectrum, the purpose of which is to provide to covered entities, through an online platform, digital resources and services that in-

crease awareness about cybersecurity risks and help such covered entities to comply with the cybersecurity requirements of the defense acquisition system.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

## Subtitle B—Requirements Process Reform

*Sec. 1811—Modifications to Joint Requirements Oversight Council*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 911) that would amend section 181 of title 10, United States Code, by modifying the responsibilities of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council and make conforming amendments.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1811).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1812—Ensuring successful implementation of requirements reform*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1812) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish the Requirements, Acquisition and Programming Integration Directorate.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 913).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide biannual updates, not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act and every 180 days thereafter until September 30, 2027, on the implementation of amendments to section 181 of title 10, United States Code, made by this Act, and actions directed in the Secretary's memorandum dated August 20, 2025, related to establishing a modern requirements process. These updates shall include: (1) Progress in terminating the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System and implementing a replacement requirements process; (2) Establishment of the Requirements and Resourcing Alignment Board; (3) Implementation of the Joint Acceleration Reserve; (4) Establishment of a Mission Engineering and Integration Activity; and (5) The status of each military service in reforming their requirements processes, in accordance with the Secretary's guidance.

## Subtitle C—Matters Relating to Commercial Products and Commercial Services

*Sec. 1821—Modifications to relationship of other provisions of law to procurement of commercial products and commercial services*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 831) that would amend section 3452 of title 10, United States Code, to require identification of defense-unique contract clause requirements for the procurement of commercial products and commercial services that are based on statute, Executive Orders, or acquisition policies.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1822—Modifications to commercial products and commercial services*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 825) that would amend sections 3453 and 3456 of title 10, United States Code, to establish a formal process for determining the non-availability of commercial products or commercial services and require the contracting officer and program manager of the Department of Defense to submit written memoranda before using non-commercial solicitation procedures explaining the decision based on market research and requirements analyses. The provision would also add consultants, researchers, and advisors as acquisition officials to ensure their compliance with rules prioritizing the preference for commercial products and commercial services when supporting the Department market research and requirements drafting.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1823—Modifications to commercial solutions openings*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 826) that would amend section 3458 of title 10, United States Code, by expanding the purposes for which the commercial solutions openings solicitation procedure may be used and creating an authority for sole-source follow-on procurements provided the procedures of sections 4022 or 3204 of title 10, United States Code, are followed.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1824—Limitation on required flowdown of contract clauses to subcontractors providing commercial products or commercial services*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 832) that would amend chapter 247 of title 10, United States Code, by creating a new section, that would limit the required flowdown of contract clauses for subcontracts and supply agreements providing commercial products or commercial services.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1825—Consumption-based solutions*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 829) that would amend chapter 253 of title 10, United States Code that would make permanent the procedures for consumption-based solutions that can be metered and billed based on actual usage and have predetermined pricing based on fixed price units.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1826—Exemptions for nontraditional defense contractors*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 823) that would exempt nontraditional defense contractors as defined by section 3014 of title 10, United States Code, from certain business requirements.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1827—Clarification of conditions for payments for commercial products and commercial services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1822) that would amend section 3805 of title 10, United States Code, to clarify that a payment under a contract for the acquisition of services provided in accordance with a commercially utilized acquisition strategy shall not be considered an advance payment and shall not be subject to the conditions of section 3803 of title 10, United States Code. Nothing in this section would relieve the head of the agency of the responsibility to determine that the terms and conditions for payment are in the best interests of the United States or prevent the head of the agency from obtaining adequate security for the payments. This section would also amend section 3324 of title 31, United States Code, by authorizing the head of an agency to pay in advance from appropriations available for commercially available content, and certain charges for information and communication technologies subscriptions, reservations, or tenancy (including cloud environments) for which the procuring agency defines appropriate access and security standards.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would amend section 3805 of title 10, United States Code, to clarify that a payment under a contract for the acquisition of services provided in accordance with a commercially utilized acquisition strategy shall not be considered an advance payment and shall not be subject to

*Sec. 1828—Review of commercial products and commercial services acquisition approach*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1825) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to conduct a comprehensive review of the Department's approach to commercial buying and the implementation of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (FASA, Public Law 103–355). This House section would also require the Secretary, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees with a report that describes the findings from the review and corrective actions taken by the Secretary to address the matters identified during the review that are not in compliance with FASA or other statutory or regulatory requirements intended to advance and enable the procurement of commercial products and services.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle D—Improvements to Acquisition Programs

*Sec. 1831—Modifications to procurement for experimental purposes*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 828) that would amend section 4023 of title 10, United States Code, by expanding the purposes for which procurement is allowed for experimentation purposes.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1832—Modifications to requirements for modular open system approach*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1833) that would amend chapter 327 of title 10, United States Code, to streamline and simplify the requirements for a modular open system approach to the design and development of a major weapon system. This section would also make conforming amendments to section 3771 of title 10, United States Code, related to intellectual property and data rights in modular system interfaces.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 804).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would align the requirements for modular open systems approach in sections 4402 and 4403 of title 10, United States Code, with the definition of modular system interfaces in section 4401 of title 10, United States Code.

*Sec. 1833—Bridging Operational Objectives and Support for Transition program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1834) that would require the Director of the Defense Innovation Unit to establish the Bridging Operational Objectives and Support for Transition program to support the transition of technologies into established capability development and procurement activities of the military services.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle E—Modifications to Strengthen the Industrial Base

*Sec. 1841—Civil Reserve Manufacturing Network*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 879) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a working group in the Defense Industrial Resilience Consortium (established elsewhere in that Act) to support the establishment of a Civil Reserve Manufacturing Network (CRMN). The section would also require the Secretary not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of that Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees a plan to establish the CRMN. The section would also require an interim progress report on the CRMN.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 220).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1842—Transition to advanced manufacturing for certain critical readiness items of supply*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1835) that would require the Program Executive Officer for each major weapon system to conduct an assessment of critical items that could be produced with advanced manufacturing processes and to submit a plan to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to transition production of such critical items to advanced manufacturing, to the maximum extent practicable.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 220A).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of critical readiness items of supply which could be produced via advanced manufacturing to address readiness and availability issues and begin transitioning such items to advanced manufacturing.

*Sec. 1843—Working group on the advanced manufacturing workforce*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 833) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a working group in the Defense Industrial Resilience Consortium, established elsewhere in that Act, to address workforce shortages in advanced manufacturing in the defense industrial base. This section would also require the Secretary, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of that Act, to submit a report to the Congress on the recommendations developed by the working group, including recommendations on the establishment of public-private partnerships to develop the advanced manufacturing workforce and identification of incentives for both government and industry to enable such partnerships to be successful in the recruiting, training, and retaining of individuals in the advanced manufacturing workforce.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment that the working group shall be established as part of an existing forum for Department of Defense and industry collaboration.

*Sec. 1844—Collaborative forum to address challenges to and limitations of the defense industrial base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1842) that would establish a Defense Industrial Resilience Consortium under the authority of the Secretary of Defense to enhance the resilience, innovation, and competitiveness of the U.S. defense industrial base.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that clarifies that the Department of Defense shall use an existing consortium, forum, or working group to enhance collaboration between the Department and industry to address and improve policies, rules, and regulations relating to acquisition and industrial base matters.

*Sec. 1845—Facility clearance acceleration for members of defense industrial consortiums*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1614) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that each entity that is a member of the consortium established by section 1842 of this Act or a member of the Defense Industrial Base Consortium with which the Department of Defense has entered an other transaction authority agreement is sponsored for a facility clearance, provided access to classified work areas and networks where the member can perform classified work, and is invited in person to meetings with relevant Department of Defense personnel to discuss classified information.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1846—Improvements relating to advanced manufacturing*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 220B) that would amend Section 4842(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, to make the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment a co-chair of key manufacturing panels and consortia and adds requirements for updating guidance, instructions, and manuals for advanced manufacturing.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1843).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1847—Report on surge capacity in the defense industrial base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1844) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy and the Director of Defense Pricing, Contracting, and Acquisition Policy not later than March 1, 2026, to jointly submit a report to the congressional defense committees on the regulations or policies that disincentivize contractors of the Department of Defense from maintaining or investing in surge capacity.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Major capability activity areas and pathfinder programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1806) that would direct the Department of Defense to develop and implement a phased plan for reorganizing the structure of relevant defense budget materials around major capability activity areas, with the goal of increasing agility, fostering innovation, and providing a clearer line of sight between strategic objectives and allocated resources. Furthermore, this section would also provide modified transfer authority within each designated pathfinder, limited to not more than 40 percent of the total amount authorized for programs, projects, or activities included in the pathfinder. Additionally, this section would require the Secretary, not later than 540 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide a report to the congres-

sional defense committees assessing the effectiveness of the use of a capability-oriented structure in budget preparation and execution, the extent to which the use of transfer authority for the pathfinders affected the speed of addressing emerging threats and adopting new technologies, and any recommendations regarding statutory or regulatory changes.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than April 1, 2026, recommendations for reorganizing the structure of the relevant defense budget materials so that, to the maximum extent practicable, such materials are organized around major capability activity areas (MCAAs) that are aligned to capability portfolios and portfolio acquisition executives or equivalent portfolio leads in support of capability portfolio management and improved execution against the most impactful spending opportunities within portfolios. The report shall include:

(1) A description of the Department's progress in implementing portfolio acquisition transformation in accordance with the Secretary's "Transforming the Defense Acquisition System into the Warfighting Acquisition System to Accelerate Fielding of Urgently Needed Capabilities to Our Warriors" memorandum released November 7, 2025, including the establishment, authorities, and resourcing of capability portfolio governance structures such as portfolio acquisition executives or equivalent portfolio leads, how such structures are integrated with the Department's capability portfolio management processes established pursuant to the Secretary of Defense's memorandum "Reforming the Joint Requirements Process to Accelerate Fielding of Warfighting Capabilities," and the role of MCAAs in enabling effective portfolio level decision-making on cost, schedule, performance, and execution trades;

(2) A description of any modifications recommended to reporting, budget justification, or data systems required for defense budget materials to be primarily organized around MCAAs and associated capability portfolios, including modifications necessary to maintain transparency and enable effective oversight by the congressional defense committees;

(3) A detailed mapping of the existing budget structure to the proposed portfolio budget structure at the lowest project or activity level;

(4) An assessment of how the proposed use of portfolio acquisition structures and portfolio budgeting could achieve the following:

(a) improve the ability to measure and manage the overall performance in the delivery of capabilities within a portfolio;

(b) quickly transition to new technology as it becomes mature and available;

(c) inform and improve budget planning for future activities assigned to a capability portfolio;

(d) achieve the objectives of the defense acquisition system established pursuant to section 3102 of title 10, United States Code, including the objective of accelerating

fielding of capabilities through the Department's warfighting acquisition reforms;

(e) provide mechanisms for directing resources to the most impactful areas within a capability portfolio, including options to delegate such authority to portfolio acquisition executives and program managers, including through consolidation of budget line items, below-threshold realignments, and other within-portfolio execution tools that permit timely adjustments of resources within established portfolio boundaries, consistent with applicable appropriations law, reprogramming procedures, and oversight requirements;

(5) Recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes needed to facilitate the reorganization of defense budget materials so that, to the maximum extent practicable, such materials are organized around MCAAs and to identify options for providing appropriate execution tools within capability portfolios, including consolidation of reporting materials and management systems, delegation of relevant authorities to portfolio acquisition executives or equivalent officials, while maintaining transparency and control for Congress; and

(6) Any other recommendations the Secretary may have related to a transition to a portfolio acquisition model, including identification of candidate pathfinder capability portfolios and associated MCAAs, proposed timelines for implementing portfolio-based budget structures in those areas, and any additional legislative proposals the Secretary considers necessary to fully implement capability portfolio management and the objectives of the Department's acquisition transformation efforts.

*Establishment of the Mission Engineering and Integration Activity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1813) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act, to establish a Mission Engineering and Integration Activity.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that this is covered elsewhere in this Act.

*Alternative capability-based pricing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1823) that would provide the head of an agency (as that term is defined in section 3004 of title 10, United States Code) the authority to use alternative capability-based analysis to determine whether the proposed price or fee for a commercial solution is fair and reasonable.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Amendment to other transaction authority*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1831) that would amend section 4022 of title 10, United States Code, to remove limitations on use of Other Transaction Authority on the basis of how a firm is categorized. With these limitations removed, a covered official would assess demonstrated performance and the alignment of

capability with needs of the Department as the primary determinants of the financial structure of an award. The amendments would retain existing flexibilities provided to the covered official to negotiate voluntary cost shares where market opportunities and commercial returns justify such arrangements. This section would further amend section 4022 by prohibiting the use of such authority for contracts exceeding the production of 500 units of a manufactured or developed product.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include this provision.

## DIVISION B—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS

*Sec. 2001—Short title*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2001) that would require the division be cited as the "Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026".

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2001).

The agreement includes the provision.

*Sec. 2002—Expiration of authorizations and amounts required to be specified by law*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2002) that would ensure that the authorizations provided in titles XXI through XXVII of this Act expire on October 1, 2028, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2029, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2002).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2003—Effective date*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2003) that would require titles XXI through XXVII to take effect on the later of—(1) October 1, 2025; or (2) The date of the enactment of this Act.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2003).

The agreement includes this provision.

### TITLE XXI—ARMY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Sec. 2101—Authorized Army construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2101) that would authorize a list of Army construction projects for fiscal year 2026. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis. The State list contained in this Act is intended to be the binding list of the specific projects authorized at each location.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2101).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2102—Family Housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2102) that would authorize new construction and planning and design of family housing units for the Army for fiscal year 2026.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2102).
The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2103—Authorization of appropriations, Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2103) that would authorize appropriations for Army military construction levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.
The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2103).
The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2104—Extension of authority to carry out fiscal year 2021 project at Fort Gillem, Georgia*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2104) that would extend the authorization of a certain fiscal year 2021 project until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.
The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2104).
The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2105—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2022 projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2105) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2022 projects until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.
The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2105).
The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2106—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2023 projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2106) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2023 projects until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.
The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2106).
The agreement includes the provision.

*Sec. 2107—Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2025 project at Smith Barracks, Germany*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2107) that would modify the authorization for a fiscal year 2025 project.
The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2107).
The agreement includes the House provision.

## TITLE XXII—NAVY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Sec. 2201—Authorized Navy construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2201) that would authorize a list of Department of the Navy construction projects for fiscal year 2026. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis. The State list contained in this Act is intended to be the binding list of the specific projects authorized at each location.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2201).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2202—Family Housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2202) that would authorize construction improvements and planning and design of family housing units for the Department of the Navy for fiscal year 2026.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2202).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2203—Authorization of appropriations, Navy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2203) that would authorize appropriations for Department of Navy military construction levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2203).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2204—Extension of authority to carry out fiscal year 2022 project at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2204) that would extend the authorization of a certain fiscal year 2022 project until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2205—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2022 projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2205) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2022 projects until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2204).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2206—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2023 projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2206) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2023 projects until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2205).

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

## TITLE XXIII—AIR FORCE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Sec. 2301—Authorized Air Force construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2301) that would authorize a list of Air Force construction projects for fiscal year 2026.

The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis. The State list contained in this Act is intended to be the binding list of the specific projects authorized at each location.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2301).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2302—Family Housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2302) that would authorize new construction, improvements, and planning and design of family housing units for the Department of the Air Force for fiscal year 2026.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2302).

The agreement includes the provision.

*Sec. 2303—Authorization of appropriations, Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2303) that would authorize appropriations for Air Force military construction levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2303).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2304—Extension of authority to carry out fiscal year 2017 project at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2304) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2017 project until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2304).

The agreement includes the provision.

*Sec. 2305—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2019 projects*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2806) that would amend section 2811(a) of the Military Construction Authorization Act, Division B of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159), by striking "150 days" and inserting "one year."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2306—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2020 projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2306) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2020 projects until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2306).

The agreement includes the provision.

*Sec. 2307—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2022 projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2307) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2022 projects until Oc-

tober 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2307).

The agreement includes the provision.

*Sec. 2308—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2023 projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2308) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2023 projects until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2308).

The agreement includes the provision.

*Sec. 2309—Modification of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2025 projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2309) that would modify the authorization for fiscal year 2025 projects.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2309).

The agreement includes the provision.

TITLE XXIV—DEFENSE AGENCIES MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Sec. 2401—Authorized defense agencies construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2401) that would authorize a list of defense agency construction projects for fiscal year 2026. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis. The State list contained in this Act is intended to be the binding list of the specific projects authorized at each location.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2401).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2402—Authorized energy resilience and conservation investment program projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2402) that would contain a list of authorized energy resilience and conservation investment projects for fiscal year 2026. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis. The State list contained in this Act is intended to be the binding list of the specific projects authorized at each location.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2402).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2403—Authorization of appropriations, Defense Agencies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2403) that would authorize appropriations for defense agencies' military construction at the levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2403).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2404—Extension of authority to carry out fiscal year 2019 project at Iwakuni, Japan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2404) that would extend the authorization of a certain fiscal year 2019 project until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2404).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2405—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2022 projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2405) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2022 projects until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2405).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2406—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2023 projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2406) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2023 projects until October 1, 2026, or the date of enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2406).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2407—Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2024 project at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2407) that would modify the authorization for a fiscal year 2024 project.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2407).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2408—Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2024 project at Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Missouri*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2408) that would modify the authorization for a fiscal year 2024 project.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2409—Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2025 project at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2409) that would modify the authorization for a fiscal year 2025 project.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2408).

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2410—Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2025 project at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2410) that would modify the authorization for a fiscal year 2025 project.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

## TITLE XXV—INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

### Subtitle A—North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment

*Sec. 2501—Authorized NATO construction and land acquisition projects*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2501) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to make contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program in an amount equal to the sum of the amount specifically authorized in section 2502 of this title and the amount of recoupment due to the United States for construction previously financed by the United States.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec 2501).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2502—Authorization of appropriations, NATO*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2502) that would authorize appropriations of $481.8 million for the U.S. contribution to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program for fiscal year 2026.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate with a technical amendment.

### Subtitle B—Host Country In-Kind Contributions

*Sec. 2511—Republic of Korea funded construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2511) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to accept seven military construction projects totaling $457.0 million pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Korea for required in-kind contributions.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2511).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2512—Republic of Poland funded construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2512) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to accept eight military construction projects totaling $504.2 million pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Poland for required in-kind contributions.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2512).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

## TITLE XXVI—GUARD AND RESERVE FORCES FACILITIES

*Sec. 2601—Authorized Army National Guard construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2601) that would authorize a list of Army National Guard construction projects for fiscal year 2026. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis. The State list contained in this Act is in-

tended to be the binding list of the specific projects authorized at each location.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2601).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2602—Authorized Army Reserve construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2602) that would authorize a list of Army Reserve construction projects for fiscal year 2026. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis. The State list contained in this Act is intended to be the binding list of the specific projects authorized at each location.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2602).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2603—Authorized Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2603) that would authorize a list of Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve construction projects for fiscal year 2026. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis. The State list contained in this Act is intended to be the binding list of the specific projects authorized at each location.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2603).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2604—Authorized Air National Guard construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2604) that would authorize a list of Air National Guard construction projects for fiscal year 2026. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis. The State list contained in this Act is intended to be the binding list of the specific projects authorized at each location.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2604).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2605—Authorized Air Force Reserve construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2605) that would authorize a list of Air Force Reserve construction projects for fiscal year 2026. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis. The State list contained in this Act is intended to be the binding list of the specific projects authorized at each location.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2605).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2606—Authorization of appropriations, National Guard and Reserve*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2606) that would authorize appropriations for National Guard and Reserve military construction at the levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2606).

The agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2607—Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2023 projects*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2607) that would extend certain authorizations contained in sections 2601, 2602, 2603, and 2604 in the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) until October 1, 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The House bill contained an identical provision (sec. 2607).

The agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2608—Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2023 project at Tucson International Airport, Arizona*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2608) that would modify the authorization contained in the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) for Tucson International Airport, Arizona.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2608).

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

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*Authority to carry out fiscal year 2026 project at Army Reserve Center Conroe, Texas*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2609) that would provide the authority to carry out a fiscal year 2026 project.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

TITLE XXVII—BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACTIVITIES

*Sec. 2701—Authorization of appropriations for base realignment and closure activities funded through Department of Defense base closure account*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2701) that would authorize appropriations for ongoing activities that are required to implement the Base Realignment and Closure activities authorized by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101–510), at the levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2701).

The agreement includes the House provision.

## TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Subtitle A—Military Construction Programs

*Sec. 2801—Modification to definition of military installation resilience*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2861) that would expand the definition of military installation resilience to include energy and water disruptions and human-induced environmental hazards.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2802—Facility construction or repair: transactions other than contracts and grants*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2801) that would extend a certain authority to the Secretary of Defense and each Secretary of a military department to enter into transactions (other than contracts, cooperative agreements, or grants) to carry out repair and construction.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2803—Requirement for the military departments to develop and update a 20-year infrastructure improvement plan*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2801) that would require each of the military departments to develop and annually update a 20-year infrastructure improvement plan. The committee intends for this provision to ensure that the departments' senior leaders strategically and realistically budget for the sustainment of their installations and facilities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2804—Improvements to water management and security on military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2803) that would require the Department of Defense to establish a risk-based framework to assess and improve water security at military installations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2805—Modification to assistance for public infrastructure projects and services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2821) that would amend section 2391 of title 10, United States Code, and clarify that such section supports military installations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2806—Modifications to Defense Community Infrastructure Program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2841) that would amend section 2391(d)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, to modify the priority list and definitions for Defense Community Infrastructure Program projects.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2807—Inclusion of demolition projects in Defense Community Infrastructure Program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 7801) that would include demolition projects in defense community infrastructure programs.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2808—Supervision of military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2802) that would clarify that supervision of military construction projects may be carried out by any military department or Government agency approved by the Secretary of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2809—Authority to use accelerated design-build and progressive design-build procedures for military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2804) that would allow the Department of Defense to use the progressive design-build contracting method.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2803).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2810—Extension of authority for temporary expanded land acquisition for equine welfare*

The Senate bill contained provision (sec. 2808) that would amend section 2804(c) of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) by striking "February 1, 2026" and inserting "August 1, 2026."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2811—Extension of requirement for contract for obligation and execution of design funds for military construction projects*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2806) that would extend the requirement for obligation and execution of congressionally-directed design funds for military construction projects from 150 days to 1 year.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2812—Modification of pilot program on increased use of sustainable building materials in military construction to include sustainable building technologies identified by the Comptroller General of the United States*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2804) that would amend section 2861 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 118–81) to extend the pilot program and include building materials identified by the Government Accountability Office.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2813—Increase of maximum amount for certain restoration or replacement of damaged or destroyed facilities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2802) that would amend section 2854(c)(3) of title 10, United States Code, to increase the cost cap to restore or replace a damaged or destroyed facility from $100.0 million to $150.0 million.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2814—Multiyear contracting authority for certain military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2807) that would authorize military departments to use multiyear contracting authority for unaccompanied housing and child development center construction projects, provided they validate cost savings and use standardized designs.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2815—Guidance for military construction projects for innovation, research, development, test, and evaluation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2808) that would require the Department of Defense to issue guidance for implementing military construction projects under section 2810 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2816—Authorization for cost-plus-incentive-fee contracts for certain Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2809) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to authorize the use of contracts using cost-plus incentive-fee contracting for military construction projects associated with the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program of the Department of Defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2817—Implementation of Comptroller General recommendations relating to information sharing to improve oversight of military construction*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2805) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to implement the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office report, published September 16, 2024, titled, "Military Construction: Better Information Sharing Would Improve DOD's Oversight" (GAO–2024–106499), not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, or to report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives explaining why the Secretary has not implemented those recommendations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

Subtitle B—Military Housing Reforms

*Sec. 2821—Improvements to Department of Defense Housing Requirements and Market Analysis*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2811) that would allow Department of Defense housing assessments to consider civilian and contractor needs.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2822).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2822—Improvements to annual reports on certain waivers for covered military unaccompanied housing*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2821) that would amend section 2856a of title 10, United States Code, by adding elements to be included in future iterations of the barracks waiver reports submitted by the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2823—Continuation and modification of certain reporting requirements with respect to privatized military housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2815) that would preserve ongoing reporting

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 7813).

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2824—Modification of certain requirements with respect to closure of maintenance work orders for privatized military housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2813) that would revise section 2891(f)(3) of title 10, United States Code, to require at least three documented contact attempts before closing a maintenance ticket, with tenant notification through multiple channels and final notice to the housing office, if the tenant does not respond.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2825—Inclusion of additional landlord financial information in certain annual report on privatized military housing*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2814) that would require landlords of privatized military housing to include additional financial information in annual reports, specifically detailing insurance policy terms and remedial payments made to tenants following dispute resolutions.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2825).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2826—Application of certain authorities and standards to historic military housing and associated historic properties of the Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2849) that would amend title 54, United States Code, to apply certain authorities and standards to historic military housing and associated historic properties of the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

We direct the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2027, on any revisions to the authorities and standards of existing Program Comments of the Army: (1) 'Department of the Army Program Comment for the Preservation of Pre–1919 Historic Army Housing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape Features' (published on June 13, 2024) (89 Fed. Reg. 50350); (2) 'Department of the Army Program Comment for Inter-War Era Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape Features (1919–1940)' (published on October 13, 2020) (85 Fed. Reg. 64491); and (3) 'Department of the Army Program Comment for Vietnam War Era Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Landscape Features (1963–1975)' (published on May 4, 2023) (88 Fed. Reg. 28573); that were made to provide the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force authority and standards for the treatment of military housing under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned.

*Sec. 2827—Improvement of administration of military unaccompanied housing*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 7814) that would update guidance to the Secretaries of the military departments to ensure members of the Armed Forces living in military unaccompanied housing are surveyed in a consistent and comparable manner.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2828—Authority for unaccompanied housing project under pilot authority for use of other transactions for installation or facility prototyping*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2823) that would grant certain permissive authority to the Secretary of Defense to conduct an unaccompanied housing project under section 4022(i) of title 10, United States Code.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2829—Pilot program for emerging technologies for moisture control and mitigation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2816) that would establish a pilot program to test and evaluate new mold monitoring and remediation technologies in military family housing.

The Senate bill contained similar provisions (sec. 2824, sec. 7811).

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2830—Standardization of mold remediation guidelines across military departments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2817) that would require the military departments to adopt uniform mold remediation guidelines.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2831—Inspections by qualified home inspector of privatized and Government-owned military housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2818) that would require annual independent inspections of privatized military housing by qualified home inspectors.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2832—Plan to improve accuracy, integration, and interoperability of Department of Defense data with respect to real property, infrastructure, and military unaccompanied housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2819) that would require the Department of Defense to develop and implement a plan to improve data accuracy, integration, and tracking for real property, infrastructure, and unaccompanied housing across all military departments.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

Subtitle C—Real Property and Facilities Administration

*Sec. 2841—Modification of requirement with respect to minimum capital investment for facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization for military departments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2822) that would allow military departments to count up to 20 percent of military construction funds used for facility recapitalization toward their required investment in facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization, and updates the definition of covered facilities to exclude those not fully owned or funded through non-appropriated or family housing accounts.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2842—Authorization for monetary contributions to the conveyees of utility systems for infrastructure improvements*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2847) that would amend section 2688(k) of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Department of Defense to pair utilities privatization with the Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 2825).

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2843—Extension of authority to carry out Department of Defense pilot program for use of cost savings realized*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2823) that would extend the authority for the Department of Defense pilot program on use of cost savings realized from 2025 to 2030.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2844—Department of Defense intergovernmental support agreements for ordnance disposal*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2824) that would allow the Department of Defense to enter into intergovernmental support agreements for the purpose of ordnance disposal.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2845—Inclusion of territories in certain intergovernmental support agreements for installation-support services*

The House bill contained a provision (Sec. 373) that would expand eligibility for intergovernmental support agreements to include the State of Yap of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2846—Requirements relating to military installation closures and report on Army organic industrial base sites*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 326) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from taking any action to close,

mothball, divest, deactivate, or otherwise render inoperable any facility that is part of the organic industrial base of the Army.

The House bill contained a similar provision (sec. 342).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment to modify section 2687 of title 10, United States Code, to include the actions listed in the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2847—Department of Defense procedures with respect to planning coordination for grid resiliency on military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2828) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish internal processes to support coordination with external regulatory and planning entities involved in grid reliability, transmission infrastructure, and long-term energy planning to comply with section 2920 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2848—Repeal of construction requirements related to antiterrorism and force protection or urban-training operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2826) that would repeal section 2859 of title 10, United States Code, relating to antiterrorism and force protection standards for construction.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

We note that many antiterrorism and force protection construction requirements established in section 2859 of title 10, United States Code, have become outdated or redundant with modern Department of Defense (DOD) building standards, contributing to unnecessary cost premiums in military construction projects. The repeal of section 2859 is intended to streamline military construction requirements and reduce costs without compromising safety and security standards for our servicemembers across all DOD facilities. We note that the Department continues to maintain robust antiterrorism, physical security, and building protection measures through DOD directives, installation master planning, and ongoing coordination within the Department, and express strong support for these ongoing efforts.

*Sec. 2849—Repeal of pilot program authorizing overhead cost reimbursements from major range and test facility base users at certain Department of the Air Force installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2827) that would repeal section 2862 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2850—Master plans for Service Academies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2829) that would require the secretaries concerned to complete an installation master plan for the service academies under their respective jurisdictions.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2851—Annual report on cost premium for construction of certain facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2831) that would require an annual report assessing the factors contributing to the cost premium associated with construction of military facilities and recommendations to reduce costs without compromising mission needs.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2852—Implementation of Comptroller General recommendations relating to critical military housing supply and affordability*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2820B) that would require the Secretary of Defense to implement each recommendation of the Comptroller General of the United States contained in the report dated October 30, 24 2024, and entitled, "Military Housing: DOD Should Address Critical Supply and Affordability Challenges for Service Members." (GAO–25–106208).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2853—Plan for deploying private fifth generation and future generation Open Radio Access Network architecture on Department of Defense military installations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1616) that would require the Secretaries of the military departments to develop prioritized lists of bases that merit investment in private fifth-generation (5G) Open Radio Access Networks, pursuant to section 1526 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) and the Department of Defense Private 5G Deployment Strategy, dated October 2024.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle D—Land Conveyances

*Sec. 2861—Historical marker commemorating effects of radiation exposure at Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2832) that would require the placement of historical markers at Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range to commemorate the effects of radiation exposure on communities downwind from the Manhattan Project and the Trinity Site nuclear test.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2862—Prohibition on development of a golf course at Greenbury Point Conservation Area At Naval Support Activity Annapolis, Maryland*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2848) that would prohibit the use of funds for development of Greenbury Point Conservation Area at Naval Support Activity Annapolis, Maryland.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2863—Extension of prohibition on joint use of Homestead Air Reserve Base with civil aviation*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2845) that would amend section 2874 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, Division B of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–253), by striking "September 30, 2028," and inserting "September 30, 2034."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2864—Extension of sunset for land conveyance, Sharpe Army Depot, Lathrop, California*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2841) that would amend the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283) by striking "five years" and inserting "ten years."

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2865—Clarification of land conveyance, Fort Hood, Texas*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2837) that would amend the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 to clarify land conveyance in Fort Hood, Texas.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2866—Extension of certain military land withdrawals and correction of certain land descriptions*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2832) that would require the Secretary of the Army to submit a report on certain land withdrawals.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment extending the duration of the land withdrawals for 25 years.

*Sec. 2867—Land conveyance, former Curtis Bay Depot, Maryland*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2842) that would authorize the conveyance of the former Curtis Bay Depot.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2868—Land conveyance, Sigsbee Park Annex, Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2843) that would authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey some or all right, title and interest of the United States in approximately 19 acres located at Naval Air Station Key West Sigsbee Park area, that are former sites of military family housing.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

Subtitle E—Modifications to Unspecified Minor Military Construction

*Sec. 2871—Modifications to certain congressional notifications for certain military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2851) that would modify the congressional notification requirement for unspecified minor military construction projects by allowing the Secretary concerned to submit a notice within 90 days after obligating funds.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2872—Modification to dollar threshold for notifications for certain military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2852) that would raise the unspecified minor military construction dollar thresholds for the Laboratory Revitalization Program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2873—Transfer of defense laboratory modernization program authority to provision of law with respect to military construction projects for research, test, development, and evaluation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2855) that would relocate the Defense Laboratory Modernization Program authority from section 2805 of title 10, United States Code, to section 2810 of title 10, United States Code, to better align it with related construction authorities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2874—Authority of a Secretary concerned to carry out certain unspecified minor military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2856) that would grant the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments the ability to carry out minor military construction projects under the authority of section 2815 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

Subtitle F—Other Matters

*Sec. 2881—Extension of Department of the Army Pilot Program for Development and Use of Online Real Estate Inventory Tool*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2879) that would extend the Department of the Army's pilot program for development and use of an online real estate inventory tool.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2882—Expansion of exceptions to restriction on development of public infrastructure in connection with realignment of marine corps forces in Asia Pacific region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2863) that would amend Section 2844(b)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 to expand exceptions to the restriction of development of public infrastructure in connection with the realignment of Marine Corps forces in the Asia Pacific region.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2883—Joint base facility management of Department of Defense*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2843) that would improve the Department of Defense's facility management of joint bases.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2884—Designation of official responsible for coordination of defense sites within area of responsibility of Joint Region Marianas*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2869) that would require Joint Region Marianas to designate an official to manage and coordinate policies for defense sites throughout the area of operations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 2885—Designation of Ronald Reagan Space and Missile Test Range at Kwajalein Atoll*

The Senate bill contained a provision (Sec. 2842) that would redesignate the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands as the "Ronald Reagan Space and Missile Test Range."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 2886—Designation of Creech Air Force Base as a remote or isolated installation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2875) that would require the Secretary of Defense to designate Creech Air Force Base, Indian Springs, Nevada, as a remote or isolated installation. The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 625).

The agreement includes the provision.

We note that the term "remote and isolated military installation" is currently defined as a military installation determined to be remote and isolated pursuant to the criteria set forth in Department of Defense Instructions 1015.10 dated July 6, 2009 and 1015.18 dated May 30, 2024.

Further, we direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than February 1, 2026, on the Department's current list of remote and isolated military installations. The briefing shall include:

(1) A current list of all installations designated as remote and isolated by the Department of Defense, including the date and authority of each designation, and identification of any installation whose status derives from congressional direction;

(2) A description of the criteria and methodology used by the Department and the military services to determine remote and isolated status, including how those criteria align with the requirements of Department of Defense Instructions 1015.10 and 1015.18;

(3) An assessment of the extent to which the current list reflects present-day access to essential goods and services, including medical care, housing, transportation, food availability, and family support infrastructure;

(4) A list of installations that, based on current conditions, the Secretary recommends for removal from the remote and isolated list, including installations originally designated by the Congress, along with any legislative changes required to affect such removals;

(5) An estimate of the fiscal and operational effects associated with adding or removing installations from the list, including implications for morale, welfare, and recreation support, nonappropriated fund and appropriated fund balances, and related quality-of-life programs;

(6) Recommendations for establishing a recurring reassessment process, to occur not less than once every 5 years, to ensure the list remains current and accurately reflects local conditions; and

(7) An update on any ongoing processes within the Department of Defense to update or add to the existing Department of Defense Instructions governing remote and isolated installations.

*Sec. 2887—Pilot program on use of advanced manufacturing construction technologies at military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2805) that would establish a pilot program to test additive construction technologies for military construction projects at Army installations and a provision (sec. 2857) that would establish a pilot program for use of additive manufacturing technologies in unspecified minor construction projects.

The Senate bill contained no similar provisions.

The agreement includes the House provisions with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2888—Pilot program on procurement of utility services for installations of the Department of Defense through areawide contracts*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2846) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program for the purposes of the military departments to procure utility services from an areawide contract with a public utility provider.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2889—Consideration of modular construction methods for military construction projects with protective design elements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2806) that would require the Department of Defense to consider modular construction methods when planning military construction projects with protective design elements.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2890—Notice relating to contracts or other agreements to establish an enduring location in a foreign country*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2868) that would require that when the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary concerned, or a combatant commander enters into a contract or other agreement to establish an enduring location in a foreign country, the Secretary of Defense shall provide notice to the appropriate congressional committees as to whether such foreign country has committed a gross violation of human rights.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Prohibition on designation of military construction projects as part of military intelligence program*

The Senate bill included a provision (sec. 2809) that would prevent the Secretary of Defense from designating any military construction project as being part of the military intelligence program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that, consistent with longstanding statute and practice, authorization of all military construction projects, including those associated with defense intelligence activities, occurs exclusively in Division B of the National Defense Authorization Act. We reaffirm that military construction authorities and funding decisions are governed by title 10 and the annual authorization of appropriations

for military construction, and that such projects should continue to be authorized and executed within this established framework.

*Expansion of Defense Community Infrastructure Program to include installations of the Coast Guard*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2810) that would amend section 2391 of title 10, United States Code, to allow the U.S. Coast Guard to compete for funding available through the Defense Community Infrastructure Program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Use of imitative substitute building materials for preservation of certain units of military housing under jurisdiction of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2812) that would amend chapter II of chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code, to allow the Department of Defense to use cost-effective, modern materials that mimic original ones for maintaining certain military housing and delay historic preservation requirements until the housing is 100 years old.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that this provision is covered elsewhere in this Act.

*Radon testing of military housing owned or controlled by the Federal Government*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2820) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a report identifying military housing owned or operated by the Federal

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We encourage the military departments to effectively and proactively communicate with families living in government-owned military family housing about their radon-monitoring programs and to ensure that concerned families have identified points of contact to whom they can direct questions.

*Annual report on military families on housing waitlists*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2820A) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes data on military families on housing waitlists.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that housing shortages across the continental United States continue to affect servicemembers and their families, resulting in significant variation in waitlist length and housing availability across installations. We also note ongoing Department of Defense efforts to mitigate these challenges, including recent changes to the Joint Travel Regulations increasing access to Temporary Lodging Expense (TLE) and enabling extensions where

shortages persist. We will continue to monitor the impact of these efforts.

Accordingly, we direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026, on installation-specific military family housing waitlists. The briefing shall include:

(1) Installation-specific data on the number of military families on housing waitlists;

(2) The duration of time families spend awaiting appropriate housing;

(3) The types of military families on waitlists and the types of housing they are requesting;

(4) How waitlists vary across military installations, including the impact of ongoing housing shortages;

(5) The factors driving the need for waitlists and delays exceeding ten days, including how TLE policy changes are being used to mitigate those delays; and

(6) Any other information the Secretary determines necessary to convey current military housing conditions.

*Treatment of nondisclosure agreements with respect to privatized military housing*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2826) that would amend section 2890(f) of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit a landlord from requesting that a tenant or prospective tenant of a privatized housing unit sign a nondisclosure agreement.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Implementation of Comptroller General recommendations relating to critical military housing supply and affordability*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2827) that would require the Secretary of Defense to implement each recommendation of the Comptroller General of the United States contained in the report dated October 30, 2024, and entitled, "Military Housing: DOD Should Address Critical Supply and Affordability Challenges for Service Members" (GAO–25–106208), as those recommendations are modified.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that this is covered elsewhere in this Act.

*Review of Unified Facilities Criteria applicable to military construction projects; report*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2830) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a comprehensive review of Unified Facilities Criteria to identify outdated or unnecessarily burdensome standards and recommend revisions to reduce costs and improve efficiency in military construction projects.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Department of Defense is conducting a comprehensive internal review of the Unified Facilities Criteria, consistent with the goals of the House provision, and we look forward

to receiving the results of that review and working with the Department on any future updates needed to improve efficiency and reduce unnecessary cost drivers.

*Authorization to acquire through exchange or lease certain land used by the Armed Forces in Hawaii*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2831) that would temporarily authorize the Department of Defense to acquire mission critical military training lands that are currently leased by the military departments from the State of Hawaii. The intent for this provision would be to address the multiple military training ranges across Hawaii that have expiring leases in the near future.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We note that this agreement does not include language that would authorize the purchase of land associated with or supporting the Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA). We are concerned that the Army may pursue condemnation in 2025 prior to the 2029 land lease deadline in the vicinity of the PTA before it has fully expended the opportunity for negotiation or achieved a coordinated compensation package within the various agencies of the executive branch. We note that the Army does not have the authority to acquire such lands and that attempting to do so would be contrary to congressional intent. We therefore encourage the Army to fully develop and communicate its plans for PTA to all stakeholders prior to seeking additional legislative authorities. In addition, we encourage the Navy and Air Force to work with all concerned parties to seek an equitable solution prior to their expiring land leases. Additionally, we encourage the Army to continue working with the State of Hawaii and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives to ensure an appropriate legislative authority aligns with the value of land in Hawaii and meets the training needs of all the Services.

*Access to Military Installations for Certain Surviving Gold Star Family Members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2835) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish procedures by which eligible Surviving Gold Star Family Members of a covered member of the Armed Forces may obtain unescorted access to military installations, including commissary and exchange stores.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Department of Defense report on housing policy in Guam*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2836) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to submit to Congress a report that identifies the long term economic impacts of Department of Defense housing policy in Guam.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the importance of understanding how Department of Defense housing needs and market dynamics affect local communities,

including in Guam. We believe that the housing requirements and market analysis provision adopted elsewhere in this Act, which authorizes broader analyses applicable to Guam, addresses the underlying intent of the House provision.

*Report on improving Tribal access to defense infrastructure programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2838) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on improving Tribal access to defense infrastructure programs.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the Defense Community Infrastructure Program has been an important mechanism by which communities can apply for grants to address defense community infrastructure gaps and provide mutual benefit to the community and the installations they host. We note that under the current statute, tribal communities may be unable to take advantage of this program. We therefore direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by March 1, 2026, on the potential for including Tribal communities in the Defense Community Infrastructure Program. At a minimum, the briefing shall:

(1) Assess barriers to Tribal participation in the Defense Community Infrastructure Program and related initiatives;

(2) Provide an overview of known infrastructure concerns in defense-adjacent Tribal communities; and,

(3) Recommend legislative or programmatic changes to improve Tribal access, including possible amendments to existing law or the establishment of complementary programs.

*Prohibition on the use of single-sex facilities on military installations that do not correspond to the sex of an individual*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2839) that would prohibit individuals from using single-sex facilities on military installations that do not correspond to their sex, except in the cases of emergency medical personnel responding to a medical emergency or law enforcement officers in active pursuit of a suspect, or as part of an active investigation.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Limitation on use of amounts for travel based on compliance with requirements related to minimum capital investment*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 2844) that would prohibit both the service secretary and service chief of a military department from using any funds to travel outside of the continental United States should

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the provision.

*Modification of authority for Indo-Pacific posture unspecified minor military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2853) that would increase the funding cap for Indo-Pacific posture unspecified minor military construction projects from $30.0 million to $50.0 million.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the importance of posture-related infrastructure improvements in the Indo-Pacific Region and the criticality of the support and cooperations of allies and partners in the region including Australia. We support these continued efforts; however, we must balance speed with the need for effective oversight over these improvements.

*Requirements relating to funds for construction and improvement of commissary store facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2862) that would amend section 2685 of title 10, United States Code, to clarify the Department's authority to use commissary funds for facility infrastructure.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the importance of sustained investment in commissary infrastructure and acknowledge the role that surcharge revenues can play in enabling these improvements. We note that the Senate Report accompanying S. 2296 (S. Rept. 119–39) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than January 1, 2026, regarding the use of commissary surcharge funds to support the repair, maintenance, improvement, or modernization of commissary facilities.

*Cooperative agreements with respect to management of land and cultural resources located on military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2864) that would expand cooperative agreement authority for managing land, cultural resources, and encroachment on military installations to include the Department of Homeland Security for the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy and update applicable reporting and congressional committee requirements.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Limitation on the use of funds for implementing certain energy efficiency building codes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2865) that would prohibit funds from being used to implement section 305(a)(3)(D) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act on property owned or leased by the Secretary of Defense or property used for purposes of national defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that the compliance date for standards under the Clean Energy for New Federal Buildings and Major Renovations of Federal Buildings rule has been delayed until May 1, 2026. Furthermore, we direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than April 1, 2026, on any impacts the final rule will have on Department installations.

*Limitation on use of funds to reduce capabilities or staffing of Department of Defense military treatment facilities located inside the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2867) that would prohibit the use of any funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2026 to reduce the mission capabilities or staffing at a military treatment facility until a cost-benefit analysis is submitted to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Comptroller General of the United States.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note that another provision in this Act authorizes restrictions on adjustments to the staffing of military treatment facilities.

*Report on threat of fiber optic-controlled drones*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2870) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the threat of fiber-optic controlled unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We note the increased role of small UAS on the battlefield and remain interested in the evolution of such technologies, specifically as it relates to survivability and the ability to operate in contested electromagnetic spectrum environments. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives evaluating fiber-optic controlled UAS not later than March 1, 2026. The report shall include an assessment of:

(1) The threat that fiber-optic controlled UAS weapons pose to U.S. military installations, operations, and personnel, and;

(2) Foreign adversaries' use of these systems for the purpose of surveillance and targeting.

*Prohibition of use on military installations of social media controlled by foreign adversaries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2871) that would prohibit any person using a government-owned device from accessing social media controlled by a foreign adversary while on a military installation.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We remain concerned about the security risks posed by applications developed, owned, or controlled by foreign adversaries, particularly those that may access sensitive user data, enable surveillance, or create other vectors for exploitation of Department of De-

fense (DOD) personnel, networks, or facilities. We believe the DOD must continue to assess emerging applications of concern, strengthen protections for government-owned devices, and ensure that personnel adhere to cybersecurity best practices across military installations.

We note that section 1546 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) directed the DOD to develop a risk framework for mobile applications that accounts for ownership, origination, or authorship by foreign adversary governments. We also note existing Federal authorities including the Protecting Americans from Foreign Adversary-Controlled Applications Act (Public Law 118–50) and the government-wide prohibition on the use of TikTok on Federal devices under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (Public Law 117–328) enable the Executive Branch to restrict or prohibit certain foreign adversary-controlled applications.

The Department of Defense's mobile security policies prohibit unmanaged applications from accessing Department information and authorize the Department's mobility providers to block applications that pose unacceptable cyber or counterintelligence risks. We strongly encourage the Department to make full use of these authorities to identify, restrict, and block high-risk applications.

*Study and report on certain investments in critical infrastructure in Hawaii*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2872) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment and the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM), to carry out a joint study to assess the critical infrastructure investments in Hawaii across each military department and submit to the Congress a report with respect to such study.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, in coordination with the Commander, INDOPACOM, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026, on the critical infrastructure investments required to support potential conflict-related needs in Hawaii. The briefing shall include:

(1) An identification of existing military and civilian infrastructure in Hawaii deemed critical for potential conflict-related operations;

(2) An assessment of future military infrastructure requirements based on mission growth and evolving threats; and

(3) A prioritized list of military construction projects needed over the next 5 years to support current and future mission needs.

*Survey of certain counties for placement of facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2873) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Congress the results of a survey of certain counties for placement of facilities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Study and report on defense access roads program of the Department of Defense in the Indo-Pacific region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2874) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment to carry out a study on the Defense Access Roads Program in the Indo-Pacific region and submit to Congress a report that includes the findings of such study.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than

(1) A list of roads in the Indo-Pacific region approved for inclusion in the Defense Access Roads Program during the past 40 years that remain unconstructed due to funding limitations;

(2) A summary of the current condition of roads funded or approved for funding through the program, including estimated deferred maintenance costs and implications for mission accomplishment;

(3) An analysis of how existing statutory and regulatory authorities limit the Department's ability to support transportation infrastructure maintenance that directly enables military readiness;

(4) An assessment of the potential benefits and cost savings of expanding the program to permit routine road maintenance and repair; and

(5) An assessment of the advisability and suitability of legislative or administrative changes to support such expanded authorities.

*Sense of Congress relating the defense community infrastructure program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2876) that would express the sense of Congress relating to the Defense Community Infrastructure Program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on Interagency Regional Coordinator for Resilience pilot project*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2877) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the status of the implementation of the Interagency Regional Coordinator for Resilience pilot project.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026, on the status of the implementation of the Interagency Regional Coordinator for Resilience pilot project established under section 2872

of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263). The briefing shall include:

(1) For each established Interagency Regional Coordinator, the community selected to support a military installation and the rationale for that selection;

(2) A description of the Coordinator's ongoing work; and

(3) For any Coordinator position required but not yet established, a plan and timeline to stand up the position.

## DIVISION C—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORIZATIONS AND OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

### TITLE XXXI—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

### Subtitle A—National Security Programs and Authorizations

*Sec. 3101—National Nuclear Security Administration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3101) that would authorize the appropriation of funds for the activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 3101) that also authorized the funds to be available for carrying out specified plant projects.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 3102—Defense environmental cleanup*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3102) that would authorize the appropriation of funds for the Department of Energy's defense environmental cleanup activities.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 3102).

The agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 3103—Other defense activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3103) that would authorize the appropriation of funds for the Department of Energy's other defense activities.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 3103).

The agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 3104—Nuclear energy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3104) that would authorize the appropriation of funds for the Department of Energy's nuclear energy activities.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 3104).

The agreement includes this provision.

### Subtitle B—Program Authorizations, Restrictions, and Limitations

*Sec. 3111—Organization and codification of provisions of law relating to atomic energy defense activities*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3111) that would consolidate existing Atomic Energy Defense Act provisions in Title 50

of the United States Code under a new Chapter 552—Atomic Energy Defense within Title 10.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 3112—Plutonium pit production capacity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3111) that would amend section 4219 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2538a) to establish site-specific production targets for plutonium pit production at Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3112) that would amend section 4219 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2538a) to establish site-specific production targets for plutonium pit production at Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility, and adjust annual production targets for fiscal years 2021, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2029, and 2032 and beyond.

The agreement includes the House provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 3113—Stockpile responsiveness and rapid capabilities programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3112) that would make technical amendments to the objectives of the Stockpile Responsiveness Program, and establish a Rapid Capabilities Program within the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3113) that would repeal the Stockpile Responsiveness Program and establish an Assistant Deputy Administrator for Rapid Capabilities Development and a supporting organization within the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would create an advisory board to the Administrator for Nuclear Security on military and deterrence policy requirements associated with the rapid capabilities program.

*Sec. 3114—Protection of certain nuclear facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3116) that would amend section 4510 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2661) related to the protection of nuclear facilities from unmanned systems.

The House bill contained no similar provision

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 3115—Extension of authority for appointment of certain scientific, engineering, and technical personnel*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3117) that would amend section 4601(c) of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2701) to extend the existing authority for the appointment of certain personnel through September 30, 2036.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 3116—Notification of cost overruns for certain Department of Energy projects*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3115) that would amend section 4713 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2753) to adjust the timing of National Nuclear Security Administration notifications to the Congress of program cost overruns to a point prior to a program's or project's entry into Phase 6.3 or Phase 3 of the nuclear weapons lifecycle.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment to require notification at a point prior to a program's or project's entry into Phase 6.4 or Phase 4 of the nuclear weapons lifecycle.

*Sec. 3117—Appropriate scoping of artificial intelligence research within the National Nuclear Security Administration*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3118) that would amend subtitle B of title XLVIII of the Atomic Energy Defense Act to include a new chapter that outlines the appropriate scoping of artificial intelligence research activities taking place within the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

Subtitle C—Reports and Other Matters

*Sec. 3121—Modification to reporting requirements with respect to nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship, management, and responsiveness plan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3121) that would require the Stockpile Stewardship, Management, and Responsiveness Plan to be submitted biennially.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3124) that would require the Administrator for Nuclear Security to provide a report on both near-term and long-term infrastructure investments necessary to support the mission needs of the nuclear security enterprise.

The Senate bill also contained a provision (sec. 3114) that would require the Chair of the Nuclear Weapons Council to conduct a review of the National Nuclear Security Administration's October 2024 report entitled "Enterprise Blueprint" describing infrastructure needs for the nuclear security enterprise.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require additional information related to the infrastructure needs of the nuclear security enterprise to be included in the Stockpile Stewardship, Management, and Responsiveness Plan. Additionally, we direct the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, as Chair of the Nuclear Weapons Council, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than June 1,

(1) An assessment of the Blueprint's projected future infrastructure to meet anticipated Department of Defense requirements;

(2) An evaluation of feasibility of executing the Enterprise Blueprint over a period of 25 years beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act;

(3) Any recommended modifications to the infrastructure recapitalization plans or future capabilities described in the Enterprise Blueprint necessary to meet future Department of Defense requirements; and

(4) Any other information the Under Secretary determines to be relevant.

*Sec. 3122—Assessment of the National Nuclear Security Administration Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3122) that would direct the Deputy Administrator for Naval Rectors of the National Nuclear Security Administration to carry out an independent assessment of the Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

*Sec. 3123—Department of Energy report on expansion of other transaction authorities for National Nuclear Security Administration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3126) that would amend Section 4832 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2812) to authorize the National Nuclear Security Administration to use the authorities currently provided to the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments under section 4022 of title 10.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Administrator for Nuclear Security, to submit to the committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a legislative proposal that would provide streamlined other transaction authorities for the National Nuclear Security Administration. In the development of the legislative proposal, we encourage the Secretary to consider other transaction authorities already effectively utilized by other agencies, such as the Department of Defense, as well as any updates to improve utilization wherever feasible and appropriate.

*Sec. 3124—Office of Environmental Management program-wide performance metrics for reducing risk*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3122) that would require the Secretary of Energy to develop and implement additional program performance metrics to supplement the existing metrics of the Office of Environmental Management's (EM) "EM Program Plan 2022." The provision would further require the Secretary to submit a biennial report to the congressional defense committees describing the outcomes achieved under these program performance metrics.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 3125—Office of Environmental Management integrated radioactive waste disposal planning and optimization*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3123) that would require the Secretary of Energy to develop complex-wide analyses identifying optimal disposal pathways and schedules for radioactive waste managed by the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management. The Senate provision would further require the Secretary to submit to the congressional defense committees the results of optimization analyses, the nationwide disposal plan, while creating a forum of state regulators and the required initial activities of the forum not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 3126—Prohibition relating to reclassification of high-level waste*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3123) that would prohibit the use of fiscal year 2026 funds from being used by the Secretary of Energy to apply the interpretation of high-level radioactive waste described in the notice published by the Secretary titled "Supplemental Notice Concerning U.S. Department of Energy Interpretation of High-Level Radioactive Waste" (84 Fed. Reg. 26835), or successor notice, with respect to such waste located in the State of Washington, unless the Secretary provides a 60–day advance waiver to Congress.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment to remove the waiver.

*Sec. 3127—National security positions within the Department of Energy*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 3121) that would require positions funded under Office of Management and Budget functional subcategory 053, Atomic Energy Defense Activities, to be considered necessary to meet national security responsibilities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 3128—Consultation requirement with respect to transfer to private entities of plutonium or plutonium materials; report*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1628) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security to jointly submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the dismantlement of legacy nuclear weapons.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Energy to consult with the Sec-

retary of Defense on an ongoing basis regarding any plans of the Secretary, and prior to any decision, related to the transfer of any plutonium or plutonium materials from federal stockpiles or storage to a private entity; and require the Secretary of Energy to provide Congress with a written report on material to be transferred and a certification that such transfer does not negatively impact the needs of the nuclear weapons stockpile, including the needs related to stockpile stewardship.

We also direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security to jointly brief the congressional defense committees, not later than September 30, 2026, on the dismantlement of legacy nuclear weapons. At a minimum, such brief should address:

(1) A description of current plans with respect to dismantlement rates and nuclear weapon types scheduled for dismantlement;

(2) An identification of materials planned to be recovered through dismantlement of legacy nuclear weapons;

(3) A summary of the reuse potential of such materials;

(4) An assessment of defense needs with respect to recovered materials, including nuclear materials;

(5) A description of any recoverable materials excess to defense needs; and

(6) A plan for the disposition intended for any plutonium previously declared excess to defense needs, including an assessment of whether any such plutonium should be retained for future defense needs.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Plan to modernize nuclear security enterprise*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3125) that would require, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Administrator for Nuclear Security shall develop a plan to modernize nuclear security enterprise.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 3125).

The agreement does not include either provision.

We direct the Administrator for Nuclear Security to, not later than May 1, 2026, brief the congressional defense committees on a plan for the National Nuclear Security Administration to accelerate and modernize material staging capabilities at the Pantex Plant to replace aged, over-subscribed facilities, including a description of all phases and an estimate of the costs required to carry out such plan concurrently with an infrastructure modernization program for high explosives capabilities, including continued construction of the High Explosives Synthesis Formulation and Production facility (21–D–510).

*Sense of Congress on ground-based leg of nuclear triad*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 8111) that would express the sense of Congress supporting the modernization of the ground-based leg of the United States nuclear triad.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

We believe that the modernization of the ground-based leg of the nuclear triad of the United States is vital to the security of the Homeland and a core component of the Homeland defense mission; extending the lifecycle of the current Minuteman III system is both costly and an unsustainable long-term option for maintaining a ready and capable ground-based leg of the nuclear triad; the Nunn-McCurdy breach by the Sentinel program to modernize the ground-based leg of the nuclear triad should be addressed in a way that balances the national security need with fiscally responsible modifications to the program that prevent future unanticipated cost overruns; the breach does not alter the fundamental national security need for the modernization program; and the modernization program should remain funded and active until a suitable and effective replacement is provided.

## TITLE XXXII—DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

*Sec. 3201—Authorization*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3201) that would authorize the appropriation of funds for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The Senate bill contained an identical provision (sec. 3201).

The agreement includes this provision.

## TITLE XXXIV—NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES

*Sec. 3401—Authorization of appropriations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3401) that would authorize $13.0 million for

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

## TITLE XXXV—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

*Sec. 3501—Authorization of appropriations for Maritime Administration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3501) that would authorize appropriations for the Maritime Administration.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision.

### LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Clarification regarding use of port infrastructure development program funds to replace Chinese port crane hardware or software*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3511) that would amend section 54301 of title 46, United States Code, to clarify that projects to remove port crane hardware or software from the People's Republic of China are eligible for grants under the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Clarification of certain authorities relating to deepwater ports*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3512) that would amend several sections in chapter 29 of title 33, United States Code, to make the Department of Transportation the lead agency under the Deepwater Ports Act for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. It would also allow the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations for such purposes and provisions.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Eligibility of shore power projects under port infrastructure development program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3513) that would extend the eligibility of cruise vessels for grants to fund shore power projects under the Port Infrastructure Development Program through fiscal year 2026.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Report on use of commercial contracting agent for crewing and operation of military sealift command vessels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3521) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to provide a report to the congressional defense committees on the potential use of contracted commercial mariners for the operation of vessels for Military Sealift Command.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*United States Merchant Marine Academy campus modernization plan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3531) that would require the Secretary of Transportation to develop and implement a campus modernization plan for the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

We recognize the essential role of the United States Merchant Marine Academy in developing licensed merchant mariners and commissioned officers and the need for modernization to ensure a safe, functional, and mission-ready campus. Therefore, we direct the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Administrator of the Maritime Administration, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than June 1, 2026, on the Department's plans to advance campus modernization at the Academy. The report shall include:

(1) A description of planned construction of new facilities or significant renovation of existing facilities, including:

(a) Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping laboratories;

(b) a safety-of-life-at-sea training pool;

(c) engineering power plant laboratories;

(d) athletic facilities that meet the needs of both male and female midshipmen;

(e) enhanced waterfront facilities, including a new pier;

(f) a visitor welcome center and main campus security office building;

(g) housing facilities for senior staff and faculty; and

(h) sufficient parking facilities for faculty, staff, and campus visitors.

(2) A description of upgrades to all classrooms and laboratories with modern information-technology infrastructure;

(3) A campus-wide plan for upgrades and retrofits, including:

(a) the electric distribution power grid;

(b) the sanitary sewer piping system;

(c) the storm-drainage system; and

(d) the drinking-water system, including development of a separate and redundant fire-suppression system.

(4) Planned renovations to ensure all campus facilities:

(a) are structurally sound;

(b) have reliable heating and air-conditioning systems;

(c) have functioning plumbing and electrical systems;

(d) are fully protected from the elements through roof replacements and window repairs or replacements, as needed;

(e) are accessible in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

(f) have working fire-alarm and fire-suppression systems; and

(5) A description of efforts to utilize a Federal construction agent to support and execute modernization activities.

*Cargoes procured, furnished, or financed by United States Government*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3532) that would amend section 55305 of title 46, United States Code, to make changes to cargo preference requirements for cargoes procured, financed, or otherwise obtained for the Department of Transportation. The Secretary of Transportation or the recipient of such financing would be required to take necessary and practicable steps to ensure that 100 percent of the gross tonnage of that cargo is transported on privately-owned vessels of the United States.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

*Treatment of the University of Louisiana Maritime Academy as a State maritime academy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3533) that would allow the University of Louisiana Maritime Academy to be provisionally treated as a State Maritime Academy under chapter 515 of title 46, United States Code.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the House provision.

# DIVISION D—FUNDING TABLES

*Sec. 4001—Authorization of amounts in funding tables*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 4001) that would provide for the allocation of funds among programs, projects, and activities in accordance with the tables in division D of this Act, subject to reprogramming guidance in accordance with established procedures.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 4001).

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

**SUMMARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**(In Thousands of Dollars)**

| | FY 2026 Request | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|
| **National Defense Funding, Base Budget Request** | | | |
| **Function 051, Department of Defense-Military** | | | |
| **Division A: Department of Defense Authorizations** | | | |
| **Title I—Procurement** | | | |
| Aircraft Procurement, Army | 3,045,199 | 108,000 | 3,153,199 |
| Missile Procurement, Army | 6,948,889 | 2,104,620 | 9,053,509 |
| Weapons & Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army | 2,886,534 | 12,000 | 2,898,534 |
| Procurement of Ammunition, Army | 3,734,235 | 247,000 | 3,981,235 |
| Other Procurement, Army | 9,605,566 | –187,000 | 9,418,566 |
| Aircraft Procurement, Navy | 17,028,101 | –23,700 | 17,004,401 |
| Weapons Procurement, Navy | 5,597,300 | 218,800 | 5,816,100 |
| Procurement of Ammunition, Navy & Marine Corps | 1,135,030 | –7,600 | 1,127,430 |
| Shipbuilding & Conversion, Navy | 20,840,224 | 5,133,495 | 25,973,719 |
| Other Procurement, Navy | 14,569,524 | –674,512 | 13,895,012 |
| Procurement, Marine Corps | 3,754,112 | 64,633 | 3,818,745 |
| Aircraft Procurement, Air Force | 17,729,963 | 354,269 | 18,084,232 |
| Missile Procurement, Air Force | 4,223,876 | 366,900 | 4,590,776 |
| Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force | 784,478 | –18,900 | 765,578 |
| Other Procurement, Air Force | 31,504,644 | 42,500 | 31,547,144 |
| Procurement, Space Force | 3,393,637 | | 3,393,637 |
| Procurement, Defense-Wide | 6,048,863 | 1,136,564 | 7,185,427 |
| **Subtotal, Title I—Procurement** | **152,830,175** | **8,877,069** | **161,707,244** |
| **Title II—Research, Development, Test and Evaluation** | | | |
| Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Army | 14,549,223 | 187,570 | 14,736,793 |
| Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy | 25,708,049 | 24,597 | 25,732,646 |
| Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force | 52,017,288 | 1,971,701 | 53,988,989 |
| Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Space Force | 15,486,466 | 1,129,389 | 16,615,855 |
| Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Defense-Wide | 33,921,939 | 384,250 | 34,306,189 |
| Operational Test & Evaluation, Defense | 318,143 | | 318,143 |

**SUMMARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**—Continued

**(In Thousands of Dollars)**

| | FY 2026 Request | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Subtotal, Title II—Research, Development, Test and Evaluation** | **142,001,108** | **3,697,507** | **145,698,615** |
| **Title III—Operation and Maintenance** | | | |
| Operation & Maintenance, Army | 58,975,065 | –737,654 | 58,237,411 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Army Reserve | 3,314,178 | –10,222 | 3,303,956 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Army National Guard | 8,673,981 | –246,699 | 8,427,282 |
| Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund | 357,516 | | 357,516 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Navy | 74,080,120 | –219,211 | 73,860,909 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Marine Corps | 11,004,201 | –53,416 | 10,950,785 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Navy Reserve | 1,442,054 | –19,763 | 1,422,291 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve | 362,045 | –12,267 | 349,778 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Air Force | 62,429,535 | –619,389 | 61,810,146 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Space Force | 5,888,163 | –218,077 | 5,670,086 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Air Force Reserve | 4,322,617 | –224,891 | 4,097,726 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Air National Guard | 7,332,599 | –861 | 7,331,738 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Defense-Wide | 55,935,718 | –1,756,171 | 54,179,547 |
| United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces | 21,243 | | 21,243 |
| DOD Acquisition Workforce Development Fund | 45,346 | | 45,346 |
| Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid | 100,793 | 2,653 | 103,446 |
| Cooperative Threat Reduction Account | 282,830 | | 282,830 |
| Environmental Restoration, Army | 148,070 | | 148,070 |
| Environmental Restoration, Navy | 357,949 | | 357,949 |
| Environmental Restoration, Air Force | 342,149 | | 342,149 |
| Environmental Restoration, Defense | 8,885 | | 8,885 |
| Environmental Restoration, Formerly Used Sites | 235,156 | | 235,156 |
| **Subtotal, Title III—Operation and Maintenance** | **295,660,213** | **–4,115,968** | **291,544,245** |
| **Title IV—Military Personnel** | | | |
| Military Personnel Appropriations | 181,803,137 | –1,498,610 | 180,304,527 |
| Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Fund Contributions | 12,850,165 | | 12,850,165 |
| **Subtotal, Title IV—Military Personnel** | **194,653,302** | **–1,498,610** | **193,154,692** |
| **Title XIV—Other Authorizations** | | | |
| Working Capital Fund, Army | 20,589 | | 20,589 |
| Working Capital Fund, Navy | 381,600 | | 381,600 |
| Working Capital Fund, Air Force | 90,262 | | 90,262 |
| National Defense Stockpile Transaction Fund | 5,700 | | 5,700 |
| Working Capital Fund, Defense-Wide | 11,969 | –400,000 | –388,031 |
| Working Capital Fund, DECA | 1,527,817 | | 1,527,817 |
| National Defense Sealift Fund | 0 | | 0 |
| Chemical Agents & Munitions Destruction | 213,282 | | 213,282 |
| Drug Interdiction and Counter Drug Activities | 904,301 | 100,000 | 1,004,301 |
| Office of the Inspector General | 502,599 | 15,000 | 517,599 |
| Defense Health Program | 40,502,123 | 29,000 | 40,531,123 |
| **Subtotal, Title XIV—Other Authorizations** | **44,160,242** | **–256,000** | **43,904,242** |
| **Total, Division A: Department of Defense Authorizations** | **829,305,040** | **6,703,998** | **836,009,038** |

**SUMMARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**—Continued

**(In Thousands of Dollars)**

| | FY 2026 Request | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Division B: Military Construction Authorizations** | | | |
| **Military Construction** | | | |
| Army | 2,173,959 | –101,300 | 2,072,659 |
| Navy | 6,012,677 | 759,788 | 6,772,465 |
| Air Force | 3,721,473 | –326,700 | 3,394,773 |
| Defense-Wide | 3,792,301 | –816,181 | 2,976,120 |
| Army National Guard | 151,880 | 278,350 | 430,230 |
| Army Reserve | 42,239 | 165,000 | 207,239 |
| Navy and Marine Corps Reserve | 2,255 | 50,000 | 52,255 |
| Air National Guard | 188,646 | 622,100 | 810,746 |
| Air Force Reserve | 60,458 | 63,200 | 123,658 |
| NATO Security Investment Program | 481,832 | 50,000 | 531,832 |
| NATO Security Investment Program | 0 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| **Subtotal, Military Construction** | **16,627,720** | **894,257** | **17,521,977** |
| **Family Housing** | | | |
| Construction, Army | 228,558 | –100,000 | 128,558 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Army | 378,418 | | 378,418 |
| Construction, Navy and Marine Corps | 177,597 | | 177,597 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps | 374,108 | | 374,108 |
| Construction, Air Force | 274,230 | | 274,230 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Air Force | 359,765 | | 359,765 |
| Operation & Maintenance, Defense-Wide | 53,374 | | 53,374 |
| Family Housing Improvement Fund | 8,315 | | 8,315 |
| Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund | 497 | | 497 |
| **Subtotal, Family Housing** | **1,854,862** | **–100,000** | **1,754,862** |
| **Base Realignment and Closure** | | | |
| Base Realignment and Closure—Army | 171,870 | | 171,870 |
| Base Realignment and Closure—Navy | 112,791 | 50,000 | 162,791 |
| Base Realignment and Closure—Air Force | 124,196 | | 124,196 |
| Base Realignment and Closure—Defense-wide | 1,304 | | 1,304 |
| **Subtotal, Base Realignment and Closure** | **410,161** | **50,000** | **460,161** |
| **Total, Division B: Military Construction Authorizations** | **18,892,743** | **844,257** | **19,737,000** |
| **Total, 051, Department of Defense-Military** | **848,197,783** | **7,548,255** | **855,746,038** |
| **Division C: Department of Energy National Security Authorization and Other Authorizations** | | | |
| **Function 053, Atomic Energy Defense Activities** | | | |
| **Environmental and Other Defense Activities** | | | |
| Nuclear Energy | 160,000 | | 160,000 |
| Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D | 278,000 | –278,000 | 0 |
| Weapons Activities | 20,074,400 | 954,345 | 21,028,745 |

**SUMMARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**—Continued

**(In Thousands of Dollars)**

| | FY 2026 Request | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|
| Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation | 2,284,600 | | 2,284,600 |
| Naval Reactors | 2,346,000 | –245,000 | 2,101,000 |
| Federal Salaries and Expenses | 555,000 | | 555,000 |
| Defense Environmental Cleanup | 6,956,000 | | 6,956,000 |
| Other Defense Activities | 1,182,000 | | 1,182,000 |
| **Subtotal, Environmental and Other Defense Activities** | **33,836,000** | **431,345** | **34,267,345** |
| **Independent Federal Agency Authorization** | | | |
| Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board | 45,000 | | 45,000 |
| **Subtotal, Independent Federal Agency Authorization** | **45,000** | **0** | **45,000** |
| **Subtotal, 053, Atomic Energy Defense Activities** | **33,881,000** | **431,345** | **34,312,345** |
| **Function 054, Defense-Related Activities** | | | |
| **Other Agency Authorizations** | | | |
| Maritime Security Program | 372,000 | 18,000 | 390,000 |
| Tanker Security Program | 120,000 | 2,400 | 122,400 |
| **Subtotal, Other Agency Authorizations** | **492,000** | **20,400** | **512,400** |
| **Subtotal, 054, Defense-Related Activities** | **492,000** | **20,400** | **512,400** |
| **Subtotal, Division C: Department of Energy National Security Authorization and Other Authorizations** | **34,373,000** | **451,745** | **34,824,745** |
| **Total, National Defense** | **882,570,783** | **8,000,000** | **890,570,783** |
| **MEMORANDUM: NON-DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS** | **1,080,000** | **145,500** | **1,225,500** |
| Title XIV—Armed Forces Retirement Home (Function 700) | 77,000 | | 77,000 |
| Title XXXIV—Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves (Function 270) | 13,000 | | 13,000 |
| Title XXXV—Maritime Administration (Function 400) | 990,000 | 145,500 | 1,135,500 |
| **MEMORANDUM: TRANSFER AUTHORITIES (NON-ADD)** | | | |
| Title X—General Transfer Authority | [10,000,000] | [–4,000,000] | [6,000,000] |
| **MEMORANDUM: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS NOT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE (NON-ADD)** | | | |
| Defense Production Act | 236,923 | | 236,923 |

## NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET AUTHORITY IMPLICATION

(In Thousands of Dollars)

| | FY 2026 Request | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Summary, Discretionary Authorizations Within the Jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee** | | | |
| **SUBTOTAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (051)** | **848,197,783** | **7,548,255** | **855,746,038** |
| **SUBTOTAL, ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE PROGRAMS (053)** | **33,881,000** | **431,345** | **34,312,345** |
| **SUBTOTAL, DEFENSE-RELATED ACTIVITIES (054)** | **492,000** | **20,400** | **512,400** |
| **TOTAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE** | **882,570,783** | **8,000,000** | **890,570,783** |
| **Scoring adjustments** | | | |
| Transfers to non-Defense budget functions (051) | –180,000 | | –180,000 |
| Proposed cancellations (054) | –92,000 | | –92,000 |
| **Subtotal, Scoring Adjustments** | **–272,000** | | **–272,000** |
| **National Defense Discretionary Programs not In the Jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee or Do Not Require Additional Authorization** | | | |
| Defense Production Act Purchases | 236,923 | | 236,923 |
| Indefinite Account: Disposal of DOD Real Property | 6,902 | | 6,902 |
| Indefinite Account: Lease of DOD Real Property | 33,392 | | 33,392 |
| **Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 051** | **277,217** | | **277,217** |
| Corps of Engineers—Civil Works, Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program | 200,000 | | 200,000 |
| **Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 053** | **200,000** | | **200,000** |
| Other Discretionary Programs | 9,817,000 | | 9,817,000 |
| **Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 054** | **9,817,000** | | **9,817,000** |
| **Total Defense Discretionary Adjustments (050)** | **10,022,217** | | **10,022,217** |
| **Budget Authority Implication, National Defense Discretionary** | | | |
| Department of Defens.——Military (051) | 848,295,000 | 7,548,255 | 855,843,255 |
| Atomic Energy Defense Activities (053) | 34,081,000 | 431,345 | 34,512,345 |
| Defense-Related Activities (054) | 10,217,000 | 20,400 | 10,237,400 |
| **Total BA Implication, National Defense Discretionary** | **892,593,000** | **8,000,000** | **900,593,000** |
| **National Defense Mandatory Programs, Current Law (CBO Baseline)** | | | |
| Reconciliation funding available under P.L 119–21 (estimated outlays) | 37,973,000 | | 37,973,000 |
| Concurrent receipt accrual payments to the Military Retirement Fund | 25,443,000 | | 25,443,000 |
| Revolving, trust and other DOD Mandatory | 1,878,000 | | 1,878,000 |
| Offsetting receipts | –1,789,000 | | –1,789,000 |
| **Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 051** | **63,505,000** | | **63,505,000** |
| Reconciliation funding available under P.L. 119–21 (estimated outlays) | 3,885,000 | | 3,885,000 |
| Energy employees occupational illness compensation programs | 3,348,000 | | 3,348,000 |
| CDC-Wide Activities and Program Support | 59,000 | | 59,000 |
| **Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 053** | **7,292,000** | | **7,292,000** |
| Payment to CIA retirement fund | 514,000 | | 514,000 |

**NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET AUTHORITY IMPLICATION**—Continued

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| **Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 054** | **514,000** | | **514,000** |
| **Total National Defense Mandatory (050)** | **71,311,000** | | **71,311,000** |
| **Budget Authority Implication, National Defense Discretionary and Mandatory** | | | |
| Department of Defens.——Military (051) | 911,800,000 | 7,548,255 | 919,348,255 |
| Atomic Energy Defense Activities (053) | 41,373,000 | 431,345 | 41,804,345 |
| Defense-Related Activities (054) | 10,731,000 | 20,400 | 10,751,400 |
| **Total BA Implication, National Defense Discretionary and Mandatory** | **963,904,000** | **8,000,000** | **971,904,000** |

# TITLE XLI—PROCUREMENT

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| | **AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **FIXED WING** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 006 | HADES PLATFORM, PAYLOADS/PED, AND INTEGRATION | | 26,850 | | 26,850 | | 26,850 | | | | 26,850 |
| | **ROTARY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 009 | AH–64 APACHE BLOCK IIIA REMAN | | 1,669 | 3 | 91,669 | | 1,669 | 3 | 90,000 | 3 | 91,669 |
| | 3 additional aircraft | | | [3] | [90,000] | | | [3] | [90,000] | | |
| 013 | UH–60 BLACKHAWK M MODEL (MYP) | 24 | 732,060 | 24 | 732,060 | 24 | 732,060 | | | 24 | 732,060 |
| 017 | CH–47 HELICOPTER | 11 | 618,798 | 11 | 618,798 | 11 | 618,798 | | | 11 | 618,798 |
| 018 | CH–47 HELICOPTER AP | | 61,421 | | 61,421 | | 61,421 | | | | 61,421 |
| | **MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 027 | AH–64 MODS | | 125,236 | | 125,236 | | 125,236 | | | | 125,236 |
| 028 | SCALABLE CONTROL INTERFACE (SCI) | | 1,257 | | 1,257 | | 1,257 | | | | 1,257 |
| 029 | CH–47 CARGO HELICOPTER MODS (MYP) | | 17,709 | | 17,709 | | 17,709 | | | | 17,709 |
| 034 | UTILITY HELICOPTER MODS | | 33,659 | | 33,659 | | 33,659 | | | | 33,659 |
| 036 | NETWORK AND MISSION PLAN | | 40,472 | | 40,472 | | 40,472 | | | | 40,472 |
| 037 | COMMS, NAV SURVEILLANCE | | 11,566 | | 11,566 | | 11,566 | | | | 11,566 |
| 039 | AVIATION ASSURED PNT | | 49,475 | | 49,475 | | 49,475 | | | | 49,475 |
| 040 | GATM ROLLUP | | 4,651 | | 4,651 | | 4,651 | | | | 4,651 |
| | **GROUND SUPPORT AVIONICS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 045 | AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY EQUIPMENT | | 129,167 | | 129,167 | | 129,167 | | | | 129,167 |
| 047 | CMWS | | 38,419 | | 38,419 | | 38,419 | | | | 38,419 |
| 048 | COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCM) | 84 | 225,647 | 84 | 215,647 | 84 | 225,647 | | | 84 | 225,647 |
| | Prorgam decrease | | | | [–10,000] | | | | | | |
| | **OTHER SUPPORT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 050 | COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT | | 29,489 | | 29,489 | | 29,489 | | | | 29,489 |
| 052 | AIRCREW INTEGRATED SYSTEMS | | 14,986 | | 14,986 | | 14,986 | | | | 14,986 |

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| 053 | AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL | | 24,213 | | 24,213 | | 24,213 | | | | 24,213 |
| 054 | LAUNCHER, 2.75 ROCKET | | 1,611 | | 1,611 | | 1,611 | | | | 1,611 |
| | **AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 057 | SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS | | 726,034 | | 744,034 | | 741,034 | | 18,000 | | 744,034 |
| | Flammable Solids UAS Applications | | | | | | [15,000] | | | | |
| | FPV/PBAS Systems | | | | [18,000] | | | | [18,000] | | |
| 058 | FUTURE UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) FAMILY | | 118,459 | | 118,459 | | 118,459 | | | | 118,459 |
| 059 | GRAY EAGLE MODIFICATIONS | | 12,351 | | 12,351 | | 12,351 | | | | 12,351 |
| | **TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY** | **119** | **3,045,199** | **122** | **3,143,199** | **119** | **3,060,199** | **3** | **108,000** | **122** | **3,153,199** |
| | **MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE SYSTEM** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | LOWER TIER AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AMD) SEN | | 637,473 | | 637,473 | | 1,250,473 | | | | 637,473 |
| | Procure additional 4x LTAMDS—misaligned budget request. | | | | | | [613,000] | | | | |
| 004 | M-SHORAD—PROCUREMENT | 44 | 679,114 | 44 | 679,114 | 44 | 679,114 | | | 44 | 679,114 |
| 006 | MSE MISSILE | 233 | 945,905 | 233 | 945,905 | 233 | 1,485,525 | | 1,739,620 | 233 | 2,685,525 |
| | PAC–3 MSE missile recerts—misaligned budget request. | | | | | | [366,000] | | [366,000] | | |
| | Patriot Mods: AMMPS/DEX | | | | | | [173,620] | | [173,620] | | |
| | Program increase | | | | | | | | [1,200,000] | | |
| 009 | PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE (PRSM) | 45 | 160,846 | 45 | 160,846 | 45 | 480,946 | 254 | 320,000 | 299 | 480,846 |
| | Max PrSM Inc 1 procurement (+254 missiles)—misaligned budget request. | | | | | | [320,100] | [254] | [320,000] | | |
| 011 | INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2–I | | 830,579 | | 820,579 | | 1,018,579 | | –10,000 | | 820,579 |
| | IFPC Inc 2 AIM 9X missile production to 432x AUR—misaligned budget request. | | | | | | [188,000] | | | | |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–10,000] | | | | [–10,000] | | |
| 012 | MID-RANGE CAPABILITY (MRC) | | 82,407 | | 82,407 | | 179,407 | | 55,000 | | 137,407 |
| | Hypersonics Rocket Motor Cost Reduction Initiative | | | | | | [42,000] | | | | |
| | Maritime Strike Tomahawk (MST) (USA, USN) | | | | | | [55,000] | | [55,000] | | |
| | **AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE SYSTEM** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 015 | JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MSLS (JAGM) | 178 | 84,667 | 178 | 84,667 | 178 | 84,667 | | | 178 | 84,667 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 017 | LONG-RANGE HYPERSONIC WEAPON | | 353,415 | | 353,415 | | 353,415 | | | | 353,415 |
| | **ANTI-TANK/ASSAULT MISSILE SYS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 018 | JAVELIN (AAWS-M) SYSTEM SUMMARY | 649 | 329,205 | 649 | 329,205 | 649 | 329,205 | | | 649 | 329,205 |
| 019 | TOW 2 SYSTEM SUMMARY | | 11,731 | | 11,731 | | 11,731 | | | | 11,731 |
| 020 | GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS) | | 1,125,071 | | 1,125,071 | | 1,125,071 | | | | 1,125,071 |
| 021 | GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS) AP | | 43,156 | | 43,156 | | 43,156 | | | | 43,156 |
| 022 | MLRS REDUCED RANGE PRACTICE ROCKETS (RRPR) | 4,002 | 32,339 | 4,002 | 32,339 | 4,002 | 32,339 | | | 4,002 | 32,339 |
| 023 | HIGH MOBILITY ARTILLERY ROCKET SYSTEM (HIMARS | 6 | 61,503 | 6 | 61,503 | 6 | 61,503 | | | 6 | 61,503 |
| | **MODIFICATIONS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 029 | PATRIOT MODS | | 757,800 | | 757,800 | | 757,800 | | | | 757,800 |
| 032 | STINGER MODS | | 428,935 | | 428,935 | | 450,935 | | | | 428,935 |
| | Qualification of Stinger additional SRMs | | | | | | [22,000] | | | | |
| 035 | MLRS MODS | | 243,470 | | 243,470 | | 243,470 | | | | 243,470 |
| 036 | HIMARS MODIFICATIONS | | 54,005 | | 54,005 | | 54,005 | | | | 54,005 |
| | **SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 038 | SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS | | 6,651 | | 6,651 | | 6,651 | | | | 6,651 |
| | **SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 040 | AIR DEFENSE TARGETS | | 12,801 | | 12,801 | | 12,801 | | | | 12,801 |
| | **AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 044 | LAUNCHED EFFECTS FAMILY | | 67,816 | | 67,816 | | 67,816 | | | | 67,816 |
| | **TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY** | **5,157** | **6,948,889** | **5,157** | **6,938,889** | **5,157** | **8,728,609** | **254** | **2,104,620** | **5,411** | **9,053,509** |
| | **PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS AND TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES, ARMY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | ARMORED MULTI PURPOSE VEHICLE (AMPV) | 86 | 554,678 | 86 | 554,678 | 86 | 554,678 | | | 86 | 554,678 |
| 004 | ASSAULT BREACHER VEHICLE (ABV) | | 4,079 | | 4,079 | | 4,079 | | | | 4,079 |
| 005 | M10 BOOKER | | 64,919 | | 64,919 | | 64,919 | | | | 64,919 |
| | **MODIFICATION OF TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 008 | STRYKER UPGRADE | | 135,816 | | 135,816 | | 135,816 | | | | 135,816 |
| 009 | BRADLEY FIRE SUPPORT TEAM (BFIST) VEHICLE | | 4,684 | | 4,684 | | 4,684 | | | | 4,684 |
| 010 | BRADLEY PROGRAM (MOD) | | 157,183 | | 157,183 | | 157,183 | | | | 157,183 |
| 011 | M109 FOV MODIFICATIONS | | 82,537 | | 82,537 | | 82,537 | | | | 82,537 |
| 012 | PALADIN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT (PIM) | 10 | 250,238 | 10 | 250,238 | 10 | 250,238 | | | 10 | 250,238 |
| 013 | IMPROVED RECOVERY VEHICLE (M88 HERCULES) | 8 | 155,540 | 8 | 155,540 | 8 | 155,540 | | | 8 | 155,540 |
| 017 | JOINT ASSAULT BRIDGE | 21 | 132,637 | 21 | 132,637 | 21 | 132,637 | | | 21 | 132,637 |
| 019 | ABRAMS UPGRADE PROGRAM | 30 | 740,528 | 30 | 752,528 | 30 | 740,528 | | 12,000 | 30 | 752,528 |
| | Cart recapitalization | | | | [12,000] | | | | [12,000] | | |
| 021 | VEHICLE PROTECTION SYSTEMS (VPS) | | 107,833 | | 107,833 | | 107,833 | | | | 107,833 |
| | **WEAPONS & OTHER COMBAT VEHICLES** | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 024 | PERSONAL DEFENSE WEAPON (ROLL) | | 1,002 | | 1,002 | | 1,002 | | | | 1,002 |
| 025 | M240 MEDIUM MACHINE GUN (7.62MM) | | 5 | | 5 | | 5 | | | | 5 |
| 027 | MACHINE GUN, CAL .50 M2 ROLL | | 4 | | 4 | | 4 | | | | 4 |
| 028 | MORTAR SYSTEMS | | 5,807 | | 5,807 | | 5,807 | | | | 5,807 |
| 029 | LOCATION & AZIMUTH DETERMINATION SYSTEM (LADS | | 9,477 | | 9,477 | | 9,477 | | | | 9,477 |
| 031 | PRECISION SNIPER RIFLE | | 1,853 | | 1,853 | | 1,853 | | | | 1,853 |
| 034 | NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON | | 365,155 | | 365,155 | | 365,155 | | | | 365,155 |
| 036 | HANDGUN | | 7 | | 7 | | 7 | | | | 7 |
| | **MOD OF WEAPONS AND OTHER COMBAT VEH** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 038 | M777 MODS | | 2,429 | | 2,429 | | 2,429 | | | | 2,429 |
| 042 | SNIPER RIFLES MODIFICATIONS | | 19 | | 19 | | 19 | | | | 19 |
| 043 | M119 MODIFICATIONS | | 4,642 | | 4,642 | | 4,642 | | | | 4,642 |
| | **SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 046 | ITEMS LESS THAN $5.0M (WOCV-WTCV) | | 469 | | 469 | | 19,469 | | | | 469 |
| | Procurement of six additional Robotic Combat Vehicles (RCVs). | | | | | | [19,000] | | | | |
| 047 | PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT (WOCV-WTCV) | | 104,993 | | 104,993 | | 104,993 | | | | 104,993 |
| | **TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS AND TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES, ARMY.** | **155** | **2,886,534** | **155** | **2,898,534** | **155** | **2,905,534** | | **12,000** | **155** | **2,898,534** |
| | **PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **SMALL/MEDIUM CAL AMMUNITION** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 001 | CTG, 5.56MM, ALL TYPES | | 128,283 | | 128,283 | | 128,283 | | | | 128,283 |
| 002 | CTG, 7.62MM, ALL TYPES | | 62,157 | | 62,157 | | 62,157 | | | | 62,157 |
| 003 | NEXT GENERATION SQUAD WEAPON AMMUNITION | | 426,177 | | 426,177 | | 426,177 | | | | 426,177 |
| 004 | CTG, HANDGUN, ALL TYPES | | 7,750 | | 7,750 | | 7,750 | | | | 7,750 |
| 005 | CTG, .50 CAL, ALL TYPES | | 78,199 | | 98,199 | | 78,199 | | | | 78,199 |
| | Program increase | | | | [20,000] | | | | | | |
| 006 | CTG, 20MM, ALL TYPES | | 25,773 | | 25,773 | | 25,773 | | | | 25,773 |
| 007 | CTG, 25MM, ALL TYPES | | 22,324 | | 22,324 | | 22,324 | | | | 22,324 |
| 008 | CTG, 30MM, ALL TYPES | | 100,392 | | 100,392 | | 100,392 | | | | 100,392 |
| 009 | CTG, 40MM, ALL TYPES | | 131,432 | | 131,432 | | 131,432 | | | | 131,432 |
| 011 | CTG, 50MM, ALL TYPES | | 42,131 | | 42,131 | | 42,131 | | | | 42,131 |

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| | **MORTAR AMMUNITION** | | | | | |
| 012 | 60MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES | 38,114 | 38,114 | 38,114 | | 38,114 |
| 013 | 81MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES | 41,786 | 41,786 | 41,786 | | 41,786 |
| 014 | 120MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES | 123,144 | 123,144 | 123,144 | | 123,144 |
| | **TANK AMMUNITION** | | | | | |
| 015 | CARTRIDGES, TANK, 105MM AND 120MM, ALL TYPES | 440,152 | 440,152 | 440,152 | | 440,152 |
| | **ARTILLERY AMMUNITION** | | | | | |
| 016 | ARTILLERY CARTRIDGES, 75MM & 105MM, ALL TYPES | 80,780 | 80,780 | 80,780 | | 80,780 |
| 017 | ARTILLERY PROJECTILE, 155MM, ALL TYPES | 218,877 | 218,877 | 218,877 | | 218,877 |
| 019 | PRECISION ARTILLERY MUNITIONS | 28,995 | 28,995 | 28,995 | | 28,995 |
| 020 | ARTILLERY PROPELLANTS, FUZES AND PRIMERS, ALL | 168,737 | 168,737 | 168,737 | | 168,737 |
| | **MINES** | | | | | |
| 021 | MINES & CLEARING CHARGES, ALL TYPES | 42,748 | 42,748 | 42,748 | | 42,748 |
| 022 | CLOSE TERRAIN SHAPING OBSTACLE | 7,860 | 7,860 | 7,860 | | 7,860 |
| | **ROCKETS** | | | | | |
| 024 | SHOULDER LAUNCHED MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES | 46,089 | 46,089 | 46,089 | | 46,089 |
| 025 | ROCKET, HYDRA 70, ALL TYPES | 34,836 | 34,836 | 34,836 | | 34,836 |
| | **OTHER AMMUNITION** | | | | | |
| 026 | CAD/PAD, ALL TYPES | 12,543 | 12,543 | 12,543 | | 12,543 |
| 027 | DEMOLITION MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES | 21,409 | 21,409 | 21,409 | | 21,409 |
| 028 | GRENADES, ALL TYPES | 56,530 | 53,530 | 56,530 | –3,000 | 53,530 |
| | Program decrease | | [–3,000] | | [–3,000] | |
| 029 | SIGNALS, ALL TYPES | 36,846 | 36,846 | 36,846 | | 36,846 |
| 030 | SIMULATORS, ALL TYPES | 10,821 | 10,821 | 10,821 | | 10,821 |
| | **MISCELLANEOUS** | | | | | |
| 032 | AMMO COMPONENTS, ALL TYPES | 4,084 | 4,084 | 4,084 | | 4,084 |
| 034 | ITEMS LESS THAN $5 MILLION (AMMO) | 16,799 | 16,799 | 16,799 | | 16,799 |
| 035 | AMMUNITION PECULIAR EQUIPMENT | 16,219 | 16,219 | 16,219 | | 16,219 |
| 036 | FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION (AMMO) | 18,600 | 18,600 | 18,600 | | 18,600 |
| 037 | CLOSEOUT LIABILITIES | 102 | 102 | 102 | | 102 |
| | **PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT** | | | | | |
| 040 | INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES | 1,084,611 | 1,084,611 | 1,334,611 | 250,000 | 1,334,611 |
| | Modernization of organic industrial base | | | [250,000] | [250,000] | |
| 041 | CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS DEMILITARIZATION | 155,050 | 155,050 | 155,050 | | 155,050 |
| 042 | ARMS INITIATIVE | 3,885 | 3,885 | 3,885 | | 3,885 |
| | **TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY** | **3,734,235** | **3,751,235** | **3,984,235** | **247,000** | **3,981,235** |
| | **OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY** | | | | | |
| | **TACTICAL VEHICLES** | | | | | |
| 002 | FAMILY OF SEMITRAILERS | 132,793 | 132,793 | 132,793 | | 132,793 |

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| 006 | GROUND MOBILITY VEHICLES (GMV) | | 308,620 | | 308,620 | | 342,620 | | | | 308,620 |
| | Infantry Squad Vehicle Procurement | | | | | | [34,000] | | | | |
| 009 | JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICL | | 45,840 | | 45,840 | | 45,840 | | | | 45,840 |
| 010 | TRUCK, DUMP, 20T (CCE) | | 17,000 | | 32,000 | | 30,506 | | 15,000 | | 32,000 |
| | Heavy Dump Trucks | | | | | | [13,506] | | | | |
| | Program increase | | | | [15,000] | | | | [15,000] | | |
| 011 | FAMILY OF MEDIUM TACTICAL VEH (FMTV) | | 85,490 | | 85,490 | | 85,490 | | | | 85,490 |
| 012 | FAMILY OF COLD WEATHER ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (C | | 38,001 | | 38,001 | | 38,001 | | | | 38,001 |
| 013 | FIRETRUCKS & ASSOCIATED FIREFIGHTING EQUIP | | 39,761 | | 39,761 | | 39,761 | | | | 39,761 |
| 014 | FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES (FHTV) | | 202,009 | | 202,009 | | 202,009 | | | | 202,009 |
| 019 | TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLE PROTECTION KITS | | 2,660 | | 2,660 | | 2,660 | | | | 2,660 |
| 020 | MODIFICATION OF IN SVC EQUIP | | 98,728 | | 98,728 | | 98,728 | | | | 98,728 |
| | **NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 023 | NONTACTICAL VEHICLES, OTHER | | 8,462 | | 8,462 | | 8,462 | | | | 8,462 |
| | **COMM—JOINT COMMUNICATIONS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 029 | TACTICAL NETWORK COMMUNICATION | | 866,347 | | 766,347 | | 866,347 | | –100,000 | | 766,347 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–100,000] | | | | [–100,000] | | |
| 031 | JCSE EQUIPMENT (USRDECOM) | | 5,389 | | 5,389 | | 5,389 | | | | 5,389 |
| | **COMM—SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 032 | SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS | | 114,770 | | 114,770 | | 114,770 | | | | 114,770 |
| 036 | DEFENSE ENTERPRISE WIDEBAND SATCOM SYSTEMS | | 65,591 | | 65,591 | | 65,591 | | | | 65,591 |
| 039 | ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING | | 212,469 | | 192,469 | | 212,469 | | –20,000 | | 192,469 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–20,000] | | | | [–20,000] | | |
| | **COMM—COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 046 | HANDHELD MANPACK SMALL FORM FIT (HMS) | | 478,435 | | 468,435 | | 478,435 | | –10,000 | | 468,435 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–10,000] | | | | [–10,000] | | |
| 048 | ARMY LINK 16 SYSTEMS | | 133,836 | | 133,836 | | 133,836 | | | | 133,836 |
| 051 | UNIFIED COMMAND SUITE | | 20,010 | | 20,010 | | 20,010 | | | | 20,010 |
| 052 | COTS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT | | 207,402 | | 204,402 | | 207,402 | | –3,000 | | 204,402 |
| | Airborne SATCOM systems | | | | [7,000] | | | | [7,000] | | |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–10,000] | | | | [–10,000] | | |
| 054 | ARMY COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS | | 110,678 | | 110,678 | | 110,678 | | | | 110,678 |
| | **COMM—INTELLIGENCE COMM** | | | | | | | | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 056 | CI AUTOMATION ARCHITECTURE-INTEL | 15,290 | 15,290 | 15,290 | | 15,290 |
| 058 | MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE | 108,655 | 88,655 | 108,655 | –20,000 | 88,655 |
| | Program decrease | | [–20,000] | | [–20,000] | |
| | **INFORMATION SECURITY** | | | | | |
| 060 | INFORMATION SYSTEM SECURITY PROGRAM-ISSP | 826 | 826 | 826 | | 826 |
| 061 | COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC) | 125,970 | 125,970 | 125,970 | | 125,970 |
| 066 | BIOMETRIC ENABLING CAPABILITY (BEC) | 65 | 65 | 65 | | 65 |
| | **COMM—BASE COMMUNICATIONS** | | | | | |
| 070 | INFORMATION SYSTEMS | 209,378 | 209,378 | 209,378 | | 209,378 |
| 072 | BASE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION | 50,177 | 50,177 | 50,177 | | 50,177 |
| 074 | INSTALLATION INFO INFRASTRUCTURE MOD PROGRAM | 439,373 | 439,373 | 439,373 | | 439,373 |
| | **ELECT EQUIP—TACT INT REL ACT (TIARA)** | | | | | |
| 078 | TITAN | 236,314 | 236,314 | 236,314 | | 236,314 |
| 081 | COLLECTION CAPABILITY | 2,935 | 2,935 | 2,935 | | 2,935 |
| 083 | DCGS-A-INTEL | 1,087 | 1,087 | 1,087 | | 1,087 |
| 085 | TROJAN | 37,968 | 37,968 | 58,568 | | 37,968 |
| | AFRICOM: CRAM capabilities | | | [20,600] | | |
| 086 | MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIP (INTEL SPT) | 20,598 | 20,598 | 134,376 | | 20,598 |
| | AN/TPQ–53 Counterfire Target Acquisition Radar | | | [113,778] | | |
| | **ELECT EQUIP—ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)** | | | | | |
| 091 | AIR VIGILANCE (AV) | 9,731 | 9,731 | 9,731 | | 9,731 |
| 093 | FAMILY OF PERSISTENT SURVEILLANCE CAP. | 15,382 | 15,382 | 115,382 | | 15,382 |
| | CENTCOM: aerostat sensors | | | [100,000] | | |
| 094 | COUNTERINTELLIGENCE/SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES | 8,283 | 8,283 | 8,283 | | 8,283 |
| | **ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL SURV. (TAC SURV)** | | | | | |
| 096 | SENTINEL MODS | 462,010 | 452,010 | 462,010 | –10,000 | 452,010 |
| | Program decrease | | [–10,000] | | [–10,000] | |
| 097 | NIGHT VISION DEVICES | 211,056 | 211,056 | 211,056 | | 211,056 |
| 098 | SMALL TACTICAL OPTICAL RIFLE MOUNTED MLRF | 2,111 | 2,111 | 2,111 | | 2,111 |
| 099 | BASE EXPEDITIARY TARGETING AND SURV SYS | 1,801 | 1,801 | 1,801 | | 1,801 |
| 100 | INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION FAMILY OF SYSTEMS | 27,881 | 27,881 | 27,881 | | 27,881 |
| 101 | FAMILY OF WEAPON SIGHTS (FWS) | 103,607 | 103,607 | 103,607 | | 103,607 |
| 102 | ENHANCED PORTABLE INDUCTIVE ARTILLERY FUZE SE | 10,456 | 10,456 | 10,456 | | 10,456 |
| 104 | FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED (IFLIR) | 60,765 | 60,765 | 60,765 | | 60,765 |
| 106 | JOINT BATTLE COMMAND—PLATFORM (JBC-P) | 165,395 | 155,395 | 165,395 | –10,000 | 155,395 |
| | Program decrease | | [–10,000] | | [–10,000] | |
| 107 | JOINT EFFECTS TARGETING SYSTEM (JETS) | 48,715 | 48,715 | 48,715 | | 48,715 |
| 109 | COMPUTER BALLISTICS: LHMBC XM32 | 6,325 | 6,325 | 6,325 | | 6,325 |
| 110 | MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM | 3,657 | 3,657 | 3,657 | | 3,657 |
| 111 | MORTAR FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS MODIFICATIONS | 3,262 | 3,262 | 3,262 | | 3,262 |

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| 112 | COUNTERFIRE RADARS | | 40,526 | | 40,526 | | 40,526 | | | | 40,526 |
| | **ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL C2 SYSTEMS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 113 | ARMY COMMAND POST INTEGRATED INFRASTRUCTURE ( | | 723,187 | | 708,187 | | 723,187 | | –15,000 | | 708,187 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–15,000] | | | | [–15,000] | | |
| 114 | FIRE SUPPORT C2 FAMILY | | 3,389 | | 3,389 | | 3,389 | | | | 3,389 |
| 115 | AIR & MSL DEFENSE PLANNING & CONTROL SYS | | 33,103 | | 33,103 | | 33,103 | | | | 33,103 |
| 116 | IAMD BATTLE COMMAND SYSTEM | | 546,480 | | 536,480 | | 546,480 | | –15,000 | | 531,480 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–10,000] | | | | [–15,000] | | |
| 117 | AIAMD FAMILY OF SYSTEMS (FOS) COMPONENTS | | 31,016 | | 31,016 | | 31,016 | | | | 31,016 |
| 118 | LIFE CYCLE SOFTWARE SUPPORT (LCSS) | | 5,175 | | 5,175 | | 5,175 | | | | 5,175 |
| 119 | NETWORK MANAGEMENT INITIALIZATION AND SERVICE | | 244,403 | | 244,403 | | 244,403 | | | | 244,403 |
| 124 | MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (ENFIRE) | | 16,595 | | 16,595 | | 16,595 | | | | 16,595 |
| | **ELECT EQUIP—AUTOMATION** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 125 | ARMY TRAINING MODERNIZATION | | 8,262 | | 8,262 | | 8,262 | | | | 8,262 |
| 126 | AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING EQUIP | | 93,804 | | 93,804 | | 93,804 | | | | 93,804 |
| 129 | HIGH PERF COMPUTING MOD PGM (HPCMP) | | 74,708 | | 74,708 | | 74,708 | | | | 74,708 |
| 130 | CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM | | 468 | | 468 | | 468 | | | | 468 |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 131A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | | 1,546 | | 1,546 | | 1,546 | | | | 1,546 |
| | **CHEMICAL DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 138 | BASE DEFENSE SYSTEMS (BDS) | | 143 | | 143 | | 143 | | | | 143 |
| 139 | CBRN DEFENSE | | 69,739 | | 69,739 | | 69,739 | | | | 69,739 |
| | **BRIDGING EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 142 | TACTICAL BRIDGE, FLOAT-RIBBON | | 69,863 | | 69,863 | | 69,863 | | | | 69,863 |
| | **ENGINEER (NON-CONSTRUCTION) EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 150 | ROBOTICS AND APPLIQUE SYSTEMS | | 509 | | 509 | | 509 | | | | 509 |
| 151 | RENDER SAFE SETS KITS OUTFITS | | 14,184 | | 14,184 | | 14,184 | | | | 14,184 |
| | **COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 153 | HEATERS AND ECU'S | | 14,288 | | 14,288 | | 14,288 | | | | 14,288 |
| 156 | GROUND SOLDIER SYSTEM | | 178,850 | | 171,850 | | 178,850 | | –7,000 | | 171,850 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–7,000] | | | | [–7,000] | | |
| 157 | MOBILE SOLDIER POWER | | 15,729 | | 15,729 | | 15,729 | | | | 15,729 |
| 159 | FIELD FEEDING EQUIPMENT | | 4,500 | | 4,500 | | 4,500 | | | | 4,500 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 160 | CARGO AERIAL DEL & PERSONNEL PARACHUTE SYSTEM | 61,224 | 61,224 | 61,224 | | 61,224 |
| 161 | FAMILY OF ENGR COMBAT AND CONSTRUCTION SETS | | | 37,615 | | |
| | Hydraulic Excavator (HYEX) | | | [7,980] | | |
| | TRACTOR FULL TRACKED, MED T–9 (Medium Dozer) | | | [29,635] | | |
| | **PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 164 | DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, PETROLEUM & WATER | 96,020 | 96,020 | 96,020 | | 96,020 |
| | **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 165 | COMBAT SUPPORT MEDICAL | 99,567 | 99,567 | 99,567 | | 99,567 |
| | **MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 166 | MOBILE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS | 63,311 | 63,311 | 63,311 | | 63,311 |
| | **CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 169 | CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT | 92,299 | 92,299 | 92,299 | | 92,299 |
| | **RAIL FLOAT CONTAINERIZATION EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 179 | ARMY WATERCRAFT ESP | 57,342 | 57,342 | 57,342 | | 57,342 |
| 180 | MANEUVER SUPPORT VESSEL (MSV) | 33,949 | 33,949 | 158,949 | | 33,949 |
| | MSV-L 2x ships per year | | | [125,000] | | |
| 181 | ITEMS LESS THAN $5.0M (FLOAT/RAIL) | 18,217 | 18,217 | 18,217 | | 18,217 |
| | **GENERATORS** | | | | | |
| 182 | GENERATORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIP | 89,073 | 89,073 | 89,073 | | 89,073 |
| | **MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 184 | FAMILY OF FORKLIFTS | 12,576 | 12,576 | 45,777 | 8,000 | 20,576 |
| | Family of All Terrain Cranes | | | [15,000] | | |
| | Type 1 Crane/Mobility | | | [18,201] | [8,000] | |
| | **TRAINING EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 185 | COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS SUPPORT | 49,025 | 49,025 | 49,025 | | 49,025 |
| 186 | TRAINING DEVICES, NONSYSTEM | 189,306 | 189,306 | 189,306 | | 189,306 |
| 187 | SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (STE) | 166,402 | 166,402 | 166,402 | | 166,402 |
| 189 | GAMING TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF ARMY TRAINING | 7,320 | 7,320 | 7,320 | | 7,320 |
| | **TEST MEASURE AND DIG EQUIPMENT (TMD)** | | | | | |
| 191 | INTEGRATED FAMILY OF TEST EQUIPMENT (IFTE) | 38,784 | 38,784 | 38,784 | | 38,784 |
| 193 | TEST EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION (TEMOD) | 51,119 | 51,119 | 51,119 | | 51,119 |
| | **OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 195 | PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (OPA3) | 136,315 | 136,315 | 136,315 | | 136,315 |
| 196 | BASE LEVEL COMMON EQUIPMENT | 19,452 | 19,452 | 19,452 | | 19,452 |
| 197 | MODIFICATION OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (OPA–3) | 31,452 | 31,452 | 31,452 | | 31,452 |
| 198 | BUILDING, PRE-FAB, RELOCATABLE | 10,490 | 10,490 | 10,490 | | 10,490 |
| 200 | SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR TEST AND EVALUATION | 93,777 | 93,777 | 93,777 | | 93,777 |
| | **OPA2** | | | | | |
| 205 | INITIAL SPARES—C&E | 7,254 | 7,254 | 7,254 | | 7,254 |
| | **AGILE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT** | | | | | |

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| 207 | COUNTER-SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM (C-SUAS) | | 306,568 | | 306,568 | | 306,568 | | | | 306,568 |
| 208 | ELECTRONIC WARFARE | | 24,547 | | 24,547 | | 24,547 | | | | 24,547 |
| 209 | ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE | | 54,427 | | 54,427 | | 54,427 | | | | 54,427 |
| 210 | SOLDIER BORNE SENSOR | | 21,919 | | 21,919 | | 21,919 | | | | 21,919 |
| | **TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY** | | **9,605,566** | | **9,415,566** | | **10,083,266** | | **–187,000** | | **9,418,566** |
| | **AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **COMBAT AIRCRAFT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | F/A–18E/F (FIGHTER) HORNET | | 50,607 | | 50,607 | | 50,607 | | | | 50,607 |
| 004 | JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV | 12 | 1,951,629 | 12 | 1,951,629 | 12 | 1,951,629 | | | 12 | 1,951,629 |
| 005 | JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV AP | | 401,596 | | 401,596 | | 401,596 | | | | 401,596 |
| 006 | JSF STOVL | 11 | 1,787,313 | 11 | 1,787,313 | 11 | 1,787,313 | | | 11 | 1,787,313 |
| 007 | JSF STOVL AP | | 113,744 | | 113,744 | | 113,744 | | | | 113,744 |
| 008 | CH–53K (HEAVY LIFT) | 12 | 1,707,601 | 12 | 1,707,601 | 12 | 2,259,601 | 1 | 135,000 | 13 | 1,842,601 |
| | USMC (+4) CH–53K | | | | | | [552,000] | | | | |
| | USMC CH–53K | | | | | | | [1] | [135,000] | | |
| 009 | CH–53K (HEAVY LIFT) AP | | 335,352 | | 335,352 | | 335,352 | | | | 335,352 |
| 010 | V–22 (MEDIUM LIFT) | | 47,196 | | 47,196 | | 47,196 | | | | 47,196 |
| 012 | H–1 UPGRADES (UH–1Y/AH–1Z) | | 8,305 | | 8,305 | | 8,305 | | | | 8,305 |
| 014 | P–8A POSEIDON | | 13,631 | | 13,631 | | 13,631 | | | | 13,631 |
| 015 | E–2D ADV HAWKEYE | 4 | 1,503,556 | 4 | 1,203,556 | 4 | 3,556 | | –300,000 | 4 | 1,203,556 |
| | E–2D cancelation | | | | | | [–1,500,000] | | | | |
| | Excess cost growth | | | | | | | | [–300,000] | | |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–300,000] | | | | | | |
| | **OTHER AIRCRAFT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 023 | KC–130J | | 18,017 | | 18,017 | | 18,017 | | | | 18,017 |
| 027 | MQ–4 TRITON | | 133,139 | | 133,139 | | 133,139 | | | | 133,139 |
| 031 | MQ–25 | 3 | 407,046 | 3 | 407,046 | 3 | 407,046 | | | 3 | 407,046 |
| 032 | MQ–25 AP | | 52,191 | | 52,191 | | 52,191 | | | | 52,191 |
| 034 | MARINE GROUP 5 UAS | | 15,162 | | 15,162 | | 15,162 | | | | 15,162 |
| 036 | OTHER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT | 1 | 19,812 | 1 | 19,812 | 1 | 19,812 | | | 1 | 19,812 |
| | **MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 039 | F–18 A-D UNIQUE | | 53,809 | | 53,809 | | 53,809 | | | | 53,809 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 040 | F–18E/F AND EA–18G MODERNIZATION AND SUSTAINM | 576,229 | 576,229 | 576,229 | | 576,229 |
| 041 | MARINE GROUP 5 UAS SERIES | 143,695 | 143,695 | 143,695 | | 143,695 |
| 042 | AEA SYSTEMS | 25,848 | 25,848 | 25,848 | | 25,848 |
| 044 | INFRARED SEARCH AND TRACK (IRST) | 175,351 | 175,351 | 175,351 | | 175,351 |
| 045 | ADVERSARY | 21,535 | 21,535 | 21,535 | | 21,535 |
| 046 | F–18 SERIES | 756,967 | 756,967 | 756,967 | | 756,967 |
| 047 | H–53 SERIES | 69,227 | 69,227 | 69,227 | | 69,227 |
| 048 | MH–60 SERIES | 115,545 | 115,545 | 115,545 | | 115,545 |
| 049 | H–1 SERIES | 149,405 | 149,405 | 149,405 | | 149,405 |
| 051 | E–2 SERIES | 143,772 | 143,772 | 143,772 | | 143,772 |
| 052 | TRAINER A/C SERIES | 12,151 | 12,151 | 12,151 | | 12,151 |
| 054 | C–130 SERIES | 144,017 | 144,017 | 144,017 | | 144,017 |
| 055 | FEWSG | 5 | 5 | 5 | | 5 |
| 056 | CARGO/TRANSPORT A/C SERIES | 7,526 | 7,526 | 7,526 | | 7,526 |
| 057 | E–6 SERIES | 163,737 | 163,737 | 163,737 | | 163,737 |
| 058 | EXECUTIVE HELICOPTERS SERIES | 66,645 | 66,645 | 66,645 | | 66,645 |
| 060 | T–45 SERIES | 173,433 | 173,433 | 173,433 | | 173,433 |
| 061 | POWER PLANT CHANGES | 18,707 | 18,707 | 18,707 | | 18,707 |
| 062 | JPATS SERIES | 21,330 | 21,330 | 21,330 | | 21,330 |
| 064 | COMMON ECM EQUIPMENT | 91,553 | 91,553 | 91,553 | | 91,553 |
| 065 | COMMON AVIONICS CHANGES | 161,376 | 145,276 | 161,376 | –16,100 | 145,276 |
| | Program decrease | | [–16,100] | | [–16,100] | |
| 066 | COMMON DEFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEM | 8,926 | 8,926 | 8,926 | | 8,926 |
| 067 | ID SYSTEMS | 3,011 | 3,011 | 3,011 | | 3,011 |
| 068 | P–8 SERIES | 320,130 | 320,130 | 320,130 | | 320,130 |
| 069 | MAGTF EW FOR AVIATION | 22,356 | 22,356 | 22,356 | | 22,356 |
| 071 | V–22 (TILT/ROTOR ACFT) OSPREY | 319,145 | 319,145 | 319,145 | | 319,145 |
| 072 | NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) | 439,493 | 429,493 | 439,493 | –10,000 | 429,493 |
| | Program decrease | | [–10,000] | | [–10,000] | |
| 073 | F–35 STOVL SERIES | 364,774 | 364,774 | 364,774 | | 364,774 |
| 074 | F–35 CV SERIES | 180,533 | 180,533 | 180,533 | | 180,533 |
| 075 | QRC | 24,893 | 24,893 | 24,893 | | 24,893 |
| 076 | MQ–4 SERIES | 180,463 | 180,463 | 180,463 | | 180,463 |
| | **AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS** | | | | | |
| 084 | SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS | 2,562,627 | 2,812,627 | 2,562,627 | 250,000 | 2,812,627 |
| | F–35B increase | | [125,000] | | [125,000] | |
| | F–35C increase | | [125,000] | | [125,000] | |
| | **AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIP & FACILITIES** | | | | | |
| 085 | COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT | 584,561 | 526,161 | 584,561 | –58,400 | 526,161 |
| | Program decrease | | [–58,400] | | [–58,400] | |

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| 086 | AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES | | 112,513 | | 101,313 | | 112,513 | | –11,200 | | 101,313 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–11,200] | | | | [–11,200] | | |
| 087 | WAR CONSUMABLES | | 45,153 | | 45,153 | | 45,153 | | | | 45,153 |
| 088 | OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES | | 70,770 | | 70,770 | | 70,770 | | | | 70,770 |
| 089 | SPECIAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 130,993 | | 117,993 | | 130,993 | | –13,000 | | 117,993 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–13,000] | | | | [–13,000] | | |
| | **TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY** | **43** | **17,028,101** | **43** | **16,869,401** | **43** | **16,080,101** | **1** | **–23,700** | **44** | **17,004,401** |
| | **WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **MODIFICATION OF MISSILES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | TRIDENT II MODS | | 2,582,029 | | 2,582,029 | | 2,582,029 | | | | 2,582,029 |
| | **STRATEGIC MISSILES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 006 | TOMAHAWK | | 12,593 | | 12,593 | | 205,593 | | | | 12,593 |
| | TLAM supplier base stabilization—turbofans | | | | | | [193,000] | | | | |
| | **TACTICAL MISSILES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 007 | AMRAAM | 51 | 69,913 | 51 | 69,913 | 51 | 763,913 | | 79,000 | 51 | 148,913 |
| | AMRAAM: maximize procurement | | | | | | [694,000] | | [79,000] | | |
| 008 | SIDEWINDER | 146 | 84,713 | 146 | 84,713 | 146 | 84,713 | | | 146 | 84,713 |
| 009 | JOINT ADVANCE TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM) | | 301,858 | | 301,858 | | 301,858 | | | | 301,858 |
| 010 | STANDARD MISSILE | 10 | 187,420 | 10 | 122,420 | 10 | 249,420 | | | 10 | 187,420 |
| | Reconciliation adjustment | | | | [–65,000] | | | | | | |
| | SM–6 procurement—misaligned budget request (+11 AURs). | | | | | | [62,000] | | | | |
| 012 | SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II | 273 | 86,255 | 273 | 86,255 | 273 | 86,255 | | | 273 | 86,255 |
| 013 | RAM | 123 | 122,372 | 123 | 122,372 | 123 | 122,372 | | | 123 | 122,372 |
| 015 | JOINT AIR GROUND MISSILE (JAGM) | 277 | 74,152 | 277 | 74,152 | 277 | 74,152 | | | 277 | 74,152 |
| 017 | AERIAL TARGETS | | 182,704 | | 164,504 | | 182,704 | | –18,200 | | 164,504 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–18,200] | | | | [–18,200] | | |
| 019 | OTHER MISSILE SUPPORT | | 3,490 | | 3,490 | | 3,490 | | | | 3,490 |
| 020 | LRASM | 56 | 243,217 | 56 | 243,217 | 56 | 401,217 | | 158,000 | 56 | 401,217 |
| | LRASM supplier base Navy production to 160 per year | | | | | | [68,000] | | [68,000] | | |
| | LRASM: procurement +20 AURs to 120 | | | | | | [90,000] | | [90,000] | | |
| 021 | NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) | 16 | 32,238 | 16 | 32,238 | 16 | 32,238 | | | 16 | 32,238 |

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| 022 | NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) AP | | 3,059 | | 3,059 | | 3,059 | | | | 3,059 |
| | **MODIFICATION OF MISSILES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 025 | TOMAHAWK MODS | | 6,283 | | 6,283 | | 41,283 | | | | 6,283 |
| | TLAM procurement increase | | | | | | [35,000] | | | | |
| 026 | ESSM | 305 | 503,381 | 305 | 503,381 | 305 | 503,381 | | 305 | | 503,381 |
| 028 | AARGM-ER | 147 | 261,041 | 147 | 261,041 | 147 | 261,041 | | 147 | | 261,041 |
| 029 | AARGM-ER AP | | 24,284 | | 24,284 | | 24,284 | | | | 24,284 |
| 031 | STANDARD MISSILES MODS | | 32,127 | | 32,127 | | 32,127 | | | | 32,127 |
| | **SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 032 | WEAPONS INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES | | 127,222 | | 127,222 | | 527,222 | | | | 127,222 |
| | Navy munitions | | | | | | [400,000] | | | | |
| | **ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 036 | ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 37,059 | | 37,059 | | 37,059 | | | | 37,059 |
| | **TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 039 | SSTD | | 4,789 | | 4,789 | | 4,789 | | | | 4,789 |
| 040 | MK–48 TORPEDO | | 7,081 | | 7,081 | | 7,081 | | | | 7,081 |
| 042 | ASW TARGETS | | 38,386 | | 38,386 | | 38,386 | | | | 38,386 |
| | **MOD OF TORPEDOES AND RELATED EQUIP** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 043 | MK–54 TORPEDO MODS | | 1,692 | | 1,692 | | 1,692 | | | | 1,692 |
| 044 | MK–48 TORPEDO ADCAP MODS | | 31,479 | | 31,479 | | 31,479 | | | | 31,479 |
| 045 | MARITIME MINES | | | | | | 75,000 | | | | |
| | Enhanced Joint Direct Attack Missile (JDAM) (USN) | | | | | | [75,000] | | | | |
| | **SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 046 | TORPEDO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 161,218 | | 161,218 | | 161,218 | | | | 161,218 |
| 047 | ASW RANGE SUPPORT | | 4,328 | | 4,328 | | 4,328 | | | | 4,328 |
| | **DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 048 | FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION | | 5,346 | | 5,346 | | 5,346 | | | | 5,346 |
| | **GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 051 | SMALL ARMS AND WEAPONS | | 9,987 | | 9,987 | | 9,987 | | | | 9,987 |
| | **MODIFICATION OF GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 052 | CIWS MODS | | 8,122 | | 8,122 | | 8,122 | | | | 8,122 |
| 053 | COAST GUARD WEAPONS | | 44,455 | | 44,455 | | 44,455 | | | | 44,455 |
| 054 | GUN MOUNT MODS | | 83,969 | | 83,969 | | 83,969 | | | | 83,969 |
| 055 | LCS MODULE WEAPONS | 10 | 2,200 | 10 | 2,200 | 10 | 2,200 | | 10 | | 2,200 |
| 056 | AIRBORNE MINE NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEMS | | 14,413 | | 14,413 | | 14,413 | | | | 14,413 |
| | **SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 061 | SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS | | 202,425 | | 202,425 | | 202,425 | | | | 202,425 |
| | **TOTAL WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY** | **1,414** | **5,597,300** | **1,414** | **5,514,100** | **1,414** | **7,214,300** | **218,800** | **1,414** | | **5,816,100** |
| | **PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS** | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | **NAVY AMMUNITION** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 001 | GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS | | 30,915 | | 27,815 | | 30,915 | | –3,100 | | 27,815 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–3,100] | | | | [–3,100] | | |
| 002 | JDAM | 798 | 61,119 | 798 | 61,119 | 798 | 61,119 | | | 798 | 61,119 |
| 003 | AIRBORNE ROCKETS, ALL TYPES | | 87,797 | | 87,797 | | 87,797 | | | | 87,797 |
| 004 | MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION | | 17,645 | | 17,645 | | 17,645 | | | | 17,645 |
| 005 | PRACTICE BOMBS | | 45,049 | | 40,549 | | 45,049 | | –4,500 | | 40,549 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–4,500] | | | | [–4,500] | | |
| 006 | CARTRIDGES & CART ACTUATED DEVICES | | 74,535 | | 74,535 | | 74,535 | | | | 74,535 |
| 007 | AIR EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES | | 98,437 | | 98,437 | | 98,437 | | | | 98,437 |
| 008 | JATOS | | 6,373 | | 6,373 | | 6,373 | | | | 6,373 |
| 009 | 5 INCH/54 GUN AMMUNITION | | 24,864 | | 24,864 | | 24,864 | | | | 24,864 |
| 010 | INTERMEDIATE CALIBER GUN AMMUNITION | | 40,175 | | 40,175 | | 40,175 | | | | 40,175 |
| 011 | OTHER SHIP GUN AMMUNITION | | 43,763 | | 43,763 | | 43,763 | | | | 43,763 |
| 012 | SMALL ARMS & LANDING PARTY AMMO | | 49,493 | | 49,493 | | 49,493 | | | | 49,493 |
| 013 | PYROTECHNIC AND DEMOLITION | | 9,644 | | 9,644 | | 9,644 | | | | 9,644 |
| 015 | AMMUNITION LESS THAN $5 MILLION | | 1,723 | | 1,723 | | 1,723 | | | | 1,723 |
| 016 | EXPEDITIONARY LOITERING MUNITIONS | | | | | | 64,000 | | | | |
| | Expeditionary Loitering Munitions | | | | | | [64,000] | | | | |
| | **MARINE CORPS AMMUNITION** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 018 | MORTARS | | 141,135 | | 141,135 | | 141,135 | | | | 141,135 |
| 019 | DIRECT SUPPORT MUNITIONS | | 26,729 | | 26,729 | | 26,729 | | | | 26,729 |
| 020 | INFANTRY WEAPONS AMMUNITION | | 180,867 | | 180,867 | | 180,867 | | | | 180,867 |
| 021 | COMBAT SUPPORT MUNITIONS | | 12,936 | | 12,936 | | 12,936 | | | | 12,936 |
| 022 | AMMO MODERNIZATION | | 18,467 | | 18,467 | | 18,467 | | | | 18,467 |
| 023 | ARTILLERY MUNITIONS | | 147,473 | | 147,473 | | 147,473 | | | | 147,473 |
| 024 | ITEMS LESS THAN $5 MILLION | | 15,891 | | 15,891 | | 15,891 | | | | 15,891 |
| | **TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.** | **798** | **1,135,030** | **798** | **1,127,430** | **798** | **1,199,030** | | **–7,600** | **798** | **1,127,430** |
| | **SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SHIPS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 001 | COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE | 1 | 3,928,828 | 1 | 3,928,828 | 1 | 3,928,828 | | | 1 | 3,928,828 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 002 | COLUMBIA CLASS SUBMARINE AP | | 5,065,766 | | 5,065,766 | | 5,065,766 | | 700,000 | 5,765,766 |
| | Program increase | | | | | | | | [700,000] | |
| | **OTHER WARSHIPS** | | | | | | | | | |
| 005 | CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM | | 1,046,700 | | 1,046,700 | | 1,046,700 | | | 1,046,700 |
| 006 | CARRIER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AP | | 612,038 | | 612,038 | | 612,038 | | | 612,038 |
| 007 | CVN–81 | | 1,622,935 | | 1,622,935 | | 1,622,935 | | | 1,622,935 |
| 008 | VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE | 1 | 816,705 | 1 | 1,816,705 | 1 | 2,016,705 | | 1,918,295 | 1 2,735,000 |
| | Funding shortfall | | | | [1,000,000] | | | | | |
| | Virginia class submarine | | | | | | [1,200,000] | | [1,918,295] | |
| 009 | VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINE AP | | 3,126,816 | | 3,126,816 | | 3,126,816 | | 615,908 | 3,742,724 |
| | Program increase | | | | | | | | [615,908] | |
| 010 | CVN REFUELING OVERHAULS | | 1,779,011 | | 1,779,011 | | 1,779,011 | | | 1,779,011 |
| 012 | DDG 1000 | | 52,358 | | 52,358 | | 52,358 | | | 52,358 |
| 013 | DDG–51 | | 10,773 | 1 | 510,773 | | 6,335,173 | | | 10,773 |
| | DDG–51 | | | | | | [5,400,000] | | | |
| | One additional ship | | | [1] | [500,000] | | | | | |
| | Wage and quality of life enhancements for conventional surface shipbuilding, private ship repair, and public shipyards. | | | | | | [924,400] | | | |
| 014 | DDG–51 AP | | | | | | 1,350,000 | | 900,000 | 900,000 |
| | DDG–51 Advance Procurement | | | | | | [900,000] | | [450,000] | |
| | Large Surface Combatant Shipyard Infrastructure and Industrial Base. | | | | | | [450,000] | | [450,000] | |
| | **AUXILIARIES, CRAFT AND PRIOR YR PROGRAM COST** | | | | | | | | | |
| 031 | TAO FLEET OILER | | 8,346 | | 8,346 | | 8,346 | | | 8,346 |
| 034 | TAGOS SURTASS SHIPS | 1 | 612,205 | 1 | 612,205 | 1 | 612,205 | | | 1 612,205 |
| 041 | OUTFITTING | | 863,846 | | 613,846 | | 886,846 | | 23,000 | 886,846 |
| | Outfitting | | | | | | [23,000] | | [23,000] | |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–250,000] | | | | | |
| 042 | SHIP TO SHORE CONNECTOR | | | | | | | 2 | 320,000 | 320,000 |
| | Program increase—two additional SSCs | | | | | | | [2] | [320,000] | |
| 043 | SERVICE CRAFT | | 34,602 | | 34,602 | | 174,602 | | 140,000 | 174,602 |
| | YRBM procurement | | | | | | [140,000] | | [140,000] | |
| 044 | AUXILIARY PERSONNEL LIGHTER | | | | 50,000 | | | | 78,000 | 78,000 |
| | Auxiliary Personnel Lighter | | | | | | | | [78,000] | |
| | Program increase | | | | [50,000] | | | | | |
| 048 | AUXILIARY VESSELS (USED SEALIFT) | 1 | 45,000 | 1 | 21,000 | 1 | 648,000 | | –24,000 | 1 21,000 |
| | Auxiliary Personnel Lighter | | | | | | [78,000] | | | |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–24,000] | | | | [–24,000] | |
| | Used Sealift Vessels for the Ready Reserve Force (RRF) | | | | | | [525,000] | | | |

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| 048A | EXPEDITIONARY MEDICAL SHIP | | | | 250,000 | | | | | | |
| | Afloat medical capability | | | | [250,000] | | | | | | |
| 049 | COMPLETION OF PY SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS | | 1,214,295 | | 964,295 | | 1,691,295 | | 462,292 | | 1,676,587 |
| | Completion of prior year shipbuilding—misaligned budget request. | | | | | | [477,000] | | [462,292] | | |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–250,000] | | | | | | |
| | **TOTAL SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY** | **4** | **20,840,224** | **5** | **22,116,224** | **4** | **30,957,624** | **2** | **5,133,495** | **6** | **25,973,719** |
| | **OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **SHIP PROPULSION EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 001 | SURFACE POWER EQUIPMENT | | 9,978 | | 9,978 | | 9,978 | | | | 9,978 |
| | **GENERATORS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | SURFACE COMBATANT HM&E | | 62,004 | | 62,004 | | 71,004 | | | | 62,004 |
| | Mixed-Oxidant Electrolytic Disinfectant Generator | | | | | | [9,000] | | | | |
| | **NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 003 | OTHER NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT | | 96,945 | | 96,945 | | 96,945 | | | | 96,945 |
| | **OTHER SHIPBOARD EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 004 | SUB PERISCOPE, IMAGING AND SUPT EQUIP PROG | | 135,863 | | 135,863 | | 277,863 | | | | 135,863 |
| | Sub periscope, imaging and supt equip—misaligned budget request. | | | | | | [142,000] | | | | |
| 005 | DDG MOD | | 686,787 | | 686,787 | | 997,787 | | | | 686,787 |
| | DDG Mod | | | | | | [311,000] | | | | |
| 006 | FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT | | 36,488 | | 36,488 | | 36,488 | | | | 36,488 |
| 007 | COMMAND AND CONTROL SWITCHBOARD | | 2,417 | | 2,417 | | 2,417 | | | | 2,417 |
| 008 | LHA/LHD MIDLIFE | | 86,884 | | 56,884 | | 123,884 | | –30,000 | | 56,884 |
| | LHA/LHD Midlife | | | | | | [37,000] | | | | |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–30,000] | | | | [–30,000] | | |
| 009 | LCC 19/20 EXTENDED SERVICE LIFE PROGRAM | | 19,276 | | 19,276 | | 19,276 | | | | 19,276 |
| 010 | POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT | | 22,477 | | 22,477 | | 22,477 | | | | 22,477 |
| 011 | SUBMARINE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 383,062 | | 383,062 | | 383,062 | | | | 383,062 |
| 012 | VIRGINIA CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 52,039 | | 52,039 | | 52,039 | | | | 52,039 |
| 013 | LCS CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 2,551 | | 2,551 | | 2,551 | | | | 2,551 |
| 014 | SUBMARINE BATTERIES | | 28,169 | | 28,169 | | 28,169 | | | | 28,169 |

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| 015 | LPD CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 101,042 | 76,042 | 126,042 | –25,000 | 76,042 |
| | LPD Class Support Equipment | | | [25,000] | | |
| | Program decrease | | [–25,000] | | [–25,000] | |
| 016 | DDG 1000 CLASS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 115,267 | 115,267 | 115,267 | | 115,267 |
| 017 | STRATEGIC PLATFORM SUPPORT EQUIP | 38,039 | 38,039 | 38,039 | | 38,039 |
| 019 | DSSP EQUIPMENT | 5,849 | 5,849 | 5,849 | | 5,849 |
| 022 | UNDERWATER EOD EQUIPMENT | 22,355 | 22,355 | 22,355 | | 22,355 |
| 023 | ITEMS LESS THAN $5 MILLION | 11,691 | –309 | 86,691 | –11,691 | |
| | Misaligned budget request | | | [75,000] | | |
| | Program decrease | | [–12,000] | | [–11,691] | |
| 024 | CHEMICAL WARFARE DETECTORS | 2,607 | 2,607 | 2,607 | | 2,607 |
| | **REACTOR PLANT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 026 | SHIP MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND MODERNIZATION | 2,392,620 | 2,392,620 | 2,392,620 | | 2,392,620 |
| 028 | REACTOR COMPONENTS | 399,603 | 399,603 | 474,603 | 75,000 | 474,603 |
| | Restore Full Funding for Reactor Plant Components | | | [75,000] | [75,000] | |
| | **OCEAN ENGINEERING** | | | | | |
| 029 | DIVING AND SALVAGE EQUIPMENT | 7,842 | 7,842 | 7,842 | | 7,842 |
| | **SMALL BOATS** | | | | | |
| 031 | STANDARD BOATS | 51,546 | –14,454 | 118,546 | 25,720 | 77,266 |
| | 40-foot Patrol Boat | | | [67,000] | [50,720] | |
| | Additional 40-foot patrol boats | | [9,000] | | | |
| | Program decrease | | [–50,000] | | | |
| | Small Boats reconciliation adjustment | | [–25,000] | | [–25,000] | |
| | **PRODUCTION FACILITIES EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 032 | OPERATING FORCES IPE | 208,998 | 208,998 | 208,998 | | 208,998 |
| | **OTHER SHIP SUPPORT** | | | | | |
| 033 | LCS COMMON MISSION MODULES EQUIPMENT | 38,880 | 38,880 | 38,880 | | 38,880 |
| 034 | LCS MCM MISSION MODULES | 91,372 | 91,372 | 91,372 | | 91,372 |
| 036 | LCS SUW MISSION MODULES | 3,790 | 3,790 | 3,790 | | 3,790 |
| 037 | LCS IN-SERVICE MODERNIZATION | 203,442 | 105,442 | 203,442 | –98,000 | 105,442 |
| | Program decrease | | [–98,000] | | [–98,000] | |
| 038 | SMALL & MEDIUM UUV | 54,854 | 69,854 | 54,854 | 7,000 | 61,854 |
| | Torpedo Tube Launch and Recovery Capable Autonomous Undersea Vehicles. | | [15,000] | | [7,000] | |
| | **LOGISTIC SUPPORT** | | | | | |
| 040 | LSD MIDLIFE & MODERNIZATION | 4,079 | 4,079 | 4,079 | | 4,079 |
| | **SHIP SONARS** | | | | | |
| 043 | AN/SQQ–89 SURF ASW COMBAT SYSTEM | 144,425 | 154,425 | 144,425 | | 144,425 |
| | Outpost Uncrewed Surveillance System Increase | | [10,000] | | | |
| 044 | SSN ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT | 498,597 | 498,597 | 498,597 | | 498,597 |

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| | **ASW ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 046 | SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE SYSTEM | | 56,482 | | 56,482 | | 56,482 | | | | 56,482 |
| 047 | SSTD | | 14,915 | | 14,915 | | 14,915 | | | | 14,915 |
| 048 | FIXED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM | | 352,312 | | 352,312 | | 352,312 | | | | 352,312 |
| 049 | SURTASS | | 31,169 | | 31,169 | | 31,169 | | | | 31,169 |
| | **ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 050 | AN/SLQ–32 | | 461,380 | | 261,380 | | 461,380 | | –200,000 | | 261,380 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–200,000] | | | | [–200,000] | | |
| | **RECONNAISSANCE EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 051 | SHIPBOARD IW EXPLOIT | | 379,908 | | 359,908 | | 379,908 | | –20,000 | | 359,908 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–20,000] | | | | [–20,000] | | |
| 052 | MARITIME BATTLESPACE AWARENESS | | 13,008 | | 13,008 | | 13,008 | | | | 13,008 |
| | **OTHER SHIP ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 053 | COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY | | 26,648 | | 26,648 | | 26,648 | | | | 26,648 |
| 054 | NAVAL TACTICAL COMMAND SUPPORT SYSTEM (NTCSS) | | 7,972 | | 7,972 | | 7,972 | | | | 7,972 |
| 055 | ATDLS | | 58,739 | | 58,739 | | 58,739 | | | | 58,739 |
| 056 | NAVY COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NCCS) | | 3,489 | | 3,489 | | 3,489 | | | | 3,489 |
| 057 | MINESWEEPING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT | | 16,426 | | 16,426 | | 22,426 | | | | 16,426 |
| | Dual-Modality Vehicle Mine Countermeasures | | | | | | [6,000] | | | | |
| 059 | NAVSTAR GPS RECEIVERS (SPACE) | | 45,701 | | 45,701 | | 45,701 | | | | 45,701 |
| 060 | AMERICAN FORCES RADIO AND TV SERVICE | | 304 | | 304 | | 304 | | | | 304 |
| | **AVIATION ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 062 | ASHORE ATC EQUIPMENT | | 97,262 | | 87,262 | | 97,262 | | –10,000 | | 87,262 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–10,000] | | | | [–10,000] | | |
| 063 | AFLOAT ATC EQUIPMENT | | 72,104 | | 72,104 | | 72,104 | | | | 72,104 |
| 064 | ID SYSTEMS | | 52,171 | | 52,171 | | 52,171 | | | | 52,171 |
| 065 | JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEM ( | | 5,105 | | 5,105 | | 5,105 | | | | 5,105 |
| 066 | NAVAL MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS | | 60,058 | | 40,058 | | 60,058 | | –20,000 | | 40,058 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–20,000] | | | | [–20,000] | | |
| | **OTHER SHORE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 068 | TACTICAL/MOBILE C4I SYSTEMS | | 64,901 | | 64,901 | | 64,901 | | | | 64,901 |
| 069 | INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE (ISR) | | 12,112 | | 12,112 | | 12,112 | | | | 12,112 |
| 070 | CANES | | 534,324 | | 534,324 | | 534,324 | | | | 534,324 |

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| 071 | RADIAC | 31,289 | 31,289 | 31,289 | | 31,289 |
| 072 | CANES-INTELL | 46,281 | 46,281 | 46,281 | | 46,281 |
| 073 | GPETE | 33,395 | 33,395 | 33,395 | | 33,395 |
| 074 | MASF | 13,205 | 13,205 | 13,205 | | 13,205 |
| 075 | INTEG COMBAT SYSTEM TEST FACILITY | 11,493 | 11,493 | 11,493 | | 11,493 |
| 076 | EMI CONTROL INSTRUMENTATION | 3,687 | 3,687 | 3,687 | | 3,687 |
| 078 | IN-SERVICE RADARS AND SENSORS | 249,656 | 229,656 | 249,656 | –20,000 | 229,656 |
| | Program decrease | | [–20,000] | | [–20,000] | |
| | **SHIPBOARD COMMUNICATIONS** | | | | | |
| 079 | BATTLE FORCE TACTICAL NETWORK | 106,583 | 106,583 | 106,583 | | 106,583 |
| 080 | SHIPBOARD TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS | 20,900 | 20,900 | 20,900 | | 20,900 |
| 081 | SHIP COMMUNICATIONS AUTOMATION | 162,075 | 102,075 | 162,075 | –60,000 | 102,075 |
| | Program decrease | | [–60,000] | | [–60,000] | |
| 082 | COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS UNDER $5M | 11,138 | 11,138 | 11,138 | | 11,138 |
| | **SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS** | | | | | |
| 083 | SUBMARINE BROADCAST SUPPORT | 113,115 | 113,115 | 113,115 | | 113,115 |
| 084 | SUBMARINE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT | 84,584 | 64,584 | 84,584 | –20,000 | 64,584 |
| | Program decrease | | [–20,000] | | [–20,000] | |
| | **SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS** | | | | | |
| 085 | SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS | 62,943 | 62,943 | 62,943 | | 62,943 |
| 086 | NAVY MULTIBAND TERMINAL (NMT) | 63,433 | 63,433 | 63,433 | | 63,433 |
| 087 | MOBILE ADVANCED EHF TERMINAL (MAT) | 220,453 | 170,453 | 220,453 | | 220,453 |
| | Program decrease | | [–50,000] | | | |
| | **SHORE COMMUNICATIONS** | | | | | |
| 088 | JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE) | 3,389 | 3,389 | 3,389 | | 3,389 |
| | **CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 089 | INFO SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM (ISSP) | 191,239 | 191,239 | 191,239 | | 191,239 |
| 090 | MIO INTEL EXPLOITATION TEAM | 1,122 | 1,122 | 1,122 | | 1,122 |
| | **CRYPTOLOGIC EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 091 | CRYPTOLOGIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP | 7,841 | 7,841 | 7,841 | | 7,841 |
| | **OTHER ELECTRONIC SUPPORT** | | | | | |
| 109 | COAST GUARD EQUIPMENT | 61,512 | 61,512 | 61,512 | | 61,512 |
| | **SONOBUOYS** | | | | | |
| 112 | SONOBUOYS—ALL TYPES | 249,908 | 249,908 | 249,908 | | 249,908 |
| | **AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 113 | MINOTAUR | 5,191 | 5,191 | 5,191 | | 5,191 |
| 114 | WEAPONS RANGE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 123,435 | 123,435 | 123,435 | | 123,435 |
| 115 | AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 91,284 | 91,284 | 91,284 | | 91,284 |
| 116 | ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG) | 4,484 | 4,484 | 4,484 | | 4,484 |
| 117 | ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRCRAFT LAUNCH SYSTEM (EMALS | 16,294 | 16,294 | 16,294 | | 16,294 |

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| 118 | METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT | | 13,806 | | 13,806 | | 13,806 | | | | 13,806 |
| 119 | AIRBORNE MCM | | 9,643 | | 9,643 | | 9,643 | | | | 9,643 |
| 121 | AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 111,334 | | 111,334 | | 111,334 | | | | 111,334 |
| 122 | UMCS-UNMAN CARRIER AVIATION(UCA)MISSION CNTRL | | 189,553 | | 189,553 | | 189,553 | | | | 189,553 |
| | **SHIP GUN SYSTEM EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 125 | SHIP GUN SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT | | 7,358 | | 7,358 | | 7,358 | | | | 7,358 |
| | **SHIP MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 126 | HARPOON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 209 | | 209 | | 209 | | | | 209 |
| 127 | SHIP MISSILE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 455,822 | | 380,822 | | 455,822 | | –75,000 | | 380,822 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–75,000] | | | | [–75,000] | | |
| 128 | TOMAHAWK SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 107,709 | | 107,709 | | 107,709 | | | | 107,709 |
| | **FBM SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 129 | CPS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 67,264 | | 67,264 | | 67,264 | | | | 67,264 |
| 130 | STRATEGIC MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIP | | 491,179 | | 391,179 | | 491,179 | | | | 491,179 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–100,000] | | | | | | |
| | **ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 131 | SSN COMBAT CONTROL SYSTEMS | | 102,954 | | 102,954 | | 102,954 | | | | 102,954 |
| 132 | ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 25,721 | | 25,721 | | 25,721 | | | | 25,721 |
| | **OTHER ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 133 | EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL EQUIP | | 24,822 | | 24,822 | | 24,822 | | | | 24,822 |
| 134 | DIRECTED ENERGY SYSTEMS | | 2,976 | | 2,976 | | 2,976 | | | | 2,976 |
| 135 | ITEMS LESS THAN $5 MILLION | | 3,635 | | 3,635 | | 3,635 | | | | 3,635 |
| | **OTHER EXPENDABLE ORDNANCE** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 136 | ANTI-SHIP MISSILE DECOY SYSTEM | | 19,129 | | 19,129 | | 89,129 | | | | 19,129 |
| | ASCM decoy systems—misaligned budget request | | | | | | [70,000] | | | | |
| 137 | SUBMARINE TRAINING DEVICE MODS | | 77,889 | | 77,889 | | 77,889 | | | | 77,889 |
| 138 | SURFACE TRAINING EQUIPMENT | | 186,085 | | 186,085 | | 186,085 | | | | 186,085 |
| | **CIVIL ENGINEERING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 141 | PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES | | 3,825 | | 3,825 | | 3,825 | | | | 3,825 |
| 142 | GENERAL PURPOSE TRUCKS | | 5,489 | | 5,489 | | 5,489 | | | | 5,489 |
| 143 | CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE EQUIP | | 102,592 | | 92,592 | | 102,592 | | –10,000 | | 92,592 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–10,000] | | | | [–10,000] | | |
| 144 | FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT | | 27,675 | | 27,675 | | 27,675 | | | | 27,675 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 145 | TACTICAL VEHICLES | 37,262 | 37,262 | 37,262 | | 37,262 |
| 146 | AMPHIBIOUS EQUIPMENT | 38,073 | 13,073 | 38,073 | –25,000 | 13,073 |
| | Program decrease | | [–25,000] | | [–25,000] | |
| 147 | POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT | 4,009 | 4,009 | 4,009 | | 4,009 |
| 148 | ITEMS LESS THAN $5 MILLION | 127,086 | 127,086 | 127,086 | | 127,086 |
| 149 | PHYSICAL SECURITY VEHICLES | 1,297 | 1,297 | 1,297 | | 1,297 |
| | **SUPPLY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 151 | SUPPLY EQUIPMENT | 38,838 | 38,838 | 38,838 | | 38,838 |
| 152 | FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION | 6,203 | 6,203 | 6,203 | | 6,203 |
| 153 | SPECIAL PURPOSE SUPPLY SYSTEMS | 643,618 | 643,618 | 643,618 | | 643,618 |
| | **TRAINING DEVICES** | | | | | |
| 155 | TRAINING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 3,480 | 3,480 | 3,480 | | 3,480 |
| 156 | TRAINING AND EDUCATION EQUIPMENT | 75,048 | 75,048 | 75,048 | | 75,048 |
| | **COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | |
| 157 | COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 34,249 | 34,249 | 34,249 | | 34,249 |
| 158 | MEDICAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 12,256 | 12,256 | 12,256 | | 12,256 |
| 160 | NAVAL MIP SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 8,810 | 8,810 | 8,810 | | 8,810 |
| 161 | OPERATING FORCES SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 16,567 | 16,567 | 16,567 | | 16,567 |
| 162 | C4ISR EQUIPMENT | 36,945 | 36,945 | 36,945 | | 36,945 |
| 163 | ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 42,860 | 42,860 | 42,860 | | 42,860 |
| 164 | PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT | 166,577 | 83,577 | 166,577 | | 166,577 |
| | Program decrease | | [–83,000] | | | |
| 165 | ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 42,363 | 42,363 | 42,363 | | 42,363 |
| | **OTHER** | | | | | |
| 170 | NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISE SERVICE | 185,755 | 135,755 | 185,755 | | 185,755 |
| | Program decrease | | [–50,000] | | | |
| 171 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES | 5,446 | 5,446 | 19,986 | | 5,446 |
| | Information Security Cyber Security Chain Risk Management Program. | | | [14,540] | | |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | |
| 171A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 41,991 | 41,991 | 41,991 | | 41,991 |
| | **SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS** | | | | | |
| 176 | SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS | 585,865 | 475,865 | 585,865 | –157,541 | 428,324 |
| | Excess growth | | | | [–157,541] | |
| | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–110,000] | | | |
| | **TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY** | **14,569,524** | **13,510,524** | **15,401,064** | **–674,512** | **13,895,012** |
| | **PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS** | | | | | |
| | **TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES** | | | | | |
| 001 | AAV7A1 PIP | 21 | 21 | 21 | | 21 |

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| 002 | AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICLES | 91 | 790,789 | 91 | 790,789 | 91 | 790,789 | | | 91 | 790,789 |
| 003 | LAV PIP | | 764 | | 764 | | 764 | | | | 764 |
| | **ARTILLERY AND OTHER WEAPONS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 004 | 155MM LIGHTWEIGHT TOWED HOWITZER | | 3 | | 3 | | 3 | | | | 3 |
| 005 | ARTILLERY WEAPONS SYSTEM | | 221,897 | | 221,897 | | 221,897 | | | | 221,897 |
| 006 | WEAPONS AND COMBAT VEHICLES UNDER $5 MILLION | | 13,401 | | 13,401 | | 13,401 | | | | 13,401 |
| | **GUIDED MISSILES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 011 | NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) | 90 | 143,711 | 90 | 143,711 | 90 | 143,711 | | | 90 | 143,711 |
| 012 | NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) AP | | 20,930 | | 20,930 | | 20,930 | | | | 20,930 |
| 013 | GROUND BASED AIR DEFENSE | | 620,220 | | 620,220 | | 620,220 | | | | 620,220 |
| 014 | ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-JAVELIN | 56 | 32,576 | 56 | 32,576 | 56 | 32,576 | | | 56 | 32,576 |
| 015 | FAMILY ANTI-ARMOR WEAPON SYSTEMS (FOAAWS) | | 107 | | 107 | | 107 | | | | 107 |
| 016 | ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-TOW | | 2,173 | | 2,173 | | 2,173 | | | | 2,173 |
| 017 | GUIDED MLRS ROCKET (GMLRS) | 6 | 61,490 | 6 | 61,490 | 6 | 61,490 | | | 6 | 61,490 |
| | **COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 021 | COMMON AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (C | | 68,589 | | 68,589 | | 68,589 | | | | 68,589 |
| | **REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 022 | REPAIR AND TEST EQUIPMENT | | 61,264 | | 61,264 | | 61,264 | | | | 61,264 |
| | **OTHER SUPPORT (TEL)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 023 | MODIFICATION KITS | | 1,108 | | 1,108 | | 1,108 | | | | 1,108 |
| | **COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NON-TEL)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 024 | ITEMS UNDER $5 MILLION (COMM & ELEC) | | 202,679 | | 192,679 | | 202,679 | | –10,000 | | 192,679 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–10,000] | | | | [–10,000] | | |
| 025 | AIR OPERATIONS C2 SYSTEMS | | 15,784 | | 15,784 | | 15,784 | | | | 15,784 |
| | **RADAR + EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 027 | GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR) | | 79,542 | | 79,542 | | 190,742 | | | | 79,542 |
| | USMC (+2) G/ATOR Radar Systems | | | | | | [111,200] | | | | |
| | **INTELL/COMM EQUIPMENT (NON-TEL)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 029 | ELECTRO MAGNETIC SPECTRUM OPERATIONS (EMSO) | | 35,396 | | 35,396 | | 35,396 | | | | 35,396 |
| 030 | GCSS-MC | | 3,303 | | 3,303 | | 3,303 | | | | 3,303 |
| 031 | FIRE SUPPORT SYSTEM | | 116,304 | | 100,304 | | 116,304 | | –16,000 | | 100,304 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–16,000] | | | | [–16,000] | | |
| 032 | INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 67,690 | | 67,690 | | 85,390 | | | | 67,690 |

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| | Marine Littoral Regiment Organic Find, Fix, and Track (F2T). | | | | | [17,700] | | | |
| 034 | UNMANNED AIR SYSTEMS (INTEL) | | 14,991 | | 74,991 | 14,991 | 17,000 | | 31,991 |
| | Program increase | | | | [60,000] | | [17,000] | | |
| 035 | DCGS-MC | | 42,946 | | 42,946 | 42,946 | | | 42,946 |
| 036 | UAS PAYLOADS | | 12,232 | | 12,232 | 12,232 | | | 12,232 |
| | **OTHER SUPPORT (NON-TEL)** | | | | | | | | |
| 040 | MARINE CORPS ENTERPRISE NETWORK (MCEN) | | 205,710 | | 205,710 | 205,710 | | | 205,710 |
| 041 | COMMON COMPUTER RESOURCES | | 21,064 | | 21,064 | 21,064 | | | 21,064 |
| 042 | COMMAND POST SYSTEMS | | 50,549 | | 50,549 | 50,549 | | | 50,549 |
| 043 | RADIO SYSTEMS | | 209,444 | | 201,444 | 209,444 | –8,000 | | 201,444 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–8,000] | | [–8,000] | | |
| 044 | COMM SWITCHING & CONTROL SYSTEMS | | 100,712 | | 95,712 | 100,712 | –5,000 | | 95,712 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–5,000] | | [–5,000] | | |
| 045 | COMM & ELEC INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT | | 16,163 | | 16,163 | 16,163 | | | 16,163 |
| 046 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES | | 14,541 | | 14,541 | 14,541 | | | 14,541 |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | |
| 048A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | | 2,145 | | 2,145 | 2,145 | | | 2,145 |
| | **ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES** | | | | | | | | |
| 051 | COMMERCIAL CARGO VEHICLES | | 24,699 | | 24,699 | 24,699 | | | 24,699 |
| | **TACTICAL VEHICLES** | | | | | | | | |
| 052 | MOTOR TRANSPORT MODIFICATIONS | | 16,472 | | 16,472 | 16,472 | | | 16,472 |
| 053 | JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE | 138 | 81,893 | 138 | 81,893 | 138 249,893 | 86,633 | 138 | 168,526 |
| | USMC JLTV procurement | | | | | | [86,633] | | |
| | USMC JLTV procurement (+224) | | | | | [168,000] | | | |
| | **ENGINEER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | |
| 058 | TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS | | 33,611 | | 33,611 | 33,611 | | | 33,611 |
| 059 | POWER EQUIPMENT ASSORTED | | 24,558 | | 24,558 | 24,558 | | | 24,558 |
| 060 | AMPHIBIOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 9,049 | | 9,049 | 59,049 | | | 9,049 |
| | ALPV procurement | | | | | [50,000] | | | |
| 061 | EOD SYSTEMS | | 21,069 | | 21,069 | 21,069 | | | 21,069 |
| | **MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | |
| 062 | PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT | | 52,394 | | 52,394 | 52,394 | | | 52,394 |
| | **GENERAL PROPERTY** | | | | | | | | |
| 063 | FIELD MEDICAL EQUIPMENT | | 58,768 | | 58,768 | 58,768 | | | 58,768 |
| 064 | TRAINING DEVICES | | 63,133 | | 63,133 | 63,133 | | | 63,133 |
| 065 | FAMILY OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT | | 33,644 | | 33,644 | 33,644 | | | 33,644 |
| 066 | ULTRA-LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (ULTV) | | 7,836 | | 7,836 | 7,836 | | | 7,836 |
| | **OTHER SUPPORT** | | | | | | | | |
| 067 | ITEMS LESS THAN $5 MILLION | | 35,920 | | 35,920 | 35,920 | | | 35,920 |

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| | **SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 070 | SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS | | 40,828 | | 40,828 | | 40,828 | | | | 40,828 |
| | **TOTAL PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS** | **381** | **3,754,112** | **381** | **3,775,112** | **381** | **4,101,012** | | **64,633** | **381** | **3,818,745** |
| | **AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 001 | B–21 RAIDER | | 2,590,116 | | 2,590,116 | | 2,590,116 | | | | 2,590,116 |
| 002 | B–21 RAIDER AP | | 862,000 | | 862,000 | | 862,000 | | | | 862,000 |
| | **TACTICAL FORCES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 003 | F–35 | 24 | 3,555,503 | 24 | 3,555,503 | 24 | 4,545,000 | | | 24 | 3,555,503 |
| | Procure 10x F–35As | | | | | | [989,497] | | | | |
| 004 | F–35 AP | | 531,241 | | 531,241 | | 531,241 | | | | 531,241 |
| 009 | JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT | | 17,985 | | 17,985 | | 17,985 | | | | 17,985 |
| | **TACTICAL AIRLIFT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 012 | KC–46A MDAP | 15 | 2,799,633 | 15 | 2,499,633 | 15 | 2,799,633 | | –300,000 | 15 | 2,499,633 |
| | Program delay | | | | [–300,000] | | | | [–300,000] | | |
| | **OTHER AIRLIFT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 013 | C–130J | | | | | | 300,000 | 2 | 200,000 | | 200,000 |
| | LC–130 | | | | | | [300,000] | [2] | [200,000] | | |
| | **UPT TRAINERS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 017 | ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING T–7A | 14 | 362,083 | 14 | 362,083 | 14 | 362,083 | | | 14 | 362,083 |
| | **HELICOPTERS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 019 | MH–139A | 2 | 4,478 | 2 | 4,478 | 2 | 4,478 | | | 2 | 4,478 |
| 020 | COMBAT RESCUE HELICOPTER | | 107,500 | | 107,500 | | 107,500 | | | | 107,500 |
| | **MISSION SUPPORT AIRCRAFT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 023 | C–40 FLEET EXPANSION | | | | 300,000 | | | 1 | 250,000 | | 250,000 |
| | 2 additional aircraft | | | [2] | [300,000] | | | | | | |
| | One additional aircraft | | | | | | | [1] | [250,000] | | |
| 024 | CIVIL AIR PATROL A/C | | 3,131 | | 20,931 | | 3,131 | | 14,669 | | 17,800 |
| | Aircraft procurement increase | | | | [17,800] | | | | [14,669] | | |
| | **OTHER AIRCRAFT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 026 | TARGET DRONES | 20 | 34,224 | 20 | 34,224 | 20 | 34,224 | | | 20 | 34,224 |
| 034 | RQ–20B PUMA | 6 | 11,437 | 6 | 11,437 | 6 | 11,437 | | | 6 | 11,437 |

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| | **STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT** | | | | | |
| 036 | B–2A | 76,906 | 76,906 | 76,906 | | 76,906 |
| 037 | B–1B | 73,893 | 73,893 | 73,893 | | 73,893 |
| 038 | B–52 | 223,827 | 223,827 | 223,827 | | 223,827 |
| 039 | LARGE AIRCRAFT INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES | 35,165 | 35,165 | 35,165 | | 35,165 |
| | **TACTICAL AIRCRAFT** | | | | | |
| 041 | COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT MODS | 15,048 | 15,048 | 15,048 | | 15,048 |
| 042 | E–11 BACN/HAG | 28,797 | 28,797 | 28,797 | | 28,797 |
| 043 | F–15 | 120,044 | 120,044 | 120,044 | | 120,044 |
| 045 | F–16 MODIFICATIONS | 448,116 | 448,116 | 448,116 | | 448,116 |
| 046 | F–22A | 977,526 | 977,526 | 977,526 | | 977,526 |
| 047 | F–35 MODIFICATIONS | 380,337 | 380,337 | 380,337 | | 380,337 |
| 048 | F–15 EPAW | 252,607 | 252,607 | 252,607 | | 252,607 |
| 050 | KC–46A MDAP | 19,344 | 19,344 | 19,344 | | 19,344 |
| | **AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT** | | | | | |
| 051 | C–5 | 34,939 | 34,939 | 34,939 | | 34,939 |
| 052 | C–17A | 9,853 | 9,853 | 9,853 | | 9,853 |
| 056 | OSA-EA MODIFICATIONS | 87,515 | 87,515 | 87,515 | | 87,515 |
| | **TRAINER AIRCRAFT** | | | | | |
| 057 | GLIDER MODS | 159 | 159 | 159 | | 159 |
| 058 | T–6 | 247,814 | 247,814 | 247,814 | | 247,814 |
| 059 | T–1 | 137 | 137 | 152,137 | | 137 |
| | Common ASE | | | [152,000] | | |
| 060 | T–38 | 85,381 | 85,381 | 85,381 | | 85,381 |
| | **OTHER AIRCRAFT** | | | | | |
| 068 | C–130 | 144,041 | 144,041 | 144,041 | | 144,041 |
| 070 | C–135 | 124,368 | 124,368 | 124,368 | | 124,368 |
| 071 | COMPASS CALL | | 60,000 | | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| | Program increase | | [60,000] | | [60,000] | |
| 073 | CVR (CONNON ULF RECEIVER) INC 2 | 79,859 | 79,859 | 79,859 | | 79,859 |
| 074 | RC–135 | 231,001 | 231,001 | 231,001 | | 231,001 |
| 075 | E–3 | 17,291 | 17,291 | 17,291 | | 17,291 |
| 076 | E–4 | 45,232 | 45,232 | 45,232 | | 45,232 |
| 080 | H–1 | 17,899 | 17,899 | 17,899 | | 17,899 |
| 081 | MH–139A MOD | 4,992 | 4,992 | 4,992 | | 4,992 |
| 082 | H–60 | 1,749 | 1,749 | 1,749 | | 1,749 |
| 083 | HH60W MODIFICATIONS | 9,150 | 9,150 | 9,150 | | 9,150 |
| 085 | HC/MC–130 MODIFICATIONS | 365,086 | 365,086 | 365,086 | | 365,086 |
| 086 | OTHER AIRCRAFT | 263,902 | 237,502 | 263,902 | –26,400 | 237,502 |
| | Program decrease | | [–26,400] | | [–26,400] | |

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| 088 | MQ–9 MODS | | 100,923 | | 100,923 | | 100,923 | | | | 100,923 |
| 090 | SENIOR LEADER C3 SYSTEM—AIRCRAFT | | 24,414 | | 24,414 | | 24,414 | | | | 24,414 |
| 091 | CV–22 MODS | | 78,713 | | 78,713 | | 78,713 | | | | 78,713 |
| | **AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 094 | INITIAL SPARES/REPAIR PARTS | | 973,535 | | 1,223,535 | | 973,535 | | 250,000 | | 1,223,535 |
| | F–35A increase | | | | [250,000] | | | | [250,000] | | |
| | **COMMON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 099 | AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT SUPPORT EQUIP | | 156,776 | | 156,776 | | 156,776 | | | | 156,776 |
| | **POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 103 | B–2B | | 18,969 | | 18,969 | | 18,969 | | | | 18,969 |
| 104 | B–52 | | 111 | | 111 | | 111 | | | | 111 |
| 106 | C–17A | | 2,672 | | 2,672 | | 2,672 | | | | 2,672 |
| 111 | F–15 | | 5,112 | | 5,112 | | 5,112 | | | | 5,112 |
| 114 | F–16 POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT | | 18,402 | | 18,402 | | 18,402 | | | | 18,402 |
| 116 | HC/MC–130 POST PROD | | 17,986 | | 17,986 | | 17,986 | | | | 17,986 |
| 117 | JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT POST PRODUCTION SUPPORT. | | 28,524 | | 28,524 | | 28,524 | | | | 28,524 |
| | **INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 122 | INDUSTRIAL RESPONSIVENESS | | 19,998 | | 19,998 | | 19,998 | | | | 19,998 |
| | **WAR CONSUMABLES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 123 | WAR CONSUMABLES | | 26,323 | | 26,323 | | 26,323 | | | | 26,323 |
| | **OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 124 | OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES | | 940,190 | | 846,190 | | 940,190 | | –94,000 | | 846,190 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–94,000] | | | | [–94,000] | | |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 134A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | | 16,006 | | 16,006 | | 222,006 | | | | 16,006 |
| | Acceleration of Air Force program | | | | | | [206,000] | | | | |
| | **TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE** | **81** | **17,729,963** | **83** | **17,937,363** | **81** | **19,377,460** | **3** | **354,269** | **84** | **18,084,232** |
| | **MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT—BALLISTIC** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 001 | MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQ-BALLISTIC | | 35,116 | | 35,116 | | 35,116 | | | | 35,116 |
| 002 | MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQ-BALLISTIC AP | | 2,166 | | 2,166 | | 2,166 | | | | 2,166 |

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| | **STRATEGIC** | | | | | | | | | |
| 005 | LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON | | 192,409 | | 192,409 | | 192,409 | | | 192,409 |
| 006 | LONG RANGE STAND-OFF WEAPON AP | | 250,300 | | 250,300 | | 250,300 | | | 250,300 |
| | **TACTICAL** | | | | | | | | | |
| 007 | REPLAC EQUIP & WAR CONSUMABLES | | 12,436 | | 12,436 | | 12,436 | | | 12,436 |
| 008 | ADVANCED PRECISION KILL WEAPON SYSTEM (APKWS) MISSILE. | 340 | 13,428 | 340 | 13,428 | 340 | 13,428 | | 340 | 13,428 |
| 009 | AGM–183A AIR-LAUNCHED RAPID RESPONSE WEAPON | | 387,055 | | 387,055 | | 669,055 | 228,000 | | 615,055 |
| | JSM procurement total 112x—misaligned budget request. | | | | | | [282,000] | [228,000] | | |
| 011 | JOINT AIR-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE | 144 | 328,081 | 144 | 328,081 | 144 | 650,081 | 161,000 | 144 | 489,081 |
| | Joint Air to Surface Stand-Off Missile (JASSM) (USAF) | | | | | | [322,000] | [161,000] | | |
| 013 | JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE | | 368,593 | | 368,593 | | 368,593 | | | 368,593 |
| 015 | LRASM0 | 93 | 294,401 | 93 | 294,401 | 93 | 294,401 | | 93 | 294,401 |
| 017 | SIDEWINDER (AIM–9X) | 173 | 100,352 | 173 | 100,352 | 173 | 100,352 | | 173 | 100,352 |
| 018 | AMRAAM | 226 | 365,125 | 226 | 365,125 | 226 | 365,125 | | 226 | 365,125 |
| 021 | SMALL DIAMETER BOMB | 511 | 41,510 | 511 | 41,510 | 511 | 191,510 | | 511 | 41,510 |
| | GLSDB procurement | | | | | | [150,000] | | | |
| 022 | SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II | 806 | 307,743 | 806 | 307,743 | 806 | 307,743 | | 806 | 307,743 |
| 023 | STAND-IN ATTACK WEAPON (SIAW) | 99 | 185,324 | 99 | 185,324 | 99 | 185,324 | | 99 | 185,324 |
| | **INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES** | | | | | | | | | |
| 024 | INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS/POL PREVENTION | | 917 | | 917 | | 917 | | | 917 |
| | **CLASS IV** | | | | | | | | | |
| 025 | ICBM FUZE MOD | | 119,376 | | 119,376 | | 119,376 | | | 119,376 |
| 027 | MM III MODIFICATIONS | | 14,604 | | 14,604 | | 14,604 | | | 14,604 |
| 029 | AIR LAUNCH CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM) | | 41,393 | | 41,393 | | 41,393 | | | 41,393 |
| | **MISSILE SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS** | | | | | | | | | |
| 030 | MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (INITIAL) | | 5,824 | | 5,824 | | 5,824 | | | 5,824 |
| 031 | MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (REPLEN) | | 108,249 | | 108,249 | | 358,249 | | | 108,249 |
| | Air Force munitions—misaligned budget request | | | | | | [250,000] | | | |
| | **SPECIAL PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | | |
| 033 | SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAMS | | 221,199 | | 199,099 | | 221,199 | –22,100 | | 199,099 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–22,100] | | | [–22,100] | | |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | | |
| 033A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | | 828,275 | | 828,275 | | 828,275 | | | 828,275 |
| | **TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE** | **2,392** | **4,223,876** | **2,392** | **4,201,776** | **2,392** | **5,227,876** | **366,900** | **2,392** | **4,590,776** |
| | **PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE** | | | | | | | | | |
| | **CARTRIDGES** | | | | | | | | | |
| 003 | CARTRIDGES | | 126,077 | | 126,077 | | 126,077 | | | 126,077 |

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| | **BOMBS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 005 | GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS | | 189,097 | | 170,197 | | 189,097 | | –18,900 | | 170,197 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–18,900] | | | | [–18,900] | | |
| 006 | MASSIVE ORDNANCE PENETRATOR (MOP) | | 6,813 | | 6,813 | | 6,813 | | | | 6,813 |
| 007 | JOINT DIRECT ATTACK MUNITION | 1,500 | 126,389 | 1,500 | 126,389 | 1,500 | 126,389 | | | 1,500 | 126,389 |
| 009 | B61–12 TRAINER | | 7,668 | | 7,668 | | 7,668 | | | | 7,668 |
| | **OTHER ITEMS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 010 | CAD/PAD | | 58,454 | | 58,454 | | 58,454 | | | | 58,454 |
| 011 | EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) | | 7,297 | | 7,297 | | 7,297 | | | | 7,297 |
| 012 | SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS | | 636 | | 636 | | 636 | | | | 636 |
| 014 | FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION | | 2,955 | | 2,955 | | 2,955 | | | | 2,955 |
| 015 | ITEMS LESS THAN $5,000,000 | | 5,571 | | 5,571 | | 5,571 | | | | 5,571 |
| | **FLARES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 017 | EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES | | 101,540 | | 101,540 | | 101,540 | | | | 101,540 |
| | **FUZES** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 018 | FUZES | | 125,721 | | 125,721 | | 125,721 | | | | 125,721 |
| | **SMALL ARMS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 019 | SMALL ARMS | | 26,260 | | 26,260 | | 26,260 | | | | 26,260 |
| | **TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE** | **1,500** | **784,478** | **1,500** | **765,578** | **1,500** | **784,478** | | **–18,900** | **1,500** | **765,578** |
| | **PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE** | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **SPACE PROCUREMENT, SF** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | AF SATELLITE COMM SYSTEM | | 68,238 | | 68,238 | | 68,238 | | | | 68,238 |
| 004 | COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS | | 2,027 | | 2,027 | | 2,027 | | | | 2,027 |
| 006 | EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS) AP | | 64,996 | | 64,996 | | 64,996 | | | | 64,996 |
| 007 | FAMILY OF BEYOND LINE-OF-SIGHT TERMINALS | | 15,404 | | 15,404 | | 15,404 | | | | 15,404 |
| 010 | GENERAL INFORMATION TECH—SPACE | | 1,835 | | 1,835 | | 1,835 | | | | 1,835 |
| 011 | GPSIII FOLLOW ON | | 109,944 | | 449,619 | | 109,944 | | | | 109,944 |
| | GPS IIIF | | | | [339,675] | | | | | | |
| 012 | GPS III SPACE SEGMENT | | 29,274 | | 29,274 | | 29,274 | | | | 29,274 |
| 013 | GLOBAL POSTIONING (SPACE) | | 870 | | 870 | | 870 | | | | 870 |
| 017 | SPACEBORNE EQUIP (COMSEC) | | 84,044 | | 84,044 | | 84,044 | | | | 84,044 |
| 018 | MILSATCOM | | 36,447 | | 36,447 | | 36,447 | | | | 36,447 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 020 | SPECIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES | | 482,653 | | 482,653 | | 482,653 | | 482,653 |
| 021 | MOBILE USER OBJECTIVE SYSTEM | | 48,977 | | 48,977 | | 48,977 | | 48,977 |
| 022 | NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH | 4 | 1,466,963 | 4 | 1,466,963 | 4 | 1,466,963 | 4 | 1,466,963 |
| 024 | PTES HUB | | 29,949 | | 29,949 | | 29,949 | | 29,949 |
| 026 | SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LAUNCH | 7 | 648,446 | 7 | 648,446 | 7 | 648,446 | 7 | 648,446 |
| 027 | SPACE DIGITAL INTEGRATED NETWORK (SDIN) | | 4,984 | | 4,984 | | 4,984 | | 4,984 |
| 029 | SPACE MODS | | 115,498 | | 115,498 | | 115,498 | | 115,498 |
| 030 | SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM SPACE | | 64,321 | | 64,321 | | 64,321 | | 64,321 |
| 031 | WIDEBAND SATCOM OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS | | 92,380 | | 92,380 | | 92,380 | | 92,380 |
| | **SPARES** | | | | | | | | |
| 032 | SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS | | 938 | | 938 | | 938 | | 938 |
| | **NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES** | | | | | | | | |
| 033 | USSF VEHICLES | | 5,000 | | 5,000 | | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| | **SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | |
| 035 | POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT | | 20,449 | | 20,449 | | 20,449 | | 20,449 |
| | **TOTAL PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE** | **11** | **3,393,637** | **11** | **3,733,312** | **11** | **3,393,637** | **11** | **3,393,637** |
| | **OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE** | | | | | | | | |
| | **PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES** | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES | | 5,557 | | 5,557 | | 5,557 | | 5,557 |
| | **CARGO AND UTILITY VEHICLES** | | | | | | | | |
| 003 | MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLE | | 3,938 | | 3,938 | | 3,938 | | 3,938 |
| 004 | CAP VEHICLES | | 1,175 | | 1,175 | | 1,175 | | 1,175 |
| 005 | CARGO AND UTILITY VEHICLES | | 56,940 | | 56,940 | | 56,940 | | 56,940 |
| | **SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES** | | | | | | | | |
| 006 | JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE | | 62,202 | | 62,202 | | 62,202 | | 62,202 |
| 007 | SECURITY AND TACTICAL VEHICLES | | 129 | | 129 | | 129 | | 129 |
| 008 | SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES | | 68,242 | | 68,242 | | 68,242 | | 68,242 |
| | **FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | |
| 009 | FIRE FIGHTING/CRASH RESCUE VEHICLES | | 58,416 | | 58,416 | | 58,416 | | 58,416 |
| | **MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | |
| 010 | MATERIALS HANDLING VEHICLES | | 18,552 | | 18,552 | | 18,552 | | 18,552 |
| | **BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT** | | | | | | | | |
| 011 | RUNWAY SNOW REMOV AND CLEANING EQU | | 11,045 | | 11,045 | | 11,045 | | 11,045 |
| 012 | BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT VEHICLES | | 25,291 | | 25,291 | | 25,291 | | 25,291 |
| | **COMM SECURITY EQUIPMENT(COMSEC)** | | | | | | | | |
| 015 | COMSEC EQUIPMENT | | 169,363 | | 159,363 | | 169,363 | –10,000 | 159,363 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–10,000] | | | [–10,000] | |
| | **INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | |
| 017 | INTERNATIONAL INTEL TECH & ARCHITECTURES | | 5,833 | | 5,833 | | 5,833 | | 5,833 |

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| 018 | INTELLIGENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT | | 5,273 | | 5,273 | | 5,273 | | | | 5,273 |
| 019 | INTELLIGENCE COMM EQUIPMENT | | 42,257 | | 42,257 | | 42,257 | | | | 42,257 |
| | **ELECTRONICS PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 020 | AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL & LANDING SYS | | 26,390 | | 26,390 | | 26,390 | | | | 26,390 |
| 021 | NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM | | 11,810 | | 11,810 | | 11,810 | | | | 11,810 |
| 022 | BATTLE CONTROL SYSTEM—FIXED | | 16,592 | | 16,592 | | 16,592 | | | | 16,592 |
| 023 | THEATER AIR CONTROL SYS IMPROVEMEN | | 27,650 | | 27,650 | | 27,650 | | | | 27,650 |
| 024 | 3D EXPEDITIONARY LONG-RANGE RADAR | | 103,226 | | 103,226 | | 103,226 | | | | 103,226 |
| 025 | WEATHER OBSERVATION FORECAST | | 31,516 | | 31,516 | | 31,516 | | | | 31,516 |
| 026 | STRATEGIC COMMAND AND CONTROL | | 82,912 | | 82,912 | | 82,912 | | | | 82,912 |
| 027 | CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX | | 22,021 | | 22,021 | | 22,021 | | | | 22,021 |
| 028 | MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS | | 18,722 | | 18,722 | | 18,722 | | | | 18,722 |
| 031 | STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM | | 6,383 | | 6,383 | | 6,383 | | | | 6,383 |
| | **SPCL COMM-ELECTRONICS PROJECTS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 032 | GENERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | | 172,085 | | 173,185 | | 172,085 | | | | 172,085 |
| | Barry M Goldwater Range Land Mobile Radio (LMR) Network Equipment and Installation. | | | | [1,100] | | | | | | |
| 034 | AF GLOBAL COMMAND & CONTROL SYS | | 1,947 | | 1,947 | | 1,947 | | | | 1,947 |
| 036 | MOBILITY COMMAND AND CONTROL | | 11,648 | | 11,648 | | 11,648 | | | | 11,648 |
| 037 | AIR FORCE PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM | | 294,747 | | 278,747 | | 294,747 | | | | 294,747 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–16,000] | | | | | | |
| 038 | COMBAT TRAINING RANGES | | 231,987 | | 231,987 | | 231,987 | | | | 231,987 |
| 039 | MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMM N | | 94,995 | | 94,995 | | 94,995 | | | | 94,995 |
| 040 | WIDE AREA SURVEILLANCE (WAS) | | 29,617 | | 29,617 | | 29,617 | | | | 29,617 |
| 041 | C3 COUNTERMEASURES | | 116,410 | | 104,810 | | 116,410 | | –11,600 | | 104,810 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–11,600] | | | | [–11,600] | | |
| 044 | DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTING & MGT SYS | | 698 | | 698 | | 698 | | | | 698 |
| 046 | THEATER BATTLE MGT C2 SYSTEM | | 442 | | 442 | | 442 | | | | 442 |
| 047 | AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC) | | 22,785 | | 20,485 | | 22,785 | | –2,300 | | 20,485 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–2,300] | | | | [–2,300] | | |
| | **AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 050 | BASE INFORMATION TRANSPT INFRAST (BITI) WIRED | | 79,091 | | 79,091 | | 79,091 | | | | 79,091 |
| 051 | AFNET | | 282,907 | | 282,907 | | 282,907 | | | | 282,907 |

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| 052 | JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE) | | 5,930 | | 5,930 | | 5,930 | | 5,930 |
| 053 | USCENTCOM | | 14,919 | | 14,919 | | 14,919 | | 14,919 |
| 054 | USSTRATCOM | | 4,788 | | 4,788 | | 4,788 | | 4,788 |
| 055 | USSPACECOM | | 32,633 | | 32,633 | | 32,633 | | 32,633 |
| | **ORGANIZATION AND BASE** | | | | | | | | |
| 056 | TACTICAL C-E EQUIPMENT | | 143,829 | | 143,829 | | 143,829 | | 143,829 |
| 059 | RADIO EQUIPMENT | | 50,730 | | 50,730 | | 50,730 | | 50,730 |
| 061 | BASE COMM INFRASTRUCTURE | | 67,015 | | 67,015 | | 67,015 | | 67,015 |
| | **MODIFICATIONS** | | | | | | | | |
| 062 | COMM ELECT MODS | | 76,034 | | 76,034 | | 76,034 | | 76,034 |
| | **PERSONAL SAFETY & RESCUE EQUIP** | | | | | | | | |
| 063 | PERSONAL SAFETY AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT | | 81,782 | | 81,782 | | 81,782 | | 81,782 |
| | **DEPOT PLANT+MTRLS HANDLING EQ** | | | | | | | | |
| 064 | POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT | | 13,711 | | 13,711 | | 13,711 | | 13,711 |
| 065 | MECHANIZED MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIP | | 21,143 | | 21,143 | | 21,143 | | 21,143 |
| | **BASE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT** | | | | | | | | |
| 066 | BASE PROCURED EQUIPMENT | | 90,654 | | 90,654 | | 90,654 | | 90,654 |
| 067 | ENGINEERING AND EOD EQUIPMENT | | 253,799 | | 243,799 | | 353,799 | 66,400 | 320,199 |
| | Program decrease | | | | [–10,000] | | | [–10,000] | |
| | Regional Base Cluster Prepositioning (RBCP) | | | | | | [100,000] | [76,400] | |
| 068 | MOBILITY EQUIPMENT | | 95,584 | | 95,584 | | 95,584 | | 95,584 |
| 069 | FUELS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FSE) | | 34,794 | | 34,794 | | 34,794 | | 34,794 |
| 070 | BASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | | 59,431 | | 59,431 | | 59,431 | | 59,431 |
| | **SPECIAL SUPPORT PROJECTS** | | | | | | | | |
| 072 | DARP RC135 | | 30,136 | | 30,136 | | 30,136 | | 30,136 |
| 073 | DCGS-AF | | 87,044 | | 87,044 | | 87,044 | | 87,044 |
| 077 | SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAM | | 1,178,397 | | 1,178,397 | | 1,178,397 | | 1,178,397 |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | |
| 077A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | | 26,920,092 | | 26,920,092 | | 27,138,092 | | 26,920,092 |
| | Acceleration of Air Force program | | | | | | [218,000] | | |
| | **SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS** | | | | | | | | |
| 080 | SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS (CYBER) | | 1,075 | | 1,075 | | 1,075 | | 1,075 |
| 081 | SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS | | 20,330 | | 20,330 | | 20,330 | | 20,330 |
| | **TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE** | | **31,504,644** | | **31,455,844** | | **31,822,644** | **42,500** | **31,547,144** |
| | **PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE** | | | | | | | | |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS** | | | | | | | | |
| 004 | MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DPAA | 20 | 475 | 20 | 475 | 20 | 475 | 20 | 475 |
| 005 | MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD | | 164,900 | | 164,900 | | 164,900 | | 164,900 |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS** | | | | | | | | |

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| 015 | MAJOR EQUIPMENT, WHS | | 403 | | 403 | | 403 | | | | 403 |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DISA** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 016 | INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY | | 6,254 | | 6,254 | | 6,254 | | | | 6,254 |
| 017 | TELEPORT PROGRAM | | 112,517 | | 112,517 | | 112,517 | | | | 112,517 |
| 019 | ITEMS LESS THAN $5 MILLION | | 23,673 | | 23,673 | | 23,673 | | | | 23,673 |
| 020 | DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM NETWORK | | 252,370 | | 252,370 | | 277,370 | | | | 252,370 |
| | Defense Information System Network (DISN)—Service Delivery Nodes. | | | | | | [25,000] | | | | |
| 021 | WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATION AGENCY | | 125,292 | | 125,292 | | 125,292 | | | | 125,292 |
| 022 | SENIOR LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE | | 175,264 | | 175,264 | | 175,264 | | | | 175,264 |
| 023 | JOINT REGIONAL SECURITY STACKS (JRSS) | | 1,496 | | 1,496 | | 33,570 | | | | 1,496 |
| | Army Modernization—JRSS | | | | | | [32,074] | | | | |
| 024 | JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER | | 54,186 | | 54,186 | | 54,186 | | | | 54,186 |
| 025 | FOURTH ESTATE NETWORK OPTIMIZATION (4ENO) | | 75,386 | | 75,386 | | 75,386 | | | | 75,386 |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DLA** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 037 | MAJOR EQUIPMENT | | 79,251 | | 79,251 | | 79,251 | | | | 79,251 |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DCSA** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 038 | MAJOR EQUIPMENT | | 2,230 | | 2,230 | | 2,230 | | | | 2,230 |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 042 | MAJOR EQUIPMENT, TJS | | 33,090 | | 33,090 | | 33,090 | | | | 33,090 |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 044 | THAAD | 25 | 523,125 | 25 | 523,125 | 25 | 673,125 | | 714,564 | 25 | 1,237,689 |
| | Maximize THAAD Talon production line (+12–16 AURs)—misaligned budget request. | | | | | | [150,000] | | | | |
| | Program increase: THAAD additional quantities | | | | | | | | [714,564] | | |
| 046 | AEGIS BMD | | | | | | 400,000 | | 400,000 | | 400,000 |
| | Maximize SM–3 IB production line | | | | | | [400,000] | | [400,000] | | |
| 048 | BMDS AN/TPY–2 RADARS | | 36,530 | | 36,530 | | 36,530 | | | | 36,530 |
| 049 | SM–3 IIAS | 12 | 444,835 | 12 | 444,835 | 12 | 444,835 | | | 12 | 444,835 |
| 050 | ARROW 3 UPPER TIER SYSTEMS | 1 | 100,000 | 1 | 100,000 | 1 | 100,000 | | | 1 | 100,000 |
| 051 | SHORT RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (SRBMD) | 1 | 40,000 | 1 | 40,000 | 1 | 40,000 | | | 1 | 40,000 |
| 052 | DEFENSE OF GUAM PROCUREMENT | | 11,351 | | 11,351 | | 11,351 | | | | 11,351 |
| 056 | IRON DOME | 1 | 60,000 | 1 | 60,000 | 1 | 60,000 | | | 1 | 60,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 058 | AEGIS BMD HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE | | 17,211 | | 17,211 | | 17,211 | | 17,211 |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DHRA** | | | | | | | | |
| 059 | PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION | | 3,797 | | 3,797 | | 3,797 | | 3,797 |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY** | | | | | | | | |
| 062 | VEHICLES | | 911 | | 911 | | 911 | | 911 |
| 063 | OTHER MAJOR EQUIPMENT | | 12,023 | | 12,023 | | 12,023 | | 12,023 |
| 065 | DTRA CYBER ACTIVITIES | | 1,800 | | 1,800 | | 1,800 | | 1,800 |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DODEA** | | | | | | | | |
| 068 | AUTOMATION/EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT & LOGISTICS | | | | | | 5,000 | | |
| | Blast Overpressure Analysis and Mitigation | | | | | | [5,000] | | |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DMACT** | | | | | | | | |
| 070 | MAJOR EQUIPMENT | | 7,258 | | 7,258 | | 7,258 | | 7,258 |
| | **MAJOR EQUIPMENT, USCYBERCOM** | | | | | | | | |
| 071 | CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS | | 73,358 | | 73,358 | | 73,358 | | 73,358 |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | | | | |
| 074A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | | 1,129,183 | | 1,129,183 | | 1,129,183 | | 1,129,183 |
| | **AVIATION PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | |
| 091 | ARMED OVERWATCH/TARGETING | 6 | 156,606 | 6 | 156,606 | 6 | 156,606 | 6 | 156,606 |
| 095 | ROTARY WING UPGRADES AND SUSTAINMENT | | 189,059 | | 189,059 | | 189,059 | | 189,059 |
| 096 | UNMANNED ISR | | 6,858 | | 6,858 | | 6,858 | | 6,858 |
| 097 | NON-STANDARD AVIATION | | 7,849 | | 7,849 | | 17,849 | | 7,849 |
| | Non-Standard Aviation—Sea Planes | | | | | | [10,000] | | |
| 098 | U–28 | | 2,031 | | 2,031 | | 2,031 | | 2,031 |
| 099 | MH–47 CHINOOK | | 156,934 | | 156,934 | | 156,934 | | 156,934 |
| 100 | CV–22 MODIFICATION | | 19,692 | | 19,692 | | 19,692 | | 19,692 |
| 101 | MQ–9 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE | | 12,890 | | 12,890 | | 12,890 | | 12,890 |
| 102 | PRECISION STRIKE PACKAGE | | 61,595 | | 61,595 | | 61,595 | | 61,595 |
| 103 | AC/MC–130J | | 236,312 | | 236,312 | | 236,312 | | 236,312 |
| | **AMMUNITION PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | |
| 106 | ORDNANCE ITEMS <$5M | | 116,972 | | 116,972 | | 116,972 | | 116,972 |
| | **OTHER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS** | | | | | | | | |
| 107 | INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS | | 227,073 | | 227,073 | | 227,073 | | 227,073 |
| 108 | DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS | | 2,824 | | 2,824 | | 2,824 | | 2,824 |
| 109 | OTHER ITEMS <$5M | | 95,685 | | 95,685 | | 95,685 | | 95,685 |
| 110 | COMBATANT CRAFT SYSTEMS | | | | | | 9,600 | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| | Combatant Craft Assault | | | | | | [9,600] | [7,000] | |
| 111 | SPECIAL PROGRAMS | | 30,418 | | 30,418 | | 30,418 | | 30,418 |
| 112 | TACTICAL VEHICLES | | 54,100 | | 54,100 | | 54,100 | | 54,100 |
| 113 | WARRIOR SYSTEMS <$5M | | 303,991 | | 318,991 | | 303,991 | 15,000 | 318,991 |

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| | | Qty | Cost | Qty | Cost | Qty | Cost | Qty | Cost | Qty | Cost |
| | Satellite Deployable Node, Communications on the Move. | | | | [15,000] | | | | [15,000] | | |
| 114 | COMBAT MISSION REQUIREMENTS | | 4,985 | | 4,985 | | 4,985 | | | | 4,985 |
| 116 | OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE | | 21,339 | | 21,339 | | 21,339 | | | | 21,339 |
| 117 | OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS | | 352,100 | | 352,100 | | 352,100 | | | | 352,100 |
| | **CBDP** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 120 | CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS | | 208,051 | | 208,051 | | 208,051 | | | | 208,051 |
| 121 | CB PROTECTION & HAZARD MITIGATION | | 213,330 | | 213,330 | | 213,330 | | | | 213,330 |
| | **TOTAL PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE** | **66** | **6,048,863** | **66** | **6,063,863** | **66** | **6,680,537** | | **1,136,564** | **66** | **7,185,427** |
| | **TOTAL PROCUREMENT** | **12,121** | **152,830,175** | **12,127** | **153,217,950** | **12,121** | **171,001,606** | **263** | **8,877,069** | **12,384** | **161,707,244** |



# TITLE XLII—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

## SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION.

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| | | **RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY** | | | | | |
| | | **BASIC RESEARCH** | | | | | |
| 001 | 0601102A | DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES | 237,678 | 237,678 | 237,678 | | 237,678 |
| 002 | 0601103A | UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES | 78,947 | 78,947 | 78,947 | | 78,947 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 003 | 0601104A | UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH CENTERS | 69,391 | 78,391 | 69,391 | | 69,391 |
| | | Biotechnology Advancements | | [4,000] | | | |
| | | High-Throughput Materials Discovery for Extreme Conditions. | | [5,000] | | | |
| 004 | 0601121A | CYBER COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ALLIANCE | 5,463 | 5,463 | 5,463 | | 5,463 |
| 005 | 0601275A | ELECTRONIC WARFARE BASIC RESEARCH | 88,053 | 88,053 | 88,053 | | 88,053 |
| 006 | 0601601A | ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING BASIC RESEARCH. | 7,012 | 7,012 | 7,012 | | 7,012 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH** | **486,544** | **495,544** | **486,544** | | **486,544** |
| | | **APPLIED RESEARCH** | | | | | |
| 007 | 0602002A | ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT-APPLIED RESEARCH. | 9,455 | 9,455 | 9,455 | | 9,455 |
| 008 | 0602134A | COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT ADVANCED STUDIES | 6,174 | 6,174 | 6,174 | | 6,174 |
| 009 | 0602135A | COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) APPLIED RESEARCH. | 12,618 | 12,618 | 12,618 | | 12,618 |
| 010 | 0602141A | LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY | 97,157 | 104,157 | 107,157 | 9,000 | 106,157 |
| | | Advanced Materials and Manufacturing for Hypersonics (AMMH). | | | [10,000] | [9,000] | |
| | | Scalable counter small unmanned aerial systems munition delivered air defense payloads. | | [7,000] | | | |
| 012 | 0602143A | SOLDIER LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY | 72,670 | 80,170 | 110,670 | 28,500 | 101,170 |
| | | Army Pathfinder Airborne | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | Decrease Soldier load and power burden | | | [8,000] | [8,000] | |
| | | Digital Night Vision Technology | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Enhancing Energy Technologies in Cold Regions | | | [15,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | Pathfinder—Air Assault | | | [10,000] | [8,000] | |
| | | Pathfinder Air Assault | | [5,000] | | | |
| 013 | 0602144A | GROUND TECHNOLOGY | 56,342 | 56,342 | 69,342 | 10,000 | 66,342 |
| | | Earth Sciences Polar Proving Ground & Training Program. | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |

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| | | Engineered Roadway Repair Materials for Effective Maneuver of Military Assets. | | | [5,000] | [3,000] | |
| | | Geotechnical Intelligence and Terrain Analytics Network for Arctic Maneuverability. | | | [3,000] | [2,000] | |
| 014 | 0602145A | NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY | 71,547 | 76,547 | 90,547 | 21,500 | 93,047 |
| | | Advanced Materials Development for Next Generation Combat Vehicle Survivability. | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Platform anti-idle and mobility technology | | | [15,000] | [15,000] | |
| | | Standardized Army Battery | | | [4,000] | [4,000] | |
| | | Standardized Army Battery for Enhanced Performance and Safety. | | [2,500] | | | |
| 015 | 0602146A | NETWORK C3I TECHNOLOGY | 56,529 | 64,029 | 56,529 | 4,000 | 60,529 |
| | | Distributed Aperture Spectrum Dominance for Missile Defeat. | | [5,000] | | [4,000] | |
| | | Improved Analyst-AI Workflow Integration | | [2,500] | | | |
| 016 | 0602147A | LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES TECHNOLOGY | 25,744 | 28,244 | 32,744 | 7,000 | 32,744 |
| | | Any Material and Any Process for missile manufacturing. | | [2,500] | | | |
| | | Novel Printed Armament Components for Distributed Operations. | | | [7,000] | [7,000] | |
| 017 | 0602148A | FUTURE VERTICLE LIFT TECHNOLOGY | 20,420 | 20,420 | 20,420 | | 20,420 |
| 018 | 0602150A | AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY | 25,992 | 33,492 | 30,992 | 7,500 | 33,492 |
| | | AI Integration & Security for IBCS | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Counter-UAS technologies, facilities, and research | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| | | Counter-UAS Testing and Research Center (CTRC) | | | [5,000] | | |
| 019 | 0602180A | ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES. | 13,745 | 13,745 | 13,745 | | 13,745 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 021 | 0602182A | C3I APPLIED RESEARCH | 22,317 | 22,317 | 22,317 | | 22,317 |
| 022 | 0602183A | AIR PLATFORM APPLIED RESEARCH | 53,305 | 53,305 | 63,305 | 5,000 | 58,305 |
| | | Shape-shifting Drones Powered by Mechanical Intelligence. | | | [10,000] | [5,000] | |
| 023 | 0602184A | SOLDIER APPLIED RESEARCH | 27,597 | 27,597 | 27,597 | | 27,597 |
| 024 | 0602213A | C3I APPLIED CYBER | 4,716 | 4,716 | 4,716 | | 4,716 |
| 025 | 0602275A | ELECTRONIC WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH | 45,415 | 45,415 | 45,415 | | 45,415 |
| 026 | 0602276A | ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER APPLIED RESEARCH | 17,102 | 17,102 | 17,102 | | 17,102 |
| 027 | 0602345A | UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS APPLIED RESEARCH. | 18,408 | 18,408 | 18,408 | | 18,408 |
| 028 | 0602386A | BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—APPLIED RESEARCH | 8,209 | 8,209 | 8,209 | | 8,209 |
| 030 | 0602785A | MANPOWER/PERSONNEL/TRAINING TECHNOLOGY | 17,191 | 17,191 | 17,191 | | 17,191 |
| 031 | 0602787A | MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY | 143,293 | 142,293 | 143,293 | –3,000 | 140,293 |
| | | Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) Mitochondria Transplantation for TBI research program. | | [5,000] | | [3,000] | |
| | | Program decrease | | [–6,000] | | [–6,000] | |
| 031A | 9999999999 | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 34,599 | 34,599 | 34,599 | | 34,599 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH** | **860,545** | **896,545** | **962,545** | **89,500** | **950,045** |
| | | **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |
| 032 | 0603002A | MEDICAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 1,860 | 1,860 | 1,860 | | 1,860 |
| 033 | 0603007A | MANPOWER, PERSONNEL AND TRAINING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. | 13,559 | 13,559 | 13,559 | | 13,559 |
| 034 | 0603025A | ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEMONSTRATION | 19,679 | 37,679 | 19,679 | 18,000 | 37,679 |
| | | Advance development of high-altitude precision effects glide munitions. | | [18,000] | | [18,000] | |
| 035 | 0603040A | ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES. | 20,487 | 20,487 | 32,487 | 10,000 | 30,487 |
| | | Multi-Domain Kill Chain Automation | | | [12,000] | [10,000] | |
| 036 | 0603041A | ALL DOMAIN CONVERGENCE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 10,560 | 10,560 | 10,560 | | 10,560 |
| 037 | 0603042A | C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 15,028 | 15,028 | 15,028 | | 15,028 |
| 038 | 0603043A | AIR PLATFORM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 41,266 | 41,266 | 41,266 | | 41,266 |

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| 039 | 0603044A | SOLDIER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 18,143 | 18,143 | 18,143 | | 18,143 |
| 040 | 0603116A | LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 13,232 | 21,232 | 13,232 | 3,500 | 16,732 |
| | | Critical Energetics Materials and Manufacturing Technology. | | [4,500] | | | |
| | | Tier 1 Blast Over Pressure Reduction Technologies | | [3,500] | | [3,500] | |
| 042 | 0603118A | SOLDIER LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 95,186 | 101,686 | 100,186 | 9,000 | 104,186 |
| | | Aerial Delivery of Fire Suppression | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | Rapid Agile Manufacturing of Parachutes and Soft-Goods. | | [4,000] | | [4,000] | |
| | | Tactical combat casualty care simulation | | [2,500] | | | |
| 043 | 0603119A | GROUND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 30,507 | 49,707 | 46,507 | 11,000 | 41,507 |
| | | Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | Fuel Cell Multi-Modular Use | | | [5,000] | | |
| | | Fuel Cell Multi-Modular Use (FC-MMU) Utilizing Hydrogen. | | [10,000] | | | |
| | | Humanitarian Airborne Mobile Infrastructure Capability. | | [4,200] | | | |
| | | Improvements in Mobility Modeling | | | [6,000] | [6,000] | |
| | | Rapid Entry and Sustainment for the Arctic | | [5,000] | | | |
| 044 | 0603134A | COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT SIMULATION | 15,692 | 15,692 | 15,692 | | 15,692 |
| 045 | 0603135A | COUNTER SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (C-SUAS) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. | 7,773 | 7,773 | 7,773 | | 7,773 |
| 046 | 0603275A | ELECTRONIC WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 83,922 | 83,922 | 83,922 | | 83,922 |
| 047 | 0603276A | ELECTRONIC WARFARE CYBER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 15,254 | 15,254 | 15,254 | | 15,254 |
| 048 | 0603345A | UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. | 13,898 | 13,898 | 13,898 | | 13,898 |
| 049 | 0603386A | BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—ADVANCED RESEARCH | 24,683 | 24,683 | 29,683 | | 24,683 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | NCSEB Recommendation—AI-Ready Biological Data | | | [5,000] | | |
| 050 | 0603457A | C3I CYBER ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT | 3,329 | 3,329 | 3,329 | | 3,329 |
| 051 | 0603461A | HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. | 241,855 | 241,855 | 291,855 | | 241,855 |
| | | High Performance Computing Modernization Program | | | [50,000] | | |
| 052 | 0603462A | NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. | 141,301 | 177,301 | 148,301 | 35,000 | 176,301 |
| | | Acceleration of leap ahead systems for ground vehicles. | | | [7,000] | [6,000] | |
| | | Airless Tire Demonstration for the Infantry Squad Vehicle. | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| | | Discontinuous Thermoplastics Materials | | [10,000] | | [10,000] | |
| | | Dual-Use Autonomous and Collaborative Reconnaissance Testing. | | [8,000] | | [8,000] | |
| | | Virtual Engineering for Army Readiness and Sustainment. | | [7,000] | | | |
| | | Winter Tire Development | | [6,000] | | [6,000] | |
| 053 | 0603463A | NETWORK C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 78,539 | 81,039 | 88,539 | 12,500 | 91,039 |
| | | Communication Conformal Antenna Research and Development. | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Geophysical Littoral Autonomous Detection and Exploitation II (GLADE II). | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | Network C3I Advanced Technology | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| 054 | 0603464A | LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 162,236 | 162,236 | 162,236 | | 162,236 |
| 055 | 0603465A | FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 66,686 | 71,686 | 66,686 | 4,000 | 70,686 |
| | | Next Generation eVTOL Program Enhancement | | [5,000] | | [4,000] | |
| 056 | 0603466A | AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 23,330 | 48,830 | 33,330 | 12,250 | 35,580 |
| | | CHROME Testbed | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| | | Development and integration of the Hypersonic Interceptor Divert and Attitude Control System (HIDACS). | | [18,000] | | | |
| | | Material Improvements for Electric Motors | | | [10,000] | [4,750] | |

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| | | Missile Enhancements with Electric Motor Prototypes | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| 058 | 0603920A | HUMANITARIAN DEMINING | 9,349 | 9,349 | 9,349 | | 9,349 |
| 058A | 9999999999 | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 72,837 | 72,837 | 72,837 | | 72,837 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT** | **1,240,191** | **1,360,891** | **1,355,191** | **115,250** | **1,355,441** |
| | | **ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES** | | | | | |
| 060 | 0603305A | ARMY MISSLE DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION | 8,141 | 20,141 | 8,141 | 10,500 | 18,641 |
| | | Multi-spectral Identification, Characterization, and Aggregation. | | [3,000] | | [3,000] | |
| | | Science and Technology Evaluations Against Lethal Threats – Hypersonics. | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Underwater Cut and Capture Demonstration | | [6,500] | | [5,000] | |
| 061 | 0603308A | ARMY SPACE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION | 83,080 | 89,080 | 83,080 | 6,000 | 89,080 |
| | | Assured Zero Trust Environment Controls (AZTEC) | | [6,000] | | [6,000] | |
| 063 | 0603619A | LANDMINE WARFARE AND BARRIER—ADV DEV | 41,516 | 41,516 | 41,516 | | 41,516 |
| 064 | 0603639A | TANK AND MEDIUM CALIBER AMMUNITION | 85,472 | 85,472 | 90,472 | | 85,472 |
| | | Large caliber automated ammunition resupply | | | [5,000] | | |
| 065 | 0603645A | ARMORED SYSTEM MODERNIZATION—ADV DEV | 22,645 | 22,645 | 22,645 | | 22,645 |
| 066 | 0603747A | SOLDIER SUPPORT AND SURVIVABILITY | 4,033 | 4,033 | 4,033 | | 4,033 |
| 067 | 0603766A | TACTICAL ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM—ADV DEV | 107,525 | 122,425 | 107,525 | 9,900 | 117,425 |
| | | Future Flag Experimentation | | [5,000] | | | |
| | | System of Systems for Asset Optimization and Management of Uncrewed Systems. | | [9,900] | | [9,900] | |
| 068 | 0603774A | NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT | 5,153 | 5,153 | 5,153 | | 5,153 |
| 069 | 0603779A | ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY—DEM/VAL | 11,343 | 11,343 | 11,343 | | 11,343 |
| 070 | 0603790A | NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT | 5,031 | 5,031 | 5,031 | | 5,031 |
| 072 | 0603804A | LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ADV DEV | 15,435 | 15,435 | 15,435 | | 15,435 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 073 | 0603807A | MEDICAL SYSTEMS—ADV DEV | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| 074 | 0603827A | SOLDIER SYSTEMS—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT | 41,856 | 41,856 | 41,856 | | 41,856 |
| 075 | 0604017A | ROBOTICS DEVELOPMENT | 35,082 | 35,082 | 35,082 | | 35,082 |
| 076 | 0604019A | EXPANDED MISSION AREA MISSILE (EMAM) | 178,137 | 178,137 | 178,137 | | 178,137 |
| 078 | 0604035A | LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO) SATELLITE CAPABILITY | 17,063 | 17,063 | 17,063 | | 17,063 |
| 079 | 0604036A | MULTI-DOMAIN SENSING SYSTEM (MDSS) ADV DEV | 239,813 | 249,813 | 239,813 | 10,000 | 249,813 |
| | | Secure Integrated Multi-Orbit Networking Satellite Communications. | | [10,000] | | | |
| | | Secure Integrated Multi-Orbit Satellite Communications. | | | | [10,000] | |
| 080 | 0604037A | TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) ADV DEV. | 3,092 | 3,092 | 3,092 | | 3,092 |
| 081 | 0604100A | ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES | 9,865 | 9,865 | 9,865 | | 9,865 |
| 085 | 0604114A | LOWER TIER AIR MISSILE DEFENSE (LTAMD) SENSOR | 196,448 | 196,448 | 196,448 | | 196,448 |
| 086 | 0604115A | TECHNOLOGY MATURATION INITIATIVES | 267,619 | 261,869 | 277,619 | –750 | 266,869 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–5,750] | | [–5,750] | |
| | | Short Pulse Laser Directed Energy Demonstration | | | [10,000] | [5,000] | |
| 087 | 0604117A | MANEUVER—SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE (M-SHORAD) | 238,247 | 239,497 | 238,247 | 1,250 | 239,497 |
| | | M-VEST | | [1,250] | | [1,250] | |
| 089 | 0604120A | ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING (PNT) | 8,686 | 8,686 | 8,686 | | 8,686 |
| 090 | 0604121A | SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT REFINEMENT & PROTOTYPING. | 240,899 | 182,899 | 240,899 | –70,880 | 170,019 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–58,000] | | [–70,880] | |
| 091 | 0604134A | COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT DEMONSTRATION, PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT, AND TESTING. | 5,491 | 5,491 | 5,491 | | 5,491 |
| 092 | 0604135A | STRATEGIC MID-RANGE FIRES | 231,401 | 231,401 | 231,401 | | 231,401 |
| 093 | 0604182A | HYPERSONICS | 25,000 | 25,000 | 38,000 | | 25,000 |
| | | Emerging Hypersonic Capabilities (USA, USN) | | | [13,000] | | |
| | | Program increase | | [10,000] | | | |
| 095 | 0604403A | FUTURE INTERCEPTOR | 8,019 | 8,019 | 8,019 | | 8,019 |
| 097 | 0604531A | COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT. | 45,281 | 45,281 | 45,281 | | 45,281 |

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| 099 | 0604541A | UNIFIED NETWORK TRANSPORT | 29,191 | 29,191 | 29,191 | | 29,191 |
| 100 | 0305251A | CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES AND FORCE SUPPORT | 5,605 | 5,605 | 5,605 | | 5,605 |
| 100A | 9999999999 | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 203,746 | 203,746 | 203,746 | | 203,746 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.** | **2,420,915** | **2,411,315** | **2,448,915** | **–33,980** | **2,386,935** |
| | | **SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION** | | | | | |
| 101 | 0604201A | AIRCRAFT AVIONICS | 2,696 | 2,696 | 2,696 | | 2,696 |
| 102 | 0604270A | ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT | 9,153 | 9,153 | 9,153 | | 9,153 |
| 103 | 0604601A | INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS | 56,553 | 68,553 | 56,553 | 10,500 | 67,053 |
| | | Combat Aviation Aircrew Enhancement – Safety and Lethality. | | [9,000] | | [9,000] | |
| | | Next Generation Squad Weapon Magazine Testing | | [3,000] | | [1,500] | |
| 104 | 0604604A | MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLES | 18,503 | 18,503 | 18,503 | | 18,503 |
| 105 | 0604611A | JAVELIN | 9,810 | 9,810 | 9,810 | | 9,810 |
| 106 | 0604622A | FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES | 47,064 | 47,064 | 47,064 | | 47,064 |
| 110 | 0604645A | ARMORED SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION (ASM)—ENG DEV | 16,593 | 16,593 | 16,593 | | 16,593 |
| 111 | 0604710A | NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS—ENG DEV | 351,274 | 351,274 | 351,274 | | 351,274 |
| 112 | 0604713A | COMBAT FEEDING, CLOTHING, AND EQUIPMENT | 5,654 | 5,654 | 5,654 | | 5,654 |
| 113 | 0604715A | NON-SYSTEM TRAINING DEVICES—ENG DEV | 19,063 | 19,063 | 19,063 | | 19,063 |
| 114 | 0604741A | AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, CONTROL AND INTELLIGENCE—ENG DEV. | 13,892 | 18,892 | 13,892 | 5,000 | 18,892 |
| | | Air and Missile Defense Common Operating Picture | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| 115 | 0604742A | CONSTRUCTIVE SIMULATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT | 7,790 | 7,790 | 7,790 | | 7,790 |
| 116 | 0604746A | AUTOMATIC TEST EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT | 9,512 | 9,512 | 9,512 | | 9,512 |
| 117 | 0604760A | DISTRIBUTIVE INTERACTIVE SIMULATIONS (DIS)—ENG DEV | 7,724 | 7,724 | 7,724 | | 7,724 |
| 118 | 0604798A | BRIGADE ANALYSIS, INTEGRATION AND EVALUATION | 24,318 | 24,318 | 24,318 | | 24,318 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 119 | 0604802A | WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS—ENG DEV | 150,344 | 150,344 | 150,344 | | 150,344 |
| 120 | 0604804A | LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV | 50,194 | 50,194 | 50,194 | | 50,194 |
| 121 | 0604805A | COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS—ENG DEV. | 63,725 | 43,725 | 63,725 | –20,000 | 43,725 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–20,000] | | [–20,000] | |
| 122 | 0604807A | MEDICAL MATERIEL/MEDICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV. | 6,252 | 6,252 | 6,252 | | 6,252 |
| 123 | 0604808A | LANDMINE WARFARE/BARRIER—ENG DEV | 9,862 | 9,862 | 9,862 | | 9,862 |
| 124 | 0604818A | ARMY TACTICAL COMMAND & CONTROL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE. | 430,895 | 355,895 | 430,895 | –74,790 | 356,105 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–75,000] | | [–74,790] | |
| 125 | 0604820A | RADAR DEVELOPMENT | 53,226 | 53,226 | 53,226 | | 53,226 |
| 127 | 0604827A | SOLDIER SYSTEMS—WARRIOR DEM/VAL | 4,137 | 4,137 | 4,137 | | 4,137 |
| 128 | 0604852A | SUITE OF SURVIVABILITY ENHANCEMENT SYSTEMS—EMD | 76,903 | 76,903 | 76,903 | | 76,903 |
| 129 | 0604854A | ARTILLERY SYSTEMS—EMD | 80,862 | 80,862 | 80,862 | | 80,862 |
| 130 | 0605013A | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 125,701 | 125,701 | 125,701 | | 125,701 |
| 131 | 0605018A | INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM-ARMY (IPPS-A) | 164,600 | 153,600 | 164,600 | –11,000 | 153,600 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–11,000] | | [–11,000] | |
| 132 | 0605030A | JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK CENTER (JTNC) | 20,954 | 20,954 | 20,954 | | 20,954 |
| 133 | 0605031A | JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK (JTN) | 41,696 | 41,696 | 41,696 | | 41,696 |
| 134 | 0605035A | COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCM) | 10,789 | 10,789 | 10,789 | | 10,789 |
| 135 | 0605036A | COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD) | 13,322 | 13,322 | 13,322 | | 13,322 |
| 136 | 0605037A | EVIDENCE COLLECTION AND DETAINEE PROCESSING | 4,619 | 4,619 | 4,619 | | 4,619 |
| 137 | 0605038A | NUCLEAR BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLE (NBCRV) SENSOR SUITE. | 13,459 | 13,459 | 13,459 | | 13,459 |
| 138 | 0605041A | DEFENSIVE CYBER TOOL DEVELOPMENT | 3,611 | 3,611 | 3,611 | | 3,611 |
| 139 | 0605042A | TACTICAL NETWORK RADIO SYSTEMS (LOW-TIER) | 3,222 | 3,222 | 3,222 | | 3,222 |
| 140 | 0605047A | CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM | 8,101 | 8,101 | 8,101 | | 8,101 |
| 142 | 0605051A | AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY DEVELOPMENT | 44,182 | 26,182 | 52,182 | –18,000 | 26,182 |
| | | Advances in surface-to-air missile technologies | | | [8,000] | | |
| | | Program decrease | | [–20,000] | | [–20,000] | |
| | | Threat Missile Seeker Analysis and Assessment | | [2,000] | | [2,000] | |

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| 143 | 0605052A | INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2—BLOCK 1 | 248,659 | 248,659 | 248,659 | | 248,659 |
| 144 | 0605053A | GROUND ROBOTICS | 227,038 | 227,038 | 227,038 | | 227,038 |
| 145 | 0605054A | EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES | 57,546 | 57,546 | 95,546 | | 57,546 |
| | | Operationalize anti-idle ground vehicles | | | [38,000] | | |
| 146 | 0605144A | NEXT GENERATION LOAD DEVICE—MEDIUM | 24,492 | 24,492 | 24,492 | | 24,492 |
| 147 | 0605148A | TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) EMD | 44,273 | 44,273 | 44,273 | | 44,273 |
| 152 | 0605224A | MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE | 34,844 | 34,844 | 39,844 | 5,000 | 39,844 |
| | | DeepFake and AI-synthesized Image Detection | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| 154 | 0605232A | HYPERSONICS EMD | 513,027 | 513,027 | 513,027 | | 513,027 |
| 155 | 0605233A | ACCESSIONS INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT (AIE) | 32,710 | 32,710 | 32,710 | | 32,710 |
| 156 | 0605235A | STRATEGIC MID-RANGE CAPABILITY | 186,304 | 186,304 | 188,394 | 2,090 | 188,394 |
| | | Maritime Strike Tomahawk (MST) (USA, USN) | | | [2,090] | [2,090] | |
| 157 | 0605236A | INTEGRATED TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS | 22,732 | 22,732 | 22,732 | | 22,732 |
| 158 | 0605241A | FUTURE LONG RANGE ASSAULT AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT | 1,248,544 | 1,248,544 | 1,248,544 | | 1,248,544 |
| 160 | 0605244A | JOINT REDUCED RANGE ROCKET (JR3) | 28,893 | 28,893 | 28,893 | | 28,893 |
| 163 | 0605457A | ARMY INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AIAMD) | 146,056 | 146,056 | 146,056 | | 146,056 |
| 164 | 0605531A | COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS SYS DEV & DEMONSTRATION. | 55,196 | 55,196 | 55,196 | | 55,196 |
| 166 | 0605625A | MANNED GROUND VEHICLE | 386,393 | 386,393 | 386,393 | | 386,393 |
| 167 | 0605766A | NATIONAL CAPABILITIES INTEGRATION (MIP) | 16,913 | 16,913 | 16,913 | | 16,913 |
| 168 | 0605812A | JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT PHASE (EMD). | 2,664 | 2,664 | 2,664 | | 2,664 |
| 169 | 0605830A | AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT | 930 | 930 | 930 | | 930 |
| 170 | 0303032A | TROJAN—RH12 | 3,920 | 3,920 | 3,920 | | 3,920 |
| 172A | 9999999999 | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 117,428 | 117,428 | 117,428 | | 117,428 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.** | **5,378,817** | **5,271,817** | **5,431,907** | **–101,200** | **5,277,617** |

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| | | **MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | | | | | |
| 173 | 0604256A | THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT | 74,767 | 84,767 | 74,767 | 10,000 | 84,767 |
| | | Man Portable Doppler Radar | | [10,000] | | [10,000] | |
| 174 | 0604258A | TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT | 16,004 | 16,004 | 16,004 | | 16,004 |
| 175 | 0604759A | MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT | 101,027 | 106,027 | 101,027 | 5,000 | 106,027 |
| | | Advanced Sensing Expanded Range Operations | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| 176 | 0605103A | RAND ARROYO CENTER | 10,892 | 10,892 | 10,892 | | 10,892 |
| 177 | 0605301A | ARMY KWAJALEIN ATOLL | 379,283 | 379,283 | 832,058 | | 379,283 |
| | | Cost to Complete, Family Housing Replacement Construction, Kwajalein Atoll. | | | [14,000] | | |
| | | Facilities Sustainment for Kwajalein Operational Facilities. | | | [8,775] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Catchments / Solar | | | [20,000] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Deferred Maintenance Backlog Reduction | | | [100,000] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Palm Barracks Repair | | | [16,000] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Redundant Cooling for Power Plants | | | [15,000] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Repair Roi DAAF Aprons & Taxiways | | | [176,000] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Repair Roi Dining Facility | | | [7,000] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Repair Rotary and Fixed Wing Hangars | | | [40,000] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Roi Water Distribution System Repair | | | [9,000] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Sewer Lift Station Power Loop | | | [6,000] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Vehicle Maintenance Facility Repair | | | [22,000] | | |
| | | Kwajalein Water Distribution System Repair | | | [19,000] | | |
| 178 | 0605326A | CONCEPTS EXPERIMENTATION PROGRAM | 58,606 | 58,606 | 58,606 | | 58,606 |
| 180 | 0605601A | ARMY TEST RANGES AND FACILITIES | 425,108 | 428,108 | 425,108 | 3,000 | 428,108 |
| | | Space Terrestrial Representation for Army Test and Training Operational Scenarios. | | [3,000] | | [3,000] | |
| 181 | 0605602A | ARMY TECHNICAL TEST INSTRUMENTATION AND TARGETS | 69,328 | 69,328 | 69,328 | | 69,328 |
| 182 | 0605604A | SURVIVABILITY/LETHALITY ANALYSIS | 31,306 | 31,306 | 31,306 | | 31,306 |
| 183 | 0605606A | AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION | 1,887 | 1,887 | 1,887 | | 1,887 |
| 184 | 0605706A | MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS | 19,100 | 19,100 | 19,100 | | 19,100 |

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| 185 | 0605709A | EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN ITEMS | 6,277 | 6,277 | 6,277 | | 6,277 |
| 186 | 0605712A | SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL TESTING | 63,637 | 63,637 | 63,637 | | 63,637 |
| 187 | 0605716A | ARMY EVALUATION CENTER | 62,343 | 62,343 | 62,343 | | 62,343 |
| 188 | 0605718A | ARMY MODELING & SIM X-CMD COLLABORATION & INTEG | 11,825 | 11,825 | 11,825 | | 11,825 |
| 189 | 0605801A | PROGRAMWIDE ACTIVITIES | 54,172 | 54,172 | 54,172 | | 54,172 |
| 190 | 0605803A | TECHNICAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES | 26,592 | 26,592 | 26,592 | | 26,592 |
| 191 | 0605805A | MUNITIONS STANDARDIZATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFETY. | 44,465 | 44,465 | 44,465 | | 44,465 |
| 192 | 0605857A | ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY MGMT SUPPORT | 2,857 | 2,857 | 2,857 | | 2,857 |
| 193 | 0605898A | ARMY DIRECT REPORT HEADQUARTERS—R&D - MHA | 53,436 | 53,436 | 53,436 | | 53,436 |
| 194 | 0606002A | RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE | 72,302 | 82,302 | 80,302 | | 72,302 |
| | | Infrastructure and Facilities Modernization | | [10,000] | | | |
| | | Multi-level security modernization | | | [8,000] | | |
| 195 | 0606003A | COUNTERINTEL AND HUMAN INTEL MODERNIZATION | 5,660 | 5,660 | 5,660 | | 5,660 |
| 196 | 0606118A | AIAMD SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & INTEGRATION | 358,854 | 358,854 | 358,854 | | 358,854 |
| 197 | 0606942A | ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CYBER VULNERABILITIES | 6,354 | 6,354 | 6,354 | | 6,354 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | **1,956,082** | **1,984,082** | **2,416,857** | **18,000** | **1,974,082** |
| | | **OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |
| 199 | 0603778A | MLRS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM | 14,639 | 14,639 | 34,639 | | 14,639 |
| | | GLSDB HIMARS integration work | | | [20,000] | | |
| 200 | 0605024A | ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT | 6,449 | 6,449 | 6,449 | | 6,449 |
| 201 | 0607101A | COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD) PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT. | 115 | 115 | 115 | | 115 |
| 202 | 0607131A | WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS. | 13,687 | 13,687 | 13,687 | | 13,687 |
| 203 | 0607136A | BLACKHAWK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM | 23,998 | 123,998 | 23,998 | 100,000 | 123,998 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Blackhawk modernization | | [100,000] | | [100,000] | |
| 204 | 0607137A | CHINOOK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM | 10,859 | 10,859 | 10,859 | | 10,859 |
| 208 | 0607145A | APACHE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT | 44,371 | 44,371 | 44,371 | | 44,371 |
| 209 | 0607148A | AN/TPQ–53 COUNTERFIRE TARGET ACQUISITION RADAR SYSTEM. | 43,054 | 43,054 | 43,054 | | 43,054 |
| 210 | 0607150A | INTEL CYBER DEVELOPMENT | 13,129 | 13,129 | 13,129 | | 13,129 |
| 215 | 0607665A | FAMILY OF BIOMETRICS | 1,594 | 1,594 | 1,594 | | 1,594 |
| 216 | 0607865A | PATRIOT PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT | 183,763 | 183,763 | 183,763 | | 183,763 |
| 217 | 0203728A | JOINT AUTOMATED DEEP OPERATION COORDINATION SYSTEM (JADOCS). | 8,424 | 8,424 | 8,424 | | 8,424 |
| 218 | 0203735A | COMBAT VEHICLE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS | 744,085 | 744,085 | 744,085 | | 744,085 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–10,000] | | [–10,000] | |
| | | Scaling Cost-Saving Lightweight Metallurgical Development. | | [10,000] | | [10,000] | |
| 219 | 0203743A | 155MM SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER IMPROVEMENTS | 107,826 | 107,826 | 107,826 | | 107,826 |
| 220 | 0203752A | AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM | 237 | 237 | 237 | | 237 |
| 221 | 0203758A | DIGITIZATION | 1,013 | 1,013 | 1,013 | | 1,013 |
| 222 | 0203801A | MISSILE/AIR DEFENSE PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM | 1,338 | 1,338 | 1,338 | | 1,338 |
| 225 | 0205778A | GUIDED MULTIPLE-LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM (GMLRS) | 33,307 | 33,307 | 33,307 | | 33,307 |
| 230 | 0303140A | INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM | 15,040 | 15,040 | 15,040 | | 15,040 |
| 232 | 0303142A | SATCOM GROUND ENVIRONMENT (SPACE) | 35,720 | 35,720 | 35,720 | | 35,720 |
| 235 | 0305179A | INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS) | 6,653 | 6,653 | 6,653 | | 6,653 |
| 236 | 0305219A | MQ–1 GRAY EAGLE UAV | 3,444 | 3,444 | 3,444 | | 3,444 |
| 237 | 0708045A | END ITEM INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES | 67,002 | 77,002 | 67,002 | | 67,002 |
| | | Next Generation Ballistic Fiber | | [10,000] | | | |
| 237A | 9999999999 | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 46,872 | 46,872 | 46,872 | | 46,872 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT** | **1,426,619** | **1,536,619** | **1,446,619** | **100,000** | **1,526,619** |
| | | **SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS** | | | | | |
| 238 | 0608041A | DEFENSIVE CYBER—SOFTWARE PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT | 89,238 | 89,238 | 91,238 | | 89,238 |
| | | Army Cyber/NETCOM – AI Enabled Network Visibility and Security Controls. | | | [2,000] | | |

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| | | **SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.** | **89,238** | **89,238** | **91,238** | | **89,238** |
| | | **AGILE RDTE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT** | | | | | |
| 239 | 0609135A | COUNTER UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) AGILE DEVELOPMENT. | 143,618 | 143,618 | 143,618 | | 143,618 |
| 240 | 0609277A | ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE DEVELOPMENT | 127,081 | 127,081 | 127,081 | | 127,081 |
| 241 | 0609278A | ELECTRONIC WARFARE AGILE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT | 59,202 | 59,202 | 59,202 | | 59,202 |
| 242 | 0609345A | UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCHED EFFECTS AGILE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT. | 187,473 | 187,473 | 187,473 | | 187,473 |
| 243 | 0609346A | UAS LAUNCHED EFFECTS AGILE DEVELOPMENT | 172,898 | 172,898 | 172,898 | | 172,898 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL AGILE RDTE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT** | **690,272** | **690,272** | **690,272** | | **690,272** |
| | | **TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY.** | **14,549,223** | **14,736,323** | **15,330,088** | **187,570** | **14,736,793** |
| | | **RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, NAVY** | | | | | |
| | | **BASIC RESEARCH** | | | | | |
| 001 | 0601103N | UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES | 67,306 | 67,306 | 72,306 | 5,000 | 72,306 |
| | | Artificial Intelligence Maritime Maneuvering (AIMM) 2.0. | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| 002 | 0601153N | DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES | 511,163 | 521,163 | 526,263 | 5,000 | 516,163 |
| | | Full purchase of the precision interferometer and related facilities and Infrastructure at Lowell Observatory used by Naval Research Laboratory. | | | [10,100] | | |
| | | Hypersonics T&E Workforce Development | | [10,000] | | [5,000] | |
| | | NCSEB Recommendation—AI-Ready Biological Data | | | [5,000] | | |

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| | | **SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH** | **578,469** | **588,469** | **598,569** | **10,000** | **588,469** |
| | | **APPLIED RESEARCH** | | | | | |
| 003 | 0602114N | POWER PROJECTION APPLIED RESEARCH | 30,635 | 30,635 | 30,635 | | 30,635 |
| 004 | 0602123N | FORCE PROTECTION APPLIED RESEARCH | 125,699 | 144,199 | 149,699 | 28,500 | 154,199 |
| | | Advanced Circuit Breaker | | | [12,000] | [6,000] | |
| | | Battery vulnerability | | | [2,000] | | |
| | | Intelligent Data Management for Distributed Naval Platforms. | | [12,500] | | [12,500] | |
| | | Multi-Material Flexible Automated Manufacturing | | | [5,000] | [4,000] | |
| | | Sea-Launched Aerial Drones | | | [5,000] | | |
| | | Talent and Technology for Navy Power and Energy Systems. | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Testing and Qualification of High-Performance Carbon Fiber for Advanced Rocket Motors. | | [3,500] | | [3,500] | |
| 005 | 0602131M | MARINE CORPS LANDING FORCE TECHNOLOGY | 45,697 | 45,697 | 52,697 | 7,000 | 52,697 |
| | | Unmanned Logistics Solutions | | | [7,000] | [7,000] | |
| 006 | 0602235N | COMMON PICTURE APPLIED RESEARCH | 55,246 | 66,746 | 55,246 | 11,500 | 66,746 |
| | | Embedded Systems Cyber for Critical Naval Infrastructure. | | [11,500] | | [11,500] | |
| 007 | 0602236N | WARFIGHTER SUSTAINMENT APPLIED RESEARCH | 74,264 | 74,264 | 79,264 | | 74,264 |
| | | On-Demand IV Fluids for Expeditionary Medicine | | | [5,000] | | |
| 008 | 0602271N | ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS APPLIED RESEARCH | 79,929 | 79,929 | 84,929 | 5,000 | 84,929 |
| | | Future Radio Frequency Digital Array Technology Development and Demonstration. | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| 009 | 0602435N | OCEAN WARFIGHTING ENVIRONMENT APPLIED RESEARCH | 81,270 | 81,270 | 81,270 | | 81,270 |
| 010 | 0602651M | JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS APPLIED RESEARCH | 7,300 | 7,300 | 7,300 | | 7,300 |
| 011 | 0602747N | UNDERSEA WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH | 64,335 | 71,835 | 64,335 | 7,500 | 71,835 |
| | | Academic partnerships for undersea vessels | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Program increase | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| 012 | 0602750N | FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH | 279,815 | 329,815 | 279,815 | 12,000 | 291,815 |
| | | Quantum communications corridor | | [50,000] | | [12,000] | |

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| 013 | 0602782N | MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH .. | 29,081 | 29,081 | 29,081 | | 29,081 |
| 015 | 0602861N | SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT—ONR FIELD ACITIVITIES. | 81,423 | 81,423 | 81,423 | | 81,423 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH** ..... | **954,694** | **1,042,194** | **995,694** | **71,500** | **1,026,194** |
| | | **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |
| 016 | 0603123N | FORCE PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ..... | 43,527 | 43,527 | 43,527 | | 43,527 |
| 017 | 0603271N | ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ..... | 8,644 | 8,644 | 8,644 | | 8,644 |
| 018 | 0603273N | SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS. | 121,618 | 121,618 | 121,618 | | 121,618 |
| 019 | 0603640M | USMC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION (ATD) ..... | 309,711 | 324,711 | 322,711 | 20,000 | 329,711 |
| | | Autonomous Amphibious Robotic Vehicle Development and Integration. | | | [8,000] | [8,000] | |
| | | Long Range Maneuvering Projectile (LRMP) ..... | | [15,000] | | [7,000] | |
| | | Low-Cost Tactical Hypersonic Long-Range Precision Fires. | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| 020 | 0603651M | JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 6,561 | 6,561 | 6,561 | | 6,561 |
| 021 | 0603673N | FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. | 455,851 | 458,851 | 455,851 | 3,000 | 458,851 |
| | | Submersible Air Revitalization using Aqueous Ionic Amines for CO2 Capture. | | [3,000] | | [3,000] | |
| 022 | 0603680N | MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ..... | 63,903 | 63,903 | 63,903 | | 63,903 |
| 023 | 0603729N | WARFIGHTER PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ..... | 7,653 | 13,153 | 7,653 | | 7,653 |
| | | Navy Thermite Firefighting Robotics ..... | | [5,500] | | | |
| 024 | 0603758N | NAVY WARFIGHTING EXPERIMENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS | 81,923 | 81,923 | 81,923 | | 81,923 |
| 025 | 0603782N | MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. | 2,075 | 2,075 | 2,075 | | 2,075 |

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| | | **SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT** | **1,101,466** | **1,124,966** | **1,114,466** | **23,000** | **1,124,466** |
| | | **ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES** | | | | | |
| 027 | 0603128N | UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM | 28,388 | 28,388 | 28,388 | | 28,388 |
| 029 | 0603207N | AIR/OCEAN TACTICAL APPLICATIONS | 35,870 | 35,870 | 35,870 | | 35,870 |
| 030 | 0603216N | AVIATION SURVIVABILITY | 24,064 | 24,064 | 24,064 | | 24,064 |
| 031 | 0603239N | NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCES | 8,603 | 8,603 | 8,603 | | 8,603 |
| 032 | 0603254N | ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT | 18,904 | 18,904 | 18,904 | | 18,904 |
| 033 | 0603261N | TACTICAL AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE | 2,241 | 2,241 | 2,241 | | 2,241 |
| 034 | 0603382N | ADVANCED COMBAT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY | 2,083 | 19,583 | | 20,000 | 22,083 |
| | | Embedded Hypersonics Seeker Testing Increase | | [7,500] | | [10,000] | |
| | | Excess to need | | | [–2,083] | | |
| | | Marine Corps Warfighting Lab Air Combat Element Increase. | | [10,000] | | [10,000] | |
| 035 | 0603502N | SURFACE AND SHALLOW WATER MINE COUNTERMEASURES | 32,359 | 32,359 | 32,359 | | 32,359 |
| 036 | 0603506N | SURFACE SHIP TORPEDO DEFENSE | 11,832 | 11,832 | 11,832 | | 11,832 |
| 037 | 0603512N | CARRIER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT | 8,361 | 8,361 | 8,361 | | 8,361 |
| 038 | 0603525N | PILOT FISH | 1,218,486 | 1,218,486 | 1,218,486 | | 1,218,486 |
| 040 | 0603536N | RETRACT JUNIPER | 206,429 | 206,429 | 206,429 | | 206,429 |
| 041 | 0603542N | RADIOLOGICAL CONTROL | 730 | 730 | 730 | | 730 |
| 043 | 0603561N | ADVANCED SUBMARINE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT | 162,651 | 162,651 | 162,651 | | 162,651 |
| 045 | 0603563N | SHIP CONCEPT ADVANCED DESIGN | 59,218 | 79,218 | 59,218 | | 59,218 |
| | | DDG(X) | | [20,000] | | | |
| 046 | 0603564N | SHIP PRELIMINARY DESIGN & FEASIBILITY STUDIES | 96,022 | 96,022 | 96,022 | | 96,022 |
| 047 | 0603570N | ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS | 383,831 | 383,831 | 449,831 | | 383,831 |
| | | Advanced Nuclear Power Systems | | | [66,000] | | |
| 048 | 0603573N | ADVANCED SURFACE MACHINERY SYSTEMS | 101,136 | 101,136 | 101,136 | | 101,136 |
| 049 | 0603576N | CHALK EAGLE | 156,686 | 156,686 | 156,686 | | 156,686 |
| 050 | 0603581N | LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP (LCS) | 10,203 | 5,203 | 203 | –10,203 | |
| | | Excess to Need | | | [–10,000] | | |
| | | Program decrease | | [–5,000] | | [–10,203] | |
| 051 | 0603582N | COMBAT SYSTEM INTEGRATION | 19,643 | 19,643 | 19,643 | | 19,643 |

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| 052 | 0603595N | OHIO REPLACEMENT | 273,265 | 273,265 | 283,265 | 10,000 | 283,265 |
| | | Program increase: Advanced composite shaft design | | | | [10,000] | |
| | | Rapid Realization of Composites for Wet Submarine Application. | | | [10,000] | | |
| 053 | 0603596N | LCS MISSION MODULES | 39,258 | 19,258 | 29,258 | –20,000 | 19,258 |
| | | Mine Countermeasure (MCM) Mission Package | | | [–10,000] | | |
| | | Program decrease | | [–20,000] | | [–20,000] | |
| 054 | 0603597N | AUTOMATED TEST AND RE-TEST (ATRT) | 9,862 | 9,862 | 9,862 | | 9,862 |
| 055 | 0603598N | ATRT ENTERPRISE RAPID CAPABILITY | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | | 20,000 |
| 056 | 0603599N | FRIGATE DEVELOPMENT | 84,199 | | 84,199 | –84,199 | |
| | | Program decrease | | [–84,199] | | [–84,199] | |
| 057 | 0603609N | CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS | 10,877 | 10,877 | 10,877 | | 10,877 |
| 058 | 0603635M | MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORT SYSTEM | 278,261 | 238,361 | 278,261 | –59,800 | 218,461 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–39,900] | | [–59,800] | |
| 059 | 0603654N | JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT | 43,657 | 43,657 | 43,657 | | 43,657 |
| 060 | 0603713N | OCEAN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 9,647 | 9,647 | 9,647 | | 9,647 |
| 061 | 0603721N | ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION | 22,829 | 22,829 | 22,829 | | 22,829 |
| 062 | 0603724N | NAVY ENERGY PROGRAM | 46,577 | 69,077 | 69,577 | 10,000 | 56,577 |
| | | Advanced Battery Technologies | | [22,500] | | [10,000] | |
| | | LOCNESS: derisking DEW/advanced sensors on DDGx | | | [11,000] | | |
| | | Safety certification and USMC support for soldier/ground vehicle auxilliary power. | | | [12,000] | | |
| 063 | 0603725N | FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT | 10,925 | 10,925 | 10,925 | | 10,925 |
| 064 | 0603734N | CHALK CORAL | 414,282 | 414,282 | 414,282 | | 414,282 |
| 065 | 0603739N | NAVY LOGISTIC PRODUCTIVITY | 1,016 | 1,016 | 1,016 | | 1,016 |
| 066 | 0603746N | RETRACT MAPLE | 647,914 | 647,914 | 732,464 | | 647,914 |
| | | Joint Warfighting Critical Munitions | | | [84,550] | | |

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| 067 | 0603748N | LINK PLUMERIA | 376,672 | 376,672 | 876,672 | | 376,672 |
| | | F/A-XX | | | [500,000] | | |
| 068 | 0603751N | RETRACT ELM | 106,810 | 106,810 | 106,810 | | 106,810 |
| 069 | 0603764M | LINK EVERGREEN | 529,550 | 529,550 | 529,550 | | 529,550 |
| 070 | 0603790N | NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT | 5,234 | 5,234 | 5,234 | | 5,234 |
| 071 | 0603795N | LAND ATTACK TECHNOLOGY | 1,056 | 1,056 | 1,056 | | 1,056 |
| 072 | 0603851M | JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TESTING | 9,832 | 9,832 | 9,832 | | 9,832 |
| 073 | 0603860N | JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEMS—DEM/VAL. | 41,978 | 41,978 | 41,978 | | 41,978 |
| 076 | 0604025M | RAPID DEFENSE EXPERIMENTATION RESERVE (RDER) | 99 | 99 | 99 | | 99 |
| 077 | 0604027N | DIGITAL WARFARE OFFICE | 151,271 | 151,271 | 151,271 | | 151,271 |
| 078 | 0604028N | SMALL AND MEDIUM UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLES | 4,855 | 4,855 | 4,855 | | 4,855 |
| 079 | 0604029N | UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLE CORE TECHNOLOGIES | 47,106 | 47,106 | 47,106 | | 47,106 |
| 082 | 0604112N | GERALD R. FORD CLASS NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER (CVN 78—80). | 112,704 | 112,704 | 112,704 | | 112,704 |
| 083 | 0604127N | SURFACE MINE COUNTERMEASURES | 18,504 | 18,504 | 18,504 | | 18,504 |
| 084 | 0604272N | TACTICAL AIR DIRECTIONAL INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (TADIRCM). | 14,387 | 14,387 | 14,387 | | 14,387 |
| 085 | 0604286N | NAVY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING | 10,585 | 10,585 | 10,585 | | 10,585 |
| 086 | 0604289M | NEXT GENERATION LOGISTICS | 2,722 | 2,722 | 2,722 | | 2,722 |
| 087 | 0604292N | FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT (MARITIME STRIKE) | 7,125 | 7,125 | 7,125 | | 7,125 |
| 088 | 0604295M | MARINE AVIATION DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION | 38,873 | 35,073 | 38,873 | –3,800 | 35,073 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–3,800] | | [–3,800] | |
| 089 | 0604320M | RAPID TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY PROTOTYPE | 16,316 | 16,316 | 16,316 | | 16,316 |
| 090 | 0604454N | LX (R) | 26,709 | 16,709 | 26,709 | –10,000 | 16,709 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–10,000] | | [–10,000] | |
| 091 | 0604536N | ADVANCED UNDERSEA PROTOTYPING | 143,943 | 143,943 | 143,943 | | 143,943 |
| 092 | 0604636N | COUNTER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (C-UAS) | 16,689 | 16,689 | 16,689 | | 16,689 |
| 093 | 0604659N | PRECISION STRIKE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM | 110,072 | 110,072 | 235,072 | 125,000 | 235,072 |
| | | Emerging Hypersonic Capabilities (USA, USN) | | | [25,000] | [25,000] | |
| | | Navy MACE | | | [100,000] | [100,000] | |

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| 094 | 0604707N | SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) ARCHITECTURE/ ENGINEERING SUPPORT. | 6,866 | 6,866 | 6,866 | | 6,866 |
| 095 | 0604786N | OFFENSIVE ANTI-SURFACE WARFARE WEAPON DEVELOPMENT. | 225,773 | 225,773 | 285,773 | | 225,773 |
| | | LRASM MADCAP C–3 development acceleration | | | [60,000] | | |
| 097 | 0605513N | UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLE ENABLING CAPABILITIES | 3,712 | 3,712 | 3,712 | | 3,712 |
| 098 | 0605514M | GROUND BASED ANTI-SHIP MISSILE | 29,004 | 29,004 | 29,004 | | 29,004 |
| 100 | 0605518N | CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE (CPS) | 798,337 | 798,337 | 798,337 | | 798,337 |
| 101 | 0105519N | NUCLEAR-ARMED SEA-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (SLCM-N) SUPPORT. | | 100,000 | 320,000 | 210,000 | 210,000 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [100,000] | | | |
| | | Restoration of full funding for Nuclear-Armed Sea-Launched Cruise Missile. | | | [320,000] | [210,000] | |
| 102 | 0207147M | COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT | 58,000 | 58,000 | 58,000 | | 58,000 |
| 103 | 0303260N | DEFENSE MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE | 1,980 | 1,980 | 1,980 | | 1,980 |
| 104 | 0303354N | ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT—MIP | 3,864 | 3,864 | 3,864 | | 3,864 |
| 105 | 0304240M | ADVANCED TACTICAL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM | 2,822 | 2,822 | 2,822 | | 2,822 |
| 106 | 0304270N | ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT—MIP | 1,278 | 1,278 | 1,278 | | 1,278 |
| 107 | 0304797N | UNDERSEA ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE / MACHINE LEARNING (AI/ML). | 29,308 | 29,308 | 29,308 | | 29,308 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.** | **7,454,345** | **7,451,446** | **8,620,812** | **186,998** | **7,641,343** |
| | | **SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION** | | | | | |
| 108 | 0603208N | TRAINING SYSTEM AIRCRAFT | 15,101 | 15,101 | 15,101 | | 15,101 |
| 109 | 0604038N | MARITIME TARGETING CELL | 147,802 | 147,802 | 147,802 | | 147,802 |
| 111 | 0604212N | OTHER HELO DEVELOPMENT | 987 | 987 | 987 | | 987 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 113 | 0604215N | STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT | 4,540 | 4,540 | 4,540 | | 4,540 |
| 114 | 0604216N | MULTI-MISSION HELICOPTER UPGRADE DEVELOPMENT | 64,838 | 64,838 | 64,838 | | 64,838 |
| 116 | 0604230N | WARFARE SUPPORT SYSTEM | 15,778 | 15,778 | 15,778 | | 15,778 |
| 117 | 0604231N | COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS | 64,547 | 64,547 | 64,547 | | 64,547 |
| 118 | 0604234N | ADVANCED HAWKEYE | 350,324 | 350,324 | 350,324 | | 350,324 |
| 119 | 0604245M | H–1 UPGRADES | 62,240 | 62,240 | 62,240 | | 62,240 |
| 120 | 0604261N | ACOUSTIC SEARCH SENSORS | 52,549 | 52,549 | 52,549 | | 52,549 |
| 121 | 0604262N | V–22 | 124,958 | 124,958 | 124,958 | | 124,958 |
| 122 | 0604264N | AIR CREW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT | 44,297 | 39,897 | 44,297 | –4,400 | 39,897 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–4,400] | | [–4,400] | |
| 123 | 0604269N | EA–18 | 184,921 | 184,921 | 184,921 | | 184,921 |
| 124 | 0604270N | ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT | 185,606 | 155,606 | 185,606 | –30,000 | 155,606 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–30,000] | | [–30,000] | |
| 125 | 0604273M | EXECUTIVE HELO DEVELOPMENT | 74,980 | 74,980 | 74,980 | | 74,980 |
| 126 | 0604274N | NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) | 64,167 | 64,167 | 64,167 | | 64,167 |
| 127 | 0604280N | JOINT TACTICAL RADIO SYSTEM—NAVY (JTRS-NAVY) | 289,345 | 289,345 | 289,345 | | 289,345 |
| 128 | 0604282N | NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) INCREMENT II | 228,256 | 228,256 | 228,256 | | 228,256 |
| 129 | 0604307N | SURFACE COMBATANT COMBAT SYSTEM ENGINEERING | 432,981 | 432,981 | 432,981 | | 432,981 |
| 130 | 0604329N | SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB) | 23,836 | 23,836 | 23,836 | | 23,836 |
| 131 | 0604366N | STANDARD MISSILE IMPROVEMENTS | 412,964 | 362,964 | 412,964 | –50,000 | 362,964 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–50,000] | | [–50,000] | |
| 132 | 0604373N | AIRBORNE MCM | 8,372 | 8,372 | 8,372 | | 8,372 |
| 133 | 0604378N | NAVAL INTEGRATED FIRE CONTROL—COUNTER AIR SYSTEMS ENGINEERING. | 39,878 | 39,878 | 39,878 | | 39,878 |
| 135 | 0604501N | ADVANCED ABOVE WATER SENSORS | 67,881 | 67,881 | 67,881 | | 67,881 |
| 136 | 0604503N | SUBMARINE SWFTS MODERNIZATION | 204,158 | 204,158 | 204,158 | | 204,158 |
| 137 | 0604504N | AIR CONTROL | 23,930 | 23,930 | 23,930 | | 23,930 |
| 138 | 0604512N | SHIPBOARD AVIATION SYSTEMS | 33,704 | 13,704 | 33,704 | –20,000 | 13,704 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–20,000] | | [–20,000] | |
| 139 | 0604516N | SHIP SURVIVABILITY | 4,364 | 4,364 | 4,364 | | 4,364 |
| 141 | 0604522N | AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE RADAR (AMDR) SYSTEM | 74,937 | 74,937 | 74,937 | | 74,937 |
| 142 | 0604530N | ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG) | 32,037 | 32,037 | 32,037 | | 32,037 |

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| 143 | 0604558N | NEW DESIGN SSN | 247,293 | 472,293 | 247,293 | | 247,293 |
| | | Subsea and Seabed Warfare program increase | | [225,000] | | | |
| 145 | 0604567N | SHIP CONTRACT DESIGN/ LIVE FIRE T&E | 28,400 | 28,400 | 28,400 | | 28,400 |
| 146 | 0604574N | NAVY TACTICAL COMPUTER RESOURCES | 3,552 | 3,552 | 3,552 | | 3,552 |
| 147 | 0604601N | MINE DEVELOPMENT | 130 | 130 | 108,730 | | 130 |
| | | Enhanced Joint Direct Attack Missile (JDAM) (USN) | | | [50,000] | | |
| | | Quickstrike Extended Range (QS-ER) (USN) | | | [58,600] | | |
| 148 | 0604610N | LIGHTWEIGHT TORPEDO DEVELOPMENT | 12,565 | 12,565 | 12,565 | | 12,565 |
| 149 | 0604654N | JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT | 8,740 | 8,740 | 8,740 | | 8,740 |
| 150 | 0604657M | USMC GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS—ENG DEV. | 17,377 | 17,377 | 17,377 | | 17,377 |
| 151 | 0604703N | PERSONNEL, TRAINING, SIMULATION, AND HUMAN FACTORS | 6,703 | 6,703 | 6,703 | | 6,703 |
| 152 | 0604727N | JOINT STANDOFF WEAPON SYSTEMS | 895 | 895 | 895 | | 895 |
| 153 | 0604755N | SHIP SELF DEFENSE (DETECT & CONTROL) | 167,711 | 167,711 | 167,711 | | 167,711 |
| 154 | 0604756N | SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: HARD KILL) | 145,007 | 145,007 | 145,007 | | 145,007 |
| 155 | 0604757N | SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: SOFT KILL/EW) | 232,368 | 217,368 | 232,368 | –15,000 | 217,368 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–15,000] | | [–15,000] | |
| 156 | 0604761N | INTELLIGENCE ENGINEERING | 7,023 | 7,023 | 7,023 | | 7,023 |
| 157 | 0604771N | MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT | 7,629 | 7,629 | 7,629 | | 7,629 |
| 158 | 0604777N | NAVIGATION/ID SYSTEM | 3,724 | 3,724 | 3,724 | | 3,724 |
| 159 | 0604850N | SSN(X) | 365,987 | 365,987 | 365,987 | | 365,987 |
| 160 | 0605013M | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 16,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 | | 16,000 |
| 161 | 0605013N | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 192,784 | 192,784 | 192,784 | | 192,784 |
| 162 | 0605024N | ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT | 3,428 | 3,428 | 3,428 | | 3,428 |
| 163 | 0605180N | TACAMO MODERNIZATION | 1,243,978 | 1,203,978 | 1,243,978 | –40,000 | 1,203,978 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–40,000] | | [–40,000] | |
| 164 | 0605212M | CH–53K RDTE | 135,432 | 135,432 | 135,432 | | 135,432 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 165 | 0605215N | MISSION PLANNING | 120,255 | 120,255 | 120,255 | | 120,255 |
| 166 | 0605217N | COMMON AVIONICS | 67,944 | 67,944 | 67,944 | | 67,944 |
| 167 | 0605220N | SHIP TO SHORE CONNECTOR (SSC) | 7,267 | 7,267 | 7,267 | | 7,267 |
| 168 | 0605285N | NEXT GENERATION FIGHTER | 74,320 | 74,320 | 74,320 | | 74,320 |
| 170 | 0605414N | UNMANNED CARRIER AVIATION (UCA) | 305,487 | 305,487 | 305,487 | | 305,487 |
| 171 | 0605450M | JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE (JAGM) | 59,077 | 59,077 | 59,077 | | 59,077 |
| 172 | 0605500N | MULTI-MISSION MARITIME AIRCRAFT (MMA) | 41,129 | 41,129 | 41,129 | | 41,129 |
| 173 | 0605504N | MULTI-MISSION MARITIME (MMA) INCREMENT III | 103,397 | 103,397 | 103,397 | | 103,397 |
| 174 | 0605516N | LONG RANGE FIRES | 138,443 | 138,443 | 138,443 | | 138,443 |
| 175 | 0605611M | MARINE CORPS ASSAULT VEHICLES SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION. | 44,644 | 44,644 | 44,644 | | 44,644 |
| 176 | 0605813M | JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION. | 6,984 | 6,984 | 6,984 | | 6,984 |
| 177 | 0204202N | DESTROYERS GUIDED MISSILE (DDG–1000) | 58,817 | 58,817 | 58,817 | | 58,817 |
| 178 | 0301377N | COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW) | 16,906 | 16,906 | 16,906 | | 16,906 |
| 179 | 0302315N | NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT | 23,818 | 23,818 | 23,818 | | 23,818 |
| 183 | 0304785N | ISR & INFO OPERATIONS | 170,567 | 170,567 | 170,567 | | 170,567 |
| 185 | 0306250M | CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 11,936 | 11,936 | 11,936 | | 11,936 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.** | **7,431,995** | **7,497,595** | **7,540,595** | **–159,400** | **7,272,595** |
| | | **MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | | | | | |
| 186 | 0604256N | THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT | 25,133 | 25,133 | 25,133 | | 25,133 |
| 187 | 0604258N | TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT | 14,191 | 14,191 | 24,191 | | 14,191 |
| | | Secure power: high value target protection | | | [10,000] | | |
| 188 | 0604759N | MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT | 61,946 | 61,946 | 61,946 | | 61,946 |
| 189 | 0605152N | STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—NAVY | 3,596 | 3,596 | 3,596 | | 3,596 |
| 190 | 0605154N | CENTER FOR NAVAL ANALYSES | 31,695 | 31,695 | 31,695 | | 31,695 |
| 193 | 0605853N | MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT | 133,538 | 133,538 | 133,538 | | 133,538 |
| 194 | 0605856N | STRATEGIC TECHNICAL SUPPORT | 3,709 | 3,709 | 3,709 | | 3,709 |
| 195 | 0605863N | RDT&E SHIP AND AIRCRAFT SUPPORT | 151,479 | 151,479 | 151,479 | | 151,479 |
| 196 | 0605864N | TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT | 463,725 | 447,924 | 463,725 | –15,801 | 447,924 |

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| | | Program decrease | | [–15,801] | | [–15,801] | |
| 197 | 0605865N | OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION CAPABILITY | 30,880 | 30,880 | 30,880 | | 30,880 |
| 198 | 0605866N | NAVY SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) SUPPORT | 22,563 | 22,563 | 22,563 | | 22,563 |
| 199 | 0605867N | SEW SURVEILLANCE/RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT | 7,325 | 7,325 | 7,325 | | 7,325 |
| 200 | 0605873M | MARINE CORPS PROGRAM WIDE SUPPORT | 28,816 | 28,816 | 28,816 | | 28,816 |
| 201 | 0605898N | MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D | 42,751 | 42,751 | 42,751 | | 42,751 |
| 202 | 0606295M | MARINE AVIATION DEVELOPMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT. | 4,732 | 4,732 | 4,732 | | 4,732 |
| 203 | 0606355N | WARFARE INNOVATION MANAGEMENT | 37,551 | 37,551 | 37,551 | | 37,551 |
| 204 | 0305327N | INSIDER THREAT | 2,653 | 2,653 | 2,653 | | 2,653 |
| 205 | 0902498N | MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS (DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES). | 2,041 | 2,041 | 2,041 | | 2,041 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | **1,068,324** | **1,052,523** | **1,078,324** | **–15,801** | **1,052,523** |
| | | **OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |
| 208 | 0604840M | F–35 C2D2 | 494,034 | 444,634 | 494,034 | –49,400 | 444,634 |
| | | Block 4 Delays | | [–49,400] | | [–49,400] | |
| 209 | 0604840N | F–35 C2D2 | 475,710 | 428,110 | 475,710 | –47,600 | 428,110 |
| | | Block 4 Delays | | [–47,600] | | [–47,600] | |
| 210 | 0605520M | MARINE CORPS AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS | 56,140 | 56,140 | 56,140 | | 56,140 |
| 211 | 0607658N | COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY (CEC) | 136,436 | 136,436 | 136,436 | | 136,436 |
| 212 | 0101221N | STRATEGIC SUB & WEAPONS SYSTEM SUPPORT | 807,099 | 807,099 | 807,099 | | 807,099 |
| 213 | 0101224N | SSBN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM | 63,252 | 63,252 | 68,252 | | 63,252 |
| | | Strategic Weapon System shipboard navigation system modernization. | | | [5,000] | | |
| 214 | 0101226N | SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT | 56,401 | 56,401 | 56,401 | | 56,401 |
| 215 | 0101402N | NAVY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS | 52,404 | 52,404 | 52,404 | | 52,404 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 216 | 0204136N | F/A–18 SQUADRONS | 369,863 | 369,863 | 369,863 | | 369,863 |
| 218 | 0204229N | TOMAHAWK AND TOMAHAWK MISSION PLANNING CENTER (TMPC). | 151,177 | 151,177 | 151,177 | | 151,177 |
| 219 | 0204311N | INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM | 71,800 | 71,800 | 71,800 | | 71,800 |
| 220 | 0204313N | SHIP-TOWED ARRAY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS | 1,990 | 1,990 | 1,990 | | 1,990 |
| 222 | 0204460M | GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR) | 32,045 | 32,045 | 32,045 | | 32,045 |
| 223 | 0204571N | CONSOLIDATED TRAINING SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT | 199,067 | 199,067 | 199,067 | | 199,067 |
| 224 | 0204575N | ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) READINESS SUPPORT | 115,834 | 115,834 | 115,834 | | 115,834 |
| 225 | 0205601N | ANTI-RADIATION MISSILE IMPROVEMENT | 33,659 | 33,659 | 33,659 | | 33,659 |
| 227 | 0205632N | MK–48 ADCAP | 84,338 | 84,338 | 84,338 | | 84,338 |
| 228 | 0205633N | AVIATION IMPROVEMENTS | 127,421 | 114,721 | 137,321 | –3,700 | 123,721 |
| | | Autonomous airfield FOD sweeping systems | | | [9,900] | [9,000] | |
| | | Program decrease | | [–12,700] | | [–12,700] | |
| 229 | 0205675N | OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS | 209,200 | 209,200 | 209,200 | | 209,200 |
| 230 | 0206313M | MARINE CORPS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS | 125,488 | 125,488 | 134,488 | 3,000 | 128,488 |
| | | Hydrogen Fuel Cell for small-UAS | | | [5,000] | [3,000] | |
| | | Integrated Contested Logistics Communications | | | [4,000] | | |
| 231 | 0206335M | COMMON AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (CAC2S). | 17,813 | 17,813 | 17,813 | | 17,813 |
| 232 | 0206623M | MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS. | 70,139 | 70,139 | 70,139 | | 70,139 |
| 233 | 0206624M | MARINE CORPS COMBAT SERVICES SUPPORT | 20,419 | 20,419 | 20,419 | | 20,419 |
| 234 | 0206625M | USMC INTELLIGENCE/ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS | 34,289 | 34,289 | 34,289 | | 34,289 |
| 236 | 0207161N | TACTICAL AIM MISSILES | 34,650 | 34,650 | 34,650 | | 34,650 |
| 237 | 0207163N | ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM) | 26,286 | 26,286 | 26,286 | | 26,286 |
| 238 | 0208043N | PLANNING AND DECISION AID SYSTEM (PDAS) | 3,572 | 3,572 | 3,572 | | 3,572 |
| 242 | 0303138N | AFLOAT NETWORKS | 70,742 | 70,742 | 70,742 | | 70,742 |
| 243 | 0303140N | INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM | 64,147 | 64,147 | 64,147 | | 64,147 |
| 244 | 0305192N | MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (MIP) ACTIVITIES | 3,311 | 3,311 | 3,311 | | 3,311 |
| 247 | 0305208M | DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS | 61,238 | 61,238 | 61,238 | | 61,238 |
| 248 | 0305220N | MQ–4C TRITON | 14,421 | 14,421 | 14,421 | | 14,421 |
| 250 | 0305232M | RQ–11 UAV | 1,063 | 7,063 | 1,063 | 6,000 | 7,063 |

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| | | Maritimization of the Long-Range Long-Endurance (LR/LE) SUAS. | | [6,000] | | [6,000] | |
| 252 | 0305241N | MULTI-INTELLIGENCE SENSOR DEVELOPMENT | 41,414 | 41,414 | 41,414 | | 41,414 |
| 253 | 0305242M | UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) PAYLOADS (MIP) | 9,157 | 9,157 | 9,157 | | 9,157 |
| 255 | 0305421N | MQ–4C TRITON MODERNIZATION | 361,943 | 361,943 | 361,943 | | 361,943 |
| 256 | 0307577N | INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD) | 803 | 803 | 803 | | 803 |
| 257 | 0308601N | MODELING AND SIMULATION SUPPORT | 12,389 | 12,389 | 12,389 | | 12,389 |
| 258 | 0702207N | DEPOT MAINTENANCE (NON-IF) | 23,372 | 33,372 | 23,372 | | 23,372 |
| | | Defense Industrial Skills & Technology Training | | [10,000] | | | |
| 259 | 0708730N | MARITIME TECHNOLOGY (MARITECH) | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,600 | | 3,600 |
| 259A | 9999999999 | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 2,554,769 | 2,554,769 | 2,578,769 | | 2,554,769 |
| | | Acceleration of Navy program | | | [24,000] | | |
| | | **SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT** | **7,092,895** | **6,999,195** | **7,140,795** | **–91,700** | **7,001,195** |
| | | **SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS** | | | | | |
| 260 | 0608013N | RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM. | 13,341 | 13,341 | 13,341 | | 13,341 |
| 261 | 0608231N | MARITIME TACTICAL COMMAND AND CONTROL (MTC2)—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM. | 12,520 | 12,520 | 12,520 | | 12,520 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.** | **25,861** | **25,861** | **25,861** | | **25,861** |
| | | **TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, NAVY.** | **25,708,049** | **25,782,249** | **27,115,116** | **24,597** | **25,732,646** |
| | | **RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE** | | | | | |

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| | | **BASIC RESEARCH** | | | | | |
| 001 | 0601102F | DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES | 302,716 | 322,716 | 302,716 | 20,000 | 322,716 |
| | | Material Flexibility and New Applications in Quantum Electronics Research. | | [20,000] | | [20,000] | |
| 002 | 0601103F | UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES | 94,121 | 94,121 | 94,121 | | 94,121 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH** | **396,837** | **416,837** | **396,837** | **20,000** | **416,837** |
| | | **APPLIED RESEARCH** | | | | | |
| 003 | 0602020F | FUTURE AF CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH | 78,214 | 78,214 | 78,214 | | 78,214 |
| 004 | 0602022F | UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED RESEARCH CENTER (UARC)—TACTICAL AUTONOMY. | 6,294 | 6,294 | 6,294 | | 6,294 |
| 005 | 0602102F | MATERIALS | 147,422 | 162,422 | 167,422 | 25,000 | 172,422 |
| | | Advanced Aerospace Materials | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Advanced Composites in Hypersonics & Attritable Aircraft Research. | | [10,000] | | [10,000] | |
| | | Advanced materials science for manufacturing research. | | | [10,000] | [10,000] | |
| | | Metals Affordability Iniatitive | | | [5,000] | [2,500] | |
| | | Metals Affordability Initiative | | [2,500] | | | |
| | | NCSEB Recommendation—AI-Ready Biological Data | | | [5,000] | | |
| 007 | 0602202F | HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS APPLIED RESEARCH | 133,928 | 133,928 | 133,928 | | 133,928 |
| 008 | 0602203F | AEROSPACE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES | 321,059 | 341,059 | 321,059 | 17,500 | 338,559 |
| | | Computational Methods and Hardware Validation of UAVs. | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| | | High Mach Turbine Engine | | [10,000] | | [10,000] | |
| | | Integrated hypersonic propulsion technology maturation. | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Research | | [2,500] | | | |
| 009 | 0602204F | AEROSPACE SENSORS | 199,120 | 199,120 | 199,120 | | 199,120 |
| 011 | 0602298F | SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT— MAJOR HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES. | 10,813 | 10,813 | 10,813 | | 10,813 |
| 012 | 0602336F | NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS TECH EXPLORATION | 4,969 | 4,969 | 4,969 | | 4,969 |

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| 013 | 0602602F | CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS | 125,102 | 125,102 | 125,102 | | 125,102 |
| 014 | 0602605F | DIRECTED ENERGY TECHNOLOGY | 92,331 | 92,331 | 92,331 | | 92,331 |
| 015 | 0602788F | DOMINANT INFORMATION SCIENCES AND METHODS | 187,036 | 209,536 | 217,036 | 37,500 | 224,536 |
| | | Agile, Assured, and Autonomous Battle Management Network and Readiness Accelerator (3A-BMN). | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | Counter UAS advanced detection systems pilot program. | | [10,000] | | [5,000] | |
| | | Dependable AI for National Security | | | [15,000] | [15,000] | |
| | | Distributed Quantum Networking Testbed and Quantum Cloud Computing Environment. | | | [10,000] | [10,000] | |
| | | Future Flag | | [10,000] | | | |
| | | Photonic Quantum Computing | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | **SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH** | **1,306,288** | **1,363,788** | **1,356,288** | **80,000** | **1,386,288** |
| | | **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |
| 016 | 0603032F | FUTURE AF INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY DEMOS | 268,754 | 268,754 | 268,754 | | 268,754 |
| 017 | 0603112F | ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR WEAPON SYSTEMS | 31,021 | 33,521 | 31,021 | 2,500 | 33,521 |
| | | Tier 2.5 LO Platform Inspection System | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| 018 | 0603199F | SUSTAINMENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T) | 12,915 | 12,915 | 12,915 | | 12,915 |
| 019 | 0603203F | ADVANCED AEROSPACE SENSORS | 69,652 | 69,652 | 69,652 | | 69,652 |
| 020 | 0603211F | AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY DEV/DEMO | 102,125 | 194,625 | 102,125 | 92,500 | 194,625 |
| | | Hybrid-Electric Propulsion Combat Ready Airman (CRA) Flight Demonstrator. | | [90,000] | | [90,000] | |
| | | Multi-role CCA propulsion | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| 023 | 0603273F | SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS. | 128,407 | 128,407 | 148,407 | | 128,407 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | S&T for Nuclear Reentry Systems—Resonating Fiber Optic Gyroscopes. | | | [20,000] | | |
| 025 | 0603456F | HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. | 19,790 | 19,790 | 19,790 | | 19,790 |
| 026 | 0603601F | CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY | 99,263 | 99,263 | 99,263 | | 99,263 |
| 027 | 0603605F | ADVANCED WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY | 4,434 | 4,434 | 4,434 | | 4,434 |
| 028 | 0603680F | MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM | 38,891 | 46,391 | 42,891 | 4,000 | 42,891 |
| | | Additive Manufacturing for Engineer Components | | | [4,000] | [4,000] | |
| | | Smart Susceptor Technology | | [5,000] | | | |
| | | Virtual, Augmented and Mixed Reality Readiness | | [2,500] | | | |
| 029 | 0603788F | BATTLESPACE KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION. | 30,812 | 30,812 | 30,812 | | 30,812 |
| 030 | 0604776F | DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D | 28,316 | 28,316 | 28,316 | | 28,316 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT** | **834,380** | **936,880** | **858,380** | **99,000** | **933,380** |
| | | **ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES** | | | | | |
| 032 | 0603260F | INTELLIGENCE ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT | 3,901 | 3,901 | 3,901 | | 3,901 |
| 033 | 0603742F | COMBAT IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY | 25,172 | 25,172 | 25,172 | | 25,172 |
| 034 | 0603790F | NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT | 4,595 | 4,595 | 4,595 | | 4,595 |
| 035 | 0603851F | INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE—DEM/VAL | 90,096 | 90,096 | 90,096 | | 90,096 |
| 036 | 0604001F | NC3 ADVANCED CONCEPTS | 15,910 | 15,910 | 15,910 | | 15,910 |
| 037 | 0604003F | ADVANCED BATTLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ABMS) | 1,040,475 | 1,022,475 | 1,040,475 | –18,000 | 1,022,475 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–18,000] | | [–18,000] | |
| 039 | 0604005F | NC3 COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPING | 67,081 | 67,081 | 67,081 | | 67,081 |
| 040 | 0604007F | E–7 | 199,676 | 799,676 | 899,676 | 647,000 | 846,676 |
| | | Continuation of rapid prototyping | | [600,000] | | | |
| | | E–7 continued development and procurement | | | [700,000] | [647,000] | |
| 041 | 0604009F | AFWERX | 18,499 | 18,499 | 18,499 | | 18,499 |
| 042 | 0604010F | NEXT GENERATION ADAPTIVE PROPULSION | 330,270 | 330,270 | 330,270 | | 330,270 |
| 043 | 0604015F | LONG RANGE STRIKE—BOMBER | 2,347,225 | 2,347,225 | 2,347,225 | | 2,347,225 |
| 047 | 0604183F | HYPERSONICS PROTOTYPING—HYPERSONIC ATTACK CRUISE MISSILE (HACM). | 802,810 | 812,810 | 802,810 | | 802,810 |

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| | | Additive Manufacturing | | [10,000] | | | |
| 049 | 0604257F | ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND SENSORS | 40,779 | 40,779 | 40,779 | | 40,779 |
| 052 | 0604317F | TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER | 3,558 | 3,558 | 3,558 | | 3,558 |
| 053 | 0604327F | HARD AND DEEPLY BURIED TARGET DEFEAT SYSTEM (HDBTDS) PROGRAM. | 144,143 | 144,143 | 144,143 | | 144,143 |
| 054 | 0604336F | NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS PROTOTYPING | 56,926 | 56,926 | 56,926 | | 56,926 |
| 055 | 0604414F | CYBER RESILIENCY OF WEAPON SYSTEMS-ACS | 46,148 | 46,148 | 46,148 | | 46,148 |
| 056 | 0604609F | REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS & CONCEPT MATURATION | 22,754 | 22,754 | 22,754 | | 22,754 |
| 057 | 0604668F | JOINT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (JTMS) | 129,626 | 129,626 | 129,626 | | 129,626 |
| 058 | 0604776F | DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION ENTERPRISE R&D | 4,996 | 4,996 | 4,996 | | 4,996 |
| 059 | 0604858F | TECH TRANSITION PROGRAM | 134,833 | 121,433 | 155,833 | –13,400 | 121,433 |
| | | Blended Wing Body—Next Generation Aircraft | | | [21,000] | | |
| | | Program decrease | | [–13,400] | | [–13,400] | |
| 060 | 0604860F | OPERATIONAL ENERGY AND INSTALLATION RESILIENCE | 49,460 | 49,460 | 115,460 | 10,000 | 59,460 |
| | | Operational energy program increase | | | [56,000] | [10,000] | |
| | | XR (AR/VR) plus mission execution tools | | | [10,000] | | |
| 061 | 0605057F | NEXT GENERATION AIR-REFUELING SYSTEM | 12,960 | 12,960 | 12,960 | | 12,960 |
| 063 | 0606004F | NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT | 1,097 | 1,097 | 6,097 | | 1,097 |
| | | Wing-level additive manufacturing | | | [5,000] | | |
| 064 | 0606005F | DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OFFICE | 15,997 | 15,997 | 30,997 | 15,000 | 30,997 |
| | | Adaptive Threat Modeling Lab | | | [15,000] | [15,000] | |
| | | F–47—misaligned budget request | | | [500,000] | | |
| 066 | 0207147F | COLLABORATIVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT | 111,365 | 111,365 | 789,365 | | 111,365 |
| | | CCA—misaligned budget request | | | [678,000] | | |
| 067 | 0207179F | AUTONOMOUS COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS | 62,019 | 62,019 | 62,019 | | 62,019 |
| 068 | 0207420F | COMBAT IDENTIFICATION | 1,713 | 1,713 | 1,713 | | 1,713 |
| 071 | 0207455F | THREE DIMENSIONAL LONG-RANGE RADAR (3DELRR) | 17,344 | 17,344 | 17,344 | | 17,344 |

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| 072 | 0207522F | AIRBASE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (ABADS) | 15,785 | 15,785 | 15,785 | | 15,785 |
| 073 | 0207606F | JOINT SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT (JSE) | 260,667 | 260,667 | 260,667 | | 260,667 |
| 074 | 0208030F | WAR RESERVE MATERIEL—AMMUNITION | 9,865 | 9,865 | 9,865 | | 9,865 |
| 075 | 0303010F | AF ISR DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE | 24,817 | 24,817 | 24,817 | | 24,817 |
| 076 | 0305236F | COMMON DATA LINK EXECUTIVE AGENT (CDL EA) | 32,511 | 32,511 | 32,511 | | 32,511 |
| 077 | 0305601F | MISSION PARTNER ENVIRONMENTS | 14,956 | 14,956 | 14,956 | | 14,956 |
| 078 | 0701200F | ENTERPRISE SELECT CLASS II | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| 079 | 0708051F | RAPID SUSTAINMENT MODERNIZATION (RSM) | 32,666 | 72,666 | 101,666 | 30,000 | 62,666 |
| | | B–21 Additive Manufacturing | | | [40,000] | [15,000] | |
| | | Condition Based Predictive Maintenance | | [40,000] | | [15,000] | |
| | | Engine wash, data analysis, mission execution excellence program. | | | [29,000] | | |
| 080 | 0808736F | SPECIAL VICTIM ACCOUNTABILITY AND INVESTIGATION | 1,997 | 1,997 | 1,997 | | 1,997 |
| 081 | 0808737F | INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION | 5,167 | 5,167 | 5,167 | | 5,167 |
| 082 | 0901410F | CONTRACTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM | 29,277 | 29,277 | 29,277 | | 29,277 |
| 083 | 1206415F | U.S. SPACE COMMAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT. | 36,913 | 36,913 | 36,913 | | 36,913 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.** | **6,267,049** | **6,885,649** | **8,321,049** | **670,600** | **6,937,649** |
| | | **SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION** | | | | | |
| 084 | 0604200F | FUTURE ADVANCED WEAPON ANALYSIS & PROGRAMS | 36,125 | 36,125 | 36,125 | | 36,125 |
| 085 | 0604201F | PNT RESILIENCY, MODS, AND IMPROVEMENTS | 125,663 | 125,663 | 125,663 | | 125,663 |
| 086 | 0604222F | NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUPPORT | 79,312 | 79,312 | 79,312 | | 79,312 |
| 087 | 0604270F | ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT | 17,013 | 17,013 | 17,013 | | 17,013 |
| 088 | 0604281F | TACTICAL DATA NETWORKS ENTERPRISE | 77,170 | 77,170 | 77,170 | | 77,170 |
| 089 | 0604287F | PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT | 10,589 | 10,589 | 10,589 | | 10,589 |
| 090 | 0604288F | SURVIVABLE AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (SAOC) | 1,826,328 | 1,826,328 | 1,826,328 | | 1,826,328 |
| 091 | 0604602F | ARMAMENT/ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT | 7,253 | 7,253 | 7,253 | | 7,253 |
| 092 | 0604604F | SUBMUNITIONS | 3,502 | 3,502 | 3,502 | | 3,502 |
| 093 | 0604617F | AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT | 23,474 | 23,474 | 23,474 | | 23,474 |
| 094 | 0604706F | LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS | 20,542 | 20,542 | 20,542 | | 20,542 |

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| 095 | 0604735F | COMBAT TRAINING RANGES | 139,499 | 145,499 | 139,499 | 6,000 | 145,499 |
| | | Innovative Targeting Systems Technology | | [6,000] | | [6,000] | |
| 096 | 0604932F | LONG RANGE STANDOFF WEAPON | 606,955 | 606,955 | 755,955 | | 606,955 |
| | | Long Range Standoff Weapon Acceleration—($8M for Conventional Variant Advance Planning). | | | [149,000] | | |
| 097 | 0604933F | ICBM FUZE MODERNIZATION | 3,252 | 3,252 | 3,252 | | 3,252 |
| 100 | 0605056F | OPEN ARCHITECTURE MANAGEMENT | 44,150 | 44,150 | 44,150 | | 44,150 |
| 101 | 0605223F | ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING | 172,378 | 172,378 | 172,378 | | 172,378 |
| 103 | 0605238F | GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT EMD | 2,647,563 | 3,047,563 | 4,647,563 | 1,200,000 | 3,847,563 |
| | | Program increase | | [400,000] | | | |
| | | Restoration of full funding for Sentinel ICBM program EMD. | | | [2,000,000] | [1,200,000] | |
| 104 | 0605296F | MICROELECTRONICS SECURE ENCLAVE | 104,990 | 104,990 | 104,990 | | 104,990 |
| 106 | 0207039F | COGNITIVE ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE | 44,267 | 44,267 | 44,267 | | 44,267 |
| 107 | 0207110F | F–47 | 2,579,362 | 2,579,362 | 2,579,362 | | 2,579,362 |
| 109 | 0207279F | ISOLATED PERSONNEL SURVIVABILITY AND RECOVERY | 99,248 | 99,248 | 99,248 | | 99,248 |
| 110 | 0207328F | STAND IN ATTACK WEAPON | 255,336 | 255,336 | 255,336 | | 255,336 |
| 111 | 0207407F | ELECTROMAGNETIC BATTLE MANAGEMENT (EMBM) | 20,439 | 20,439 | 20,439 | | 20,439 |
| 112 | 0207701F | FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING | 12,898 | 12,898 | 12,898 | | 12,898 |
| 114 | 0303008F | SATURN | 4,985 | 4,985 | 4,985 | | 4,985 |
| 117 | 0305155F | THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPON STORAGE & SECURITY SYSTEM. | 19,875 | 19,875 | 19,875 | | 19,875 |
| 120 | 0401221F | KC–46A TANKER SQUADRONS | 145,434 | 65,434 | 145,434 | –26,899 | 118,535 |
| | | Program delay | | [–80,000] | | [–26,899] | |
| 121 | 0401319F | VC–25B | 602,318 | 602,318 | 602,318 | | 602,318 |
| 122 | 0701212F | AUTOMATED TEST SYSTEMS | 30,341 | 30,341 | 30,341 | | 30,341 |
| 123 | 0804772F | TRAINING DEVELOPMENTS | 5,067 | 8,267 | 5,067 | 3,200 | 8,267 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Competency Based Adaptive Learning | | [3,200] | | [3,200] | |
| | | **SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.** | **9,765,328** | **10,094,528** | **11,914,328** | **1,182,301** | **10,947,629** |
| | | **MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | | | | | |
| 125 | 0604256F | THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT | 41,125 | 41,125 | 41,125 | | 41,125 |
| 126 | 0604759F | MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT | 156,915 | 156,915 | 156,915 | | 156,915 |
| 127 | 0605101F | RAND PROJECT AIR FORCE | 32,405 | 26,005 | 32,405 | –6,400 | 26,005 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–6,400] | | [–6,400] | |
| 129 | 0605712F | INITIAL OPERATIONAL TEST & EVALUATION | 13,872 | 13,872 | 13,872 | | 13,872 |
| 130 | 0605807F | TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT | 1,098,871 | 1,091,571 | 1,098,871 | –7,300 | 1,091,571 |
| | | Hypersonic Digital Model Upgrades | | [6,400] | | [6,400] | |
| | | Program decrease | | [–13,700] | | [–13,700] | |
| 133 | 0605829F | ACQ WORKFORCE- CYBER, NETWORK, & BUS SYS | 435,918 | 435,918 | 435,918 | | 435,918 |
| 134 | 0605831F | ACQ WORKFORCE- CAPABILITY INTEGRATION | 1,153,165 | 1,153,165 | 1,153,165 | | 1,153,165 |
| 136 | 0605833F | ACQ WORKFORCE- NUCLEAR SYSTEMS | 368,881 | 368,881 | 368,881 | | 368,881 |
| 137 | 0605898F | MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D | 5,960 | 5,960 | 5,960 | | 5,960 |
| 138 | 0605976F | FACILITIES RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION—TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT. | 217,761 | 247,761 | 217,761 | | 217,761 |
| | | Hypersonic Infrastructure | | [30,000] | | | |
| 139 | 0605978F | FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT—TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT. | 91,969 | 91,969 | 91,969 | | 91,969 |
| 140 | 0606017F | REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS AND MATURATION | 28,157 | 23,857 | 28,157 | –4,300 | 23,857 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–4,300] | | [–4,300] | |
| 141 | 0606398F | MANAGEMENT HQ—T&E | 7,417 | 7,417 | 7,417 | | 7,417 |
| 142 | 0208201F | OFFENSIVE SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (SUAS) | 4,985 | 4,985 | 4,985 | | 4,985 |
| 143 | 0303255F | COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION, AND COMPUTERS (C4)—STRATCOM. | 15,662 | 31,662 | 65,662 | 26,000 | 41,662 |
| | | C4 STRATCOM | | | [20,000] | | |
| | | NC3 network sensor demonstration | | | [15,000] | [11,000] | |
| | | NC3 REACH | | | [15,000] | [15,000] | |
| | | NC3 STRATCOM | | [10,000] | | | |

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| | | UARC for Strategic Deterrence, NC3, and JEMSO | | [6,000] | | | |
| 144 | 0308602F | ENTEPRISE INFORMATION SERVICES (EIS) | 101,779 | 101,779 | 101,779 | | 101,779 |
| 145 | 0702806F | ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT | 22,670 | 13,270 | 22,670 | –9,400 | 13,270 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–9,400] | | [–9,400] | |
| 146 | 0804776F | ADVANCED DISTRIBUTED LEARNING | 1,698 | 1,698 | 1,698 | | 1,698 |
| 148 | 1001004F | INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES | 4,430 | 4,430 | 4,430 | | 4,430 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | **3,803,640** | **3,822,240** | **3,853,640** | **–1,400** | **3,802,240** |
| | | **OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |
| 149 | 0604233F | SPECIALIZED UNDERGRADUATE FLIGHT TRAINING | 66,200 | 66,200 | 66,200 | | 66,200 |
| 150 | 0604283F | BATTLE MGMT COM & CTRL SENSOR DEVELOPMENT | 17,353 | 17,353 | 17,353 | | 17,353 |
| 153 | 0604840F | F–35 C2D2 | 1,182,094 | 1,078,894 | 1,182,094 | –202,700 | 979,394 |
| | | Block 4 Delays | | [–208,700] | | [–208,700] | |
| | | Pneumatic power enhancement | | [15,000] | | | |
| | | Power Thermal Management Systems Analysis | | [90,500] | | [6,000] | |
| 154 | 0605018F | AF INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM (AF-IPPS) | 64,050 | 64,050 | 64,050 | | 64,050 |
| 155 | 0605024F | ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE AGENCY | 62,965 | 62,965 | 62,965 | | 62,965 |
| 157 | 0605229F | HH–60W | 43,579 | 43,579 | 43,579 | | 43,579 |
| 158 | 0605278F | HC/MC–130 RECAP RDT&E | 50,845 | 50,845 | 50,845 | | 50,845 |
| 159 | 0606018F | NC3 INTEGRATION | 40,066 | 40,066 | 40,066 | | 40,066 |
| 160 | 0101113F | B–52 SQUADRONS | 931,164 | 931,164 | 931,164 | | 931,164 |
| 161 | 0101122F | AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM) | 555 | 555 | 555 | | 555 |
| 162 | 0101126F | B–1B SQUADRONS | 116,589 | 116,589 | 116,589 | | 116,589 |
| 163 | 0101127F | B–2 SQUADRONS | 12,519 | 12,519 | 12,519 | | 12,519 |
| 164 | 0101213F | MINUTEMAN SQUADRONS | 106,032 | 106,032 | 106,032 | | 106,032 |
| 165 | 0101316F | WORLDWIDE JOINT STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS | 24,081 | 24,081 | 24,081 | | 24,081 |
| 166 | 0101318F | SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—GLOBAL STRIKE | 6,928 | 6,928 | 6,928 | | 6,928 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 167 | 0101328F | ICBM REENTRY VEHICLES | 259,605 | 259,605 | 259,605 | | 259,605 |
| 169 | 0102110F | MH–139A | 5,982 | 5,982 | 5,982 | | 5,982 |
| 170 | 0102326F | REGION/SECTOR OPERATION CONTROL CENTER MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. | 726 | 726 | 726 | | 726 |
| 171 | 0102417F | OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER RADAR | 132,097 | 132,097 | 132,097 | | 132,097 |
| 172 | 0202834F | VEHICLES AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT—GENERAL | 744 | 744 | 744 | | 744 |
| 173 | 0205219F | MQ–9 UAV | 26,689 | 26,689 | 26,689 | | 26,689 |
| 174 | 0205671F | JOINT COUNTER RCIED ELECTRONIC WARFARE | 3,424 | 3,424 | 3,424 | | 3,424 |
| 176 | 0207133F | F–16 SQUADRONS | 216,638 | 216,638 | 366,638 | | 216,638 |
| | | F–16 Open Systems Environment/BLOS Systems | | | [75,000] | | |
| | | IVEWS development for F–16 | | | [75,000] | | |
| 177 | 0207134F | F–15E SQUADRONS | 233,018 | 233,018 | 413,018 | | 233,018 |
| | | F–15 Global Lighting/Eagle Tether | | | [180,000] | | |
| 178 | 0207136F | MANNED DESTRUCTIVE SUPPRESSION | 17,680 | 17,680 | 17,680 | | 17,680 |
| 179 | 0207138F | F–22A SQUADRONS | 852,332 | 852,332 | 852,332 | | 852,332 |
| 180 | 0207142F | F–35 SQUADRONS | 48,446 | 48,446 | 48,446 | | 48,446 |
| 181 | 0207146F | F–15EX | 78,345 | 78,345 | 78,345 | | 78,345 |
| 182 | 0207161F | TACTICAL AIM MISSILES | 86,549 | 86,549 | 86,549 | | 86,549 |
| 183 | 0207163F | ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM) | 51,242 | 51,242 | 51,242 | | 51,242 |
| 184 | 0207172F | JOINT ADVANCED TACTICAL MISSILE (JATM) | 425,029 | 425,029 | 425,029 | | 425,029 |
| 186 | 0207238F | E–11A | 15,244 | 15,244 | 15,244 | | 15,244 |
| 188 | 0207247F | AF TENCAP | 52,492 | 52,492 | 52,492 | | 52,492 |
| 189 | 0207249F | PRECISION ATTACK SYSTEMS PROCUREMENT | 13,613 | 13,613 | 13,613 | | 13,613 |
| 191 | 0207268F | AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM | 52,734 | 52,734 | 52,734 | | 52,734 |
| 192 | 0207325F | JOINT AIR-TO-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE (JASSM) | 232,252 | 232,252 | 237,252 | | 232,252 |
| | | Joint Air to Surface Stand-Off Missile (JASSM) (USAF). | | | [5,000] | | |
| 193 | 0207327F | SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB) | 24,810 | 24,810 | 24,810 | | 24,810 |
| 194 | 0207410F | AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC) | 113,086 | 101,786 | 113,086 | –11,300 | 101,786 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–11,300] | | [–11,300] | |
| 195 | 0207412F | CONTROL AND REPORTING CENTER (CRC) | 17,569 | 17,569 | 17,569 | | 17,569 |
| 198 | 0207431F | COMBAT AIR INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM ACTIVITIES | 33,601 | 33,601 | 33,601 | | 33,601 |

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| 199 | 0207438F | THEATER BATTLE MANAGEMENT (TBM) C4I | 6,787 | 6,787 | 6,787 | | 6,787 |
| 200 | 0207439F | ELECTROMAGNETIC WARFARE INT REPROG (EWIR) | 60,072 | 60,072 | 60,072 | | 60,072 |
| 202 | 0207452F | DCAPES | 8,507 | 8,507 | 8,507 | | 8,507 |
| 203 | 0207457F | AIR FORCE SPECIAL WARFARE (SPECWAR) | 27,526 | 27,526 | 27,526 | | 27,526 |
| 204 | 0207521F | AIR FORCE CALIBRATION PROGRAMS | 2,273 | 2,273 | 2,273 | | 2,273 |
| 206 | 0207590F | SEEK EAGLE | 33,707 | 33,707 | 33,707 | | 33,707 |
| 208 | 0207611F | READINESS DECISION SUPPORT ENTERPRISE | 8,880 | 8,880 | 8,880 | | 8,880 |
| 209 | 0207697F | DISTRIBUTED TRAINING AND EXERCISES | 4,399 | 4,399 | 4,399 | | 4,399 |
| 210 | 0207701F | FULL COMBAT MISSION TRAINING | 8,096 | 8,096 | 8,096 | | 8,096 |
| 211 | 0208006F | MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS | 138,745 | 124,945 | 138,745 | –13,800 | 124,945 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–13,800] | | [–13,800] | |
| 212 | 0208007F | TACTICAL DECEPTION | 13,711 | 13,711 | 13,711 | | 13,711 |
| 213 | 0208087F | DISTRIBUTED CYBER WARFARE OPERATIONS | 31,197 | 31,197 | 31,197 | | 31,197 |
| 214 | 0208088F | AF DEFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS | 95,034 | 95,034 | 95,034 | | 95,034 |
| 218 | 0208288F | INTEL DATA APPLICATIONS | 1,012 | 1,012 | 1,012 | | 1,012 |
| 219 | 0301025F | GEOBASE | 999 | 999 | 999 | | 999 |
| 220 | 0301113F | CYBER SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT | 14,749 | 14,749 | 14,749 | | 14,749 |
| 226 | 0301377F | COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW) | 1,117 | 1,117 | 1,117 | | 1,117 |
| 228 | 0301401F | AF MULTI-DOMAIN NON-TRADITIONAL ISR BATTLESPACE AWARENESS. | 2,987 | 2,987 | 2,987 | | 2,987 |
| 229 | 0302015F | E–4B NATIONAL AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (NAOC) | 54,457 | 54,457 | 54,457 | | 54,457 |
| 230 | 0302315F | NON-KINETIC COUNTERMEASURE SUPPORT | 7,006 | 7,006 | 7,006 | | 7,006 |
| 232 | 0303089F | CYBERSPACE AND DODIN OPERATIONS | 10,080 | 10,080 | 10,080 | | 10,080 |
| 233 | 0303131F | MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (MEECN). | 99,599 | 99,599 | 99,599 | | 99,599 |
| 234 | 0303133F | HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO SYSTEMS | 19,955 | 19,955 | 19,955 | | 19,955 |
| 235 | 0303140F | INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM | 98,414 | 98,414 | 98,414 | | 98,414 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 236 | 0303248F | ALL DOMAIN COMMON PLATFORM | 76,642 | 76,642 | 76,642 | 76,642 |
| 237 | 0303260F | JOINT MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE | 356 | 356 | 356 | 356 |
| 238 | 0304100F | STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM (SMPES). | 75,164 | 75,164 | 75,164 | 75,164 |
| 239 | 0304109F | THRESHER | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 |
| 242 | 0304260F | AIRBORNE SIGINT ENTERPRISE | 90,650 | 90,650 | 90,650 | 90,650 |
| 243 | 0304310F | COMMERCIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS | 4,127 | 4,127 | 4,127 | 4,127 |
| 247 | 0305020F | CCMD INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 1,547 | 1,547 | 1,547 | 1,547 |
| 248 | 0305022F | ISR MODERNIZATION & AUTOMATION DVMT (IMAD) | 22,237 | 22,237 | 22,237 | 22,237 |
| 249 | 0305099F | GLOBAL AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (GATM) | 4,257 | 4,257 | 4,257 | 4,257 |
| 250 | 0305103F | CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE | 310 | 310 | 310 | 310 |
| 251 | 0305111F | WEATHER SERVICE | 30,509 | 30,509 | 30,509 | 30,509 |
| 252 | 0305114F | AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, APPROACH, AND LANDING SYSTEM (ATCALS). | 17,259 | 17,259 | 17,259 | 17,259 |
| 253 | 0305116F | AERIAL TARGETS | 5,081 | 5,081 | 5,081 | 5,081 |
| 256 | 0305128F | SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES | 8,964 | 8,964 | 8,964 | 8,964 |
| 257 | 0305146F | DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES | 6,524 | 6,524 | 6,524 | 6,524 |
| 258 | 0305158F | TACTICAL TERMINAL | 1,099 | 1,099 | 1,099 | 1,099 |
| 259 | 0305179F | INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS) | 19,085 | 19,085 | 19,085 | 19,085 |
| 261 | 0305206F | AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS | 25,432 | 25,432 | 25,432 | 25,432 |
| 262 | 0305207F | MANNED RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS | 16,643 | 16,643 | 16,643 | 16,643 |
| 263 | 0305208F | DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS | 79,033 | 79,033 | 79,033 | 79,033 |
| 265 | 0305221F | NETWORK-CENTRIC COLLABORATIVE TARGETING | 12,019 | 12,019 | 12,019 | 12,019 |
| 266 | 0305238F | NATO AGS | 816 | 816 | 816 | 816 |
| 267 | 0305240F | ISR TRANSPORT AND PROCESSING | 32,578 | 32,578 | 32,578 | 32,578 |
| 268 | 0305249F | AF JWICS ENTERPRISE | 21,097 | 21,097 | 21,097 | 21,097 |
| 269 | 0305600F | INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURES. | 18,946 | 18,946 | 18,946 | 18,946 |
| 270 | 0305836F | C2IMERA | 13,867 | 13,867 | 13,867 | 13,867 |
| 272 | 0305903F | COCOM MOBILE COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTERS (MCCCS). | 3,988 | 3,988 | 3,988 | 3,988 |
| 273 | 0305984F | PERSONNEL RECOVERY COMMAND & CTRL (PRC2) | 2,891 | 2,891 | 2,891 | 2,891 |

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| 274 | 0307577F | INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD) | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | | 3,000 |
| 276 | 0401119F | C–5 AIRLIFT SQUADRONS (IF) | 33,713 | 33,713 | 33,713 | | 33,713 |
| 277 | 0401130F | C–17 AIRCRAFT (IF) | 76,514 | 116,514 | 101,514 | 28,000 | 104,514 |
| | | C–17 blade coatings | | | [17,000] | | |
| | | C–17 winglet procurement | | | [8,000] | | |
| | | Program increase | | [40,000] | | [28,000] | |
| 278 | 0401132F | C–130J PROGRAM | 31,354 | 31,354 | 31,354 | | 31,354 |
| 279 | 0401134F | LARGE AIRCRAFT IR COUNTERMEASURES (LAIRCM) | 52,928 | 52,928 | 122,928 | | 52,928 |
| | | LC–130 Non-recurring engineering | | | [70,000] | | |
| | | KC–135 drag reduction | | | [35,000] | | |
| 281 | 0401318F | CV–22 | 653 | 653 | 653 | | 653 |
| 283 | 0708610F | LOGISTICS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (LOGIT) | 18,581 | 23,581 | 18,581 | | 18,581 |
| | | Fleet Logistics Intelligence Platform | | [5,000] | | | |
| 284 | 0801380F | AF LVC OPERATIONAL TRAINING (LVC-OT) | 33,898 | 33,898 | 33,898 | | 33,898 |
| 285 | 0804743F | OTHER FLIGHT TRAINING | 2,371 | 2,371 | 2,371 | | 2,371 |
| 286 | 0901202F | JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY AGENCY | 2,080 | 2,080 | 2,080 | | 2,080 |
| 287 | 0901218F | CIVILIAN COMPENSATION PROGRAM | 4,355 | 4,355 | 4,355 | | 4,355 |
| 288 | 0901220F | PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION | 2,766 | 2,766 | 2,766 | | 2,766 |
| 289 | 0901226F | AIR FORCE STUDIES AND ANALYSIS AGENCY | 14,761 | 14,761 | 14,761 | | 14,761 |
| 290 | 0901538F | FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT. | 3,982 | 3,982 | 3,982 | | 3,982 |
| 291 | 0901554F | DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACNTNG AND MGT SYS (DEAMS) | 38,942 | 38,942 | 38,942 | | 38,942 |
| 292 | 1201921F | SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—SPACE ACTIVITIES | 335 | 335 | 335 | | 335 |
| 293A | 9999999999 | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 22,264,031 | 22,264,031 | 22,398,031 | 121,000 | 22,385,031 |
| | | Acceleration of Air Force program | | | [121,000] | [121,000] | |
| | | Advanced Sensors Application Program | | | [13,000] | | |
| | | **SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT** | **29,643,766** | **29,560,466** | **30,242,766** | **–78,800** | **29,564,966** |

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| | | **TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE.** | **52,017,288** | **53,080,388** | **56,943,288** | **1,971,701** | **53,988,989** |
| | | **RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, SPACE FORCE** | | | | | |
| | | **BASIC RESEARCH** | | | | | |
| 001 | 0601102SF | DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES | 22,270 | 22,270 | 22,270 | | 22,270 |
| 002 | 0601103SF | UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES | 14,569 | 14,569 | 14,569 | | 14,569 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH** | **36,839** | **36,839** | **36,839** | | **36,839** |
| | | **APPLIED RESEARCH** | | | | | |
| 004 | 1206601SF | SPACE TECHNOLOGY | 245,497 | 245,497 | 253,497 | 7,500 | 252,997 |
| | | Space Modeling, Simulation, & Analysis Hub | | | [8,000] | [7,500] | |
| 005 | 1206616SF | SPACE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/DEMO | 2,591 | 2,591 | 4,591 | | 2,591 |
| | | Rocket Cargo program | | | [–7,000] | | |
| | | Service Support to SPACECOM Activities | | | [1,000] | | |
| | | Space Advanced Technology Development/Demo | | | [8,000] | | |
| | | **SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH** | **248,088** | **248,088** | **258,088** | **7,500** | **255,588** |
| | | **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |
| 006 | 1206310SF | SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. | 459,989 | 459,989 | 459,989 | | 459,989 |
| 007 | 1206616SF | SPACE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT/DEMO | 128,588 | 131,088 | 128,588 | | 128,588 |
| | | Liquid Rocket Engine for USAFA Rocket Propulsion Curriculum. | | [2,500] | | | |
| | | **SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT** | **588,577** | **591,077** | **588,577** | | **588,577** |
| | | **ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES** | | | | | |
| 008 | 0604002SF | SPACE FORCE WEATHER SERVICES RESEARCH | 857 | 857 | 857 | | 857 |
| 009 | 1203010SF | SPACE FORCE IT, DATA ANALYTICS, DIGITAL SOLUTIONS | 88,606 | 88,606 | 88,606 | | 88,606 |

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| 010 | 1203164SF | NAVSTAR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (USER EQUIPMENT) (SPACE). | 175,304 | 175,304 | 175,304 | | 175,304 |
| 011 | 1203622SF | SPACE WARFIGHTING ANALYSIS | 125,982 | 125,982 | 125,982 | | 125,982 |
| 012 | 1203710SF | EO/IR WEATHER SYSTEMS | 77,135 | 77,135 | 77,135 | | 77,135 |
| 013 | 1203955SF | SPACE ACCESS, MOBILITY & LOGISTICS (SAML) | 14,478 | 14,478 | 14,478 | | 14,478 |
| 014 | 1206410SF | SPACE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPING | 1,307,970 | 1,307,970 | 1,584,970 | 500,000 | 1,807,970 |
| | | SDA Tranche 3 Transport Layer | | | [277,000] | [500,000] | |
| 015 | 1206427SF | SPACE SYSTEMS PROTOTYPE TRANSITIONS (SSPT) | 67,246 | 67,246 | 67,246 | | 67,246 |
| 016 | 1206438SF | SPACE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY | 60,106 | 60,106 | 60,106 | | 60,106 |
| 017 | 1206458SF | TECH TRANSITION (SPACE) | 326,144 | 326,144 | 326,144 | | 326,144 |
| 018 | 1206730SF | SPACE SECURITY AND DEFENSE PROGRAM | 45,200 | 45,200 | 45,200 | | 45,200 |
| 019 | 1206760SF | PROTECTED TACTICAL ENTERPRISE SERVICE (PTES) | 114,430 | 114,430 | 114,430 | | 114,430 |
| 020 | 1206761SF | PROTECTED TACTICAL SERVICE (PTS) | 571,921 | 571,921 | 571,921 | | 571,921 |
| 021 | 1206855SF | EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS) | 1,229,929 | 1,229,929 | 1,229,929 | | 1,229,929 |
| 022 | 1206857SF | SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE | 9,664 | 9,664 | 9,664 | | 9,664 |
| 023 | 1206862SF | TACTICALLY RESPONSIVE SPACE | 33,282 | 60,000 | 93,282 | 60,000 | 93,282 |
| | | Tactically Responsive Space | | [26,718] | [60,000] | [60,000] | |
| | | **SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.** | **4,248,254** | **4,274,972** | **4,585,254** | **560,000** | **4,808,254** |
| | | **SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION** | | | | | |
| 025 | 1203269SF | GPS III FOLLOW-ON (GPS IIIF) | 179,249 | 194,249 | 179,249 | 15,000 | 194,249 |
| | | Resilient GPS (R-GPS) | | [15,000] | | [15,000] | |
| 026 | 1206421SF | COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS | 31,298 | 31,298 | 31,298 | | 31,298 |
| 027 | 1206422SF | WEATHER SYSTEM FOLLOW-ON | 38,501 | 38,501 | 38,501 | | 38,501 |
| 028 | 1206425SF | SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS SYSTEMS | 992 | 992 | 992 | | 992 |
| 029 | 1206431SF | ADVANCED EHF MILSATCOM (SPACE) | 13,825 | 13,825 | 13,825 | | 13,825 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 031 | 1206433SF | WIDEBAND GLOBAL SATCOM (SPACE) | 29,609 | 29,609 | 29,609 | | 29,609 |
| 032 | 1206440SF | NEXT-GEN OPIR—GROUND | 358,330 | 358,330 | 358,330 | | 358,330 |
| 033 | 1206442SF | NEXT GENERATION OPIR | 189,621 | 189,621 | 189,621 | | 189,621 |
| 034 | 1206443SF | NEXT-GEN OPIR—GEO | 432,073 | 432,073 | 432,073 | | 432,073 |
| 035 | 1206444SF | NEXT-GEN OPIR—POLAR | | | | 474,889 | |
| | | Program increase | | [474,889] | | [474,889] | |
| 036 | 1206445SF | COMMERCIAL SATCOM (COMSATCOM) INTEGRATION | 132,060 | 132,060 | 132,060 | | 132,060 |
| 037 | 1206446SF | RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO). | 1,757,354 | 1,076,354 | 1,757,354 | | 1,757,354 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–681,000] | | | |
| 038 | 1206447SF | RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—MEDIUM EARTH ORBIT (MEO). | 686,348 | 686,348 | 686,348 | | 686,348 |
| 039 | 1206771SF | COMMERCIAL SERVICES | 36,628 | 91,628 | 36,628 | 50,000 | 86,628 |
| | | Tactical Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Tracking (SRT). | | [50,000] | | [50,000] | |
| | | VLEO Spacecraft for Tactical SRT | | [5,000] | | | |
| 040 | 1206853SF | NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE)—EMD. | 6,595 | 6,595 | 6,595 | | 6,595 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.** | **3,892,483** | **3,756,372** | **3,892,483** | **539,889** | **4,432,372** |
| | | **MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | | | | | |
| 044 | 1206392SF | ACQ WORKFORCE—SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS | 269,162 | 269,162 | 269,162 | | 269,162 |
| 045 | 1206398SF | SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER—MHA | 15,356 | 15,356 | 15,356 | | 15,356 |
| 046 | 1206399SF | SSC ENTERPRISE ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION | 110,598 | 110,598 | 110,598 | | 110,598 |
| 047 | 1206759SF | MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT—SPACE | 189,083 | 189,083 | 189,083 | | 189,083 |
| 048 | 1206860SF | ROCKET SYSTEMS LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE) | 19,857 | 19,857 | 19,857 | | 19,857 |
| 049 | 1206864SF | SPACE TEST PROGRAM (STP) | 28,787 | 28,787 | 28,787 | | 28,787 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | **632,843** | **632,843** | **632,843** | | **632,843** |
| | | **OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |

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| 051 | 1201212SF | SERVICE-WIDE SUPPORT (NOT OTHERWISE ACCOUNTED FOR). | 18,451 | 18,451 | 18,451 | | 18,451 |
| 052 | 1203001SF | FAMILY OF ADVANCED BLOS TERMINALS (FAB-T) | 303 | 303 | 303 | | 303 |
| 053 | 1203040SF | DCO-SPACE | 102,439 | 102,439 | 102,439 | | 102,439 |
| 054 | 1203109SF | NARROWBAND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS | 421,847 | 421,847 | 421,847 | | 421,847 |
| 055 | 1203110SF | SATELLITE CONTROL NETWORK (SPACE) | 93,780 | 93,780 | 93,780 | | 93,780 |
| 056 | 1203154SF | LONG RANGE KILL CHAINS | 1,916 | | 1,916 | | 1,916 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–1,916] | | | |
| 057 | 1203155SF | GROUND MOVING TARGET INDICATOR (GMTI) | 1,063,384 | 1,063,384 | 1,063,384 | | 1,063,384 |
| 058 | 1203173SF | SPACE AND MISSILE TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER | 22,128 | 22,128 | 22,128 | | 22,128 |
| 059 | 1203174SF | SPACE INNOVATION, INTEGRATION AND RAPID TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. | 82,399 | 82,399 | 82,399 | | 82,399 |
| 060 | 1203182SF | SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM (SPACE) | 54,996 | 54,996 | 54,996 | | 54,996 |
| 061 | 1203330SF | SPACE SUPERIORITY ISR | 24,411 | 24,411 | 24,411 | | 24,411 |
| 062 | 1203609SF | PLEO SATCOM (MILNET) | 277,407 | | 277,407 | | 277,407 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–277,407] | | | |
| 063 | 1203873SF | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE RADARS | | | | 22,000 | |
| | | PARCS radar upgrades | | | [22,000] | [22,000] | |
| 064 | 1203906SF | NCMC—ITW/AA SYSTEM | 25,839 | 25,839 | 25,839 | | 25,839 |
| 066 | 1203913SF | NUDET DETECTION SYSTEM (SPACE) | 96,836 | 96,836 | 96,836 | | 96,836 |
| 067 | 1203940SF | SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS OPERATIONS | 182,377 | 197,377 | 182,377 | | 182,377 |
| | | Unified Data Library (UDL) | | [15,000] | | | |
| 068 | 1206423SF | GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM III—OPERATIONAL CONTROL SEGMENT. | 190,484 | 190,484 | 190,484 | | 190,484 |
| 073 | 1206772SF | RAPID RESILIENT COMMAND AND CONTROL (R2C2) | 106,220 | 106,220 | 106,220 | | 106,220 |
| 075 | 1208053SF | JOINT TACTICAL GROUND SYSTEM | 6,698 | 6,698 | 6,698 | | 6,698 |
| 075A | 9999999999 | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 2,866,499 | 2,866,499 | 2,866,499 | | 2,866,499 |

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| | | **SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT** | **5,638,414** | **5,374,091** | **5,660,414** | **22,000** | **5,660,414** |
| | | **SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS** | | | | | |
| 076 | 1208248SF | SPACE DOMAIN AWARENESS/PLANNING/TASKING SW | 200,968 | 200,968 | 200,968 | | 200,968 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.** | **200,968** | **200,968** | **200,968** | | **200,968** |
| | | **TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, SPACE FORCE.** | **15,486,466** | **15,115,250** | **15,855,466** | **1,129,389** | **16,615,855** |
| | | **RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE** | | | | | |
| | | **BASIC RESEARCH** | | | | | |
| 001 | 0601000BR | DTRA BASIC RESEARCH | 15,643 | 15,643 | 15,643 | | 15,643 |
| 003 | 0601108D8Z | HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH INITIATIVES | 16,817 | 16,817 | 16,817 | | 16,817 |
| 004 | 0601110D8Z | BASIC RESEARCH INITIATIVES | 82,264 | 95,264 | 112,264 | 28,000 | 110,264 |
| | | Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. | | | [30,000] | [20,000] | |
| | | Program increase | | [13,000] | | [8,000] | |
| 006 | 0601120D8Z | NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM | 146,010 | 162,410 | 146,010 | | 146,010 |
| | | STEM education opportunities and workforce initiatives targeted at military students. | | [16,400] | | | |
| 007 | 0601122E | EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES | 360,456 | 360,456 | 360,456 | | 360,456 |
| 008 | 0601228D8Z | HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES/MINORITY INSTITUTIONS. | 99,610 | 124,610 | 109,610 | 15,000 | 114,610 |
| | | Efficient AI Linguistics Algorithmic Development to Support National Security. | | | [10,000] | | |
| | | Program increase | | [25,000] | | [15,000] | |
| 009 | 0601384BP | CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM | 36,582 | 36,582 | 36,582 | | 36,582 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH** | **757,382** | **811,782** | **797,382** | **43,000** | **800,382** |
| | | **APPLIED RESEARCH** | | | | | |

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| 010 | 0602000D8Z | JOINT MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY | 19,734 | 19,734 | 19,734 | | 19,734 |
| 011 | 0602023E | ACCESS AND AWARENESS | 100,791 | 100,791 | 100,791 | | 100,791 |
| 012 | 0602024E | WARFIGHTING PERFORMANCE | 278,121 | 278,121 | 278,121 | | 278,121 |
| 013 | 0602025E | MAKING, MAINTAINING, SUPPLY CHAIN AND LOGISTICS | 1,347,049 | 1,347,049 | 1,347,049 | | 1,347,049 |
| 014 | 0602026E | EFFECTS | 20,275 | 20,275 | 20,275 | | 20,275 |
| 016 | 0602128D8Z | PROMOTION AND PROTECTION STRATEGIES | 3,166 | 3,166 | 3,166 | | 3,166 |
| 017 | 0602230D8Z | DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION | 46,261 | 46,261 | 46,261 | | 46,261 |
| 018 | 0602234D8Z | LINCOLN LABORATORY RESEARCH PROGRAM | 11,479 | 11,479 | 41,479 | 15,000 | 26,479 |
| | | Lincoln Laboratory Research Program | | | [30,000] | | |
| | | Program increase | | | | [15,000] | |
| 019 | 0602251D8Z | APPLIED RESEARCH FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF S&T PRIORITIES. | 53,983 | 53,983 | 53,983 | | 53,983 |
| 021 | 0602384BP | CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM | 230,751 | 230,751 | 230,751 | | 230,751 |
| 022 | 0602668D8Z | CYBER SECURITY RESEARCH | 17,988 | 22,988 | 50,988 | 5,000 | 22,988 |
| | | Pacific Intelligence and Innovation Initiative | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| | | Pacific Intelligence and Innovation Initiative (P3I) | | | [13,000] | | |
| | | University Consortium for Cybersecurity | | | [20,000] | | |
| 028 | 0602718BR | COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION APPLIED RESEARCH. | 161,495 | 156,495 | 161,495 | –5,000 | 156,495 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–5,000] | | [–5,000] | |
| 029 | 0602751D8Z | SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI) APPLIED RESEARCH. | 8,883 | 8,883 | 8,883 | | 8,883 |
| 030 | 0602890D8Z | HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH | 48,738 | 53,738 | 48,738 | 5,000 | 53,738 |
| | | Advanced Optical Coatings for High Energy Lasers | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| 031 | 0602891D8Z | FSRM MODELLING | 994 | 994 | 994 | | 994 |
| 032 | 1160401BB | SOF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 50,026 | 67,776 | 61,226 | 11,200 | 61,226 |

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| | | Accelerate development of Belt-fed Electric Advanced Weapon for Organic and Fire Superiority (BEAWOLFS). (Combating Terrorism Technology Support). | | [2,750] | | | |
| | | Comprehensive Protective Cold Weather Layering System. | | | [11,200] | [11,200] | |
| | | Vertical Take Off and Landing Optionally Piloted Vehicle (VTOL-OPV). | | [15,000] | | | |
| | | **SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH** | **2,399,734** | **2,422,484** | **2,473,934** | **31,200** | **2,430,934** |
| | | **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |
| 033 | 0603000D8Z | JOINT MUNITIONS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 50,663 | 50,663 | 50,663 | | 50,663 |
| 035 | 0603055D8Z | OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT | 168,253 | 193,253 | 183,253 | 30,000 | 198,253 |
| | | Hybrid Power Systems | | [5,000] | | | |
| | | Power generation | | | [15,000] | [10,000] | |
| | | TRISO | | [20,000] | | [20,000] | |
| | | Drone development | | [7,500] | | | |
| 037 | 0603122D8Z | COMBATING TERRORISM TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT | 81,513 | 239,513 | 96,513 | 185,000 | 266,513 |
| | | Emerging Technology Cooperation | | [35,000] | | [35,000] | |
| | | Israel Anti-Tunneling Cooperation | | [50,000] | | [80,000] | |
| | | Israel Counter-UXS Program | | [70,000] | | [70,000] | |
| | | Low-Cost VTOL Loitering Precision Strike | | [3,000] | | | |
| | | U.S.-Israel Joint R&D on emerging technologies | | | [15,000] | | |
| 038 | 0603133D8Z | FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING | 27,958 | 27,958 | 37,958 | | 27,958 |
| | | Foreign Comparative Testing program | | | [10,000] | | |
| 039 | 0603142D8Z | MISSION ENGINEERING & INTEGRATION (ME&I) | 99,534 | 99,534 | 99,534 | | 99,534 |
| 040 | 0603160BR | COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT. | 393,469 | 366,469 | 393,469 | –27,000 | 366,469 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–27,000] | | [–27,000] | |
| 042 | 0603176C | ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT | 21,625 | 21,625 | 38,625 | | 21,625 |
| | | Direced energy technology maturation | | | [17,000] | | |
| 043 | 0603180C | ADVANCED RESEARCH | 42,093 | 42,093 | 42,093 | | 42,093 |

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| 044 | 0603183D8Z | JOINT HYPERSONIC TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT &TRANSITION. | 50,998 | 75,998 | 50,998 | 10,000 | 60,998 |
| | | Increased Hypersonic Operational Envelope Prototyping. | | [10,000] | | [10,000] | |
| | | University Consortium for Applied Hypersonics | | [15,000] | | | |
| 045 | 0603225D8Z | JOINT DOD-DOE MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 35,505 | 35,505 | 35,505 | | 35,505 |
| 048 | 0603288D8Z | ANALYTIC ASSESSMENTS | 41,010 | 41,010 | 41,010 | | 41,010 |
| 049 | 0603289D8Z | ADVANCED INNOVATIVE ANALYSIS AND CONCEPTS | 57,457 | 57,457 | 57,457 | | 57,457 |
| 050 | 0603330D8Z | QUANTUM APPLICATION | 59,521 | 59,521 | 59,521 | | 59,521 |
| 051 | 0603342D8Z | DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT (DIU) | | | | 16,000 | |
| | | DIU OnRamp Hub | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | Integrated Wireless Optical Power Beaming and Communications System. | | [7,000] | | [7,000] | |
| | | Small Electric Unmanned Surface Vehicles | | [10,000] | | [4,000] | |
| 052 | 0603375D8Z | TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION | 19,654 | 19,654 | 29,654 | | 19,654 |
| | | Auxilliary equipment | | | [10,000] | | |
| 053 | 0603379D8Z | ADVANCED TECHNICAL INTEGRATION | 19,991 | 19,991 | 19,991 | | 19,991 |
| 054 | 0603384BP | CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT. | 247,043 | 247,043 | 247,043 | | 247,043 |
| 055 | 0603467E | DARPA ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 1,643,465 | 1,643,465 | 1,643,465 | | 1,643,465 |
| 056 | 0603468E | ADVANCED COMPLEX SYSTEMS | 350,695 | 355,695 | 350,695 | | 350,695 |
| | | DARPA-ALIAS/MATRIX | | [5,000] | | | |
| 057 | 0603469E | ADVANCED ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES | 335,647 | 335,647 | 335,647 | | 335,647 |
| 059 | 0603618D8Z | JOINT ELECTRONIC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY | 20,575 | 20,575 | 20,575 | | 20,575 |
| 060 | 0603662D8Z | NETWORKED COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES | 19,937 | 19,937 | 19,937 | | 19,937 |
| 062 | 0603680D8Z | DEFENSE-WIDE MANUFACTURING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM. | 409,493 | 414,993 | 584,493 | 26,000 | 435,493 |

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| | | Advanced manufacturing | | | [150,000] | | |
| | | Biotechnology Manufacturing | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | Critical Minerals | | [3,500] | | [3,500] | |
| | | Critical Minerals RDT&E Increase | | | [15,000] | | |
| | | Manufacturing Modernization | | [10,000] | | [10,000] | |
| | | Manufacturing of Advanced Composites for Hypersonics. | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Onsite Training | | [3,000] | | | |
| | | Predictive Manufacturing Analytics | | [3,500] | | | |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–25,000] | | | |
| | | Robotics Enhancements for Armaments Manufacturing. | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | Submarine Battery Supply Chain | | [4,000] | | | |
| | | Warfighter Energy Materials Production Capacity | | [4,000] | | | |
| 063 | 0603680S | MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM | 50,610 | 53,610 | 55,610 | 8,000 | 58,610 |
| | | Aluminum-Scandium Alloy Prototype | | [3,000] | | [3,000] | |
| | | DLA Critical Materials | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| 064 | 0603712S | GENERIC LOGISTICS R&D TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS | 19,640 | 19,640 | 19,640 | | 19,640 |
| 065 | 0603716D8Z | STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM | 58,092 | 58,092 | 58,092 | | 58,092 |
| 066 | 0603720S | MICROELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT. | 135,016 | 135,016 | 135,016 | | 135,016 |
| 067 | 0603727D8Z | JOINT WARFIGHTING PROGRAM | 945 | 945 | 945 | | 945 |
| | | Air Combat Evolution (ACE)—autonomous air-to-air cruise missile and drone defense. | | | [14,000] | | |
| 072 | 0603781D8Z | SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE | 12,972 | 12,972 | 12,972 | | 12,972 |
| 073 | 0603838D8Z | DEFENSE INNOVATION ACCELERATION (DIA) | 211,027 | 198,527 | 211,027 | 2,500 | 213,527 |
| | | Insider Threat | | [2,500] | | [2,500] | |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–15,000] | | | |
| 074 | 0603924D8Z | HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM | 114,577 | 114,577 | 124,577 | 5,000 | 119,577 |
| | | Ultra-Short Pulsed Laser (USPL) Weapons Lethality | | | [10,000] | [5,000] | |
| 075 | 0603941D8Z | TEST & EVALUATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY | 1,095,772 | 1,086,772 | 1,105,772 | 20,000 | 1,115,772 |
| | | Adaptable radar capabilities | | [6,000] | | | |

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| | | Digital Transformation Nexus | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| | | Payload Dispense Mechanism for Reusable Hypersonic Test Bed. | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–25,000] | | | |
| | | Reusable Hypersonic Test Bed Integration & Testing | | | [10,000] | [10,000] | |
| 076 | 0603945D8Z | INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION INITIATIVES | 173,048 | 173,048 | 178,048 | 3,000 | 176,048 |
| | | Critical Minerals for Energy Storage Solutions | | | [5,000] | [3,000] | |
| 078 | 0604055D8Z | OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT | | | | 5,000 | |
| | | Micro-Reactor Program Advancement | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | TRISO fuel development | | | [12,000] | | |
| 080 | 1160402BB | SOF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 152,282 | 157,282 | 152,282 | | 152,282 |
| | | Small multimodal AI models for intelligence analysis | | [5,000] | | | |
| | | **SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT** | **6,220,080** | **6,422,580** | **6,528,080** | **283,500** | **6,503,580** |
| | | **ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES** | | | | | |
| 081 | 0603161D8Z | NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT RDT&E ADC&P. | 55,465 | 55,465 | 103,465 | | 55,465 |
| | | Nuclear Advanced Concept Development & Prototypes. | | | [48,000] | | |
| 082 | 0603600D8Z | WALKOFF | 152,449 | 137,249 | 152,449 | –15,200 | 137,249 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–15,200] | | [–15,200] | |
| 083 | 0603851D8Z | ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. | 123,981 | 149,781 | 123,981 | | 123,981 |
| | | Program increase | | [25,800] | | | |
| 084 | 0603881C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT | 508,898 | 518,898 | 508,898 | 10,000 | 518,898 |
| | | Secure, Assured, and Radiation Hardened Microelectronics. | | [10,000] | | [10,000] | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 085 | 0603882C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SEGMENT. | 825,919 | 825,919 | 825,919 | | 825,919 |
| 086 | 0603884BP | CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—DEM/VAL. | 272,940 | 272,940 | 272,940 | | 272,940 |
| 087 | 0603884C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSORS | 197,641 | 97,641 | 197,641 | | 197,641 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–100,000] | | | |
| 088 | 0603890C | BMD ENABLING PROGRAMS | 646,039 | 646,039 | 646,039 | | 646,039 |
| 089 | 0603891C | SPECIAL PROGRAMS—MDA | 498,630 | 498,630 | 562,630 | | 498,630 |
| | | AMD/LTRI | | | [55,000] | | |
| | | C2BMC-G | | | [9,000] | | |
| 090 | 0603892C | AEGIS BMD | 588,440 | 588,440 | 588,440 | | 588,440 |
| 091 | 0603896C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL, BATTLE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS (C2BMC). | 634,183 | 534,183 | 636,183 | | 634,183 |
| | | Fiber Festoon Cable sustainment | | | [2,000] | | |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–100,000] | | | |
| 092 | 0603898C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE JOINT WARFIGHTER SUPPORT | 45,758 | 45,758 | 47,758 | | 45,758 |
| | | DEEP SENTRY | | | [2,000] | | |
| 093 | 0603904C | MISSILE DEFENSE INTEGRATION & OPERATIONS CENTER (MDIOC). | 55,097 | 55,097 | 55,097 | | 55,097 |
| 094 | 0603906C | REGARDING TRENCH | 29,608 | 29,608 | 29,608 | | 29,608 |
| 095 | 0603907C | SEA BASED X-BAND RADAR (SBX) | 166,813 | 166,813 | 166,813 | | 166,813 |
| 096 | 0603913C | ISRAELI COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS | 300,000 | 300,000 | 300,000 | | 300,000 |
| 097 | 0603914C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST | 463,079 | 463,079 | 463,079 | | 463,079 |
| 098 | 0603915C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TARGETS | 514,904 | 542,404 | 559,904 | 29,500 | 544,404 |
| | | Advanced Reactive Target Simulation | | [10,000] | | [10,000] | |
| | | Advanced reactive target simulation development | | | [5,000] | | |
| | | Affordable air-breathing hypersonic flight vehicle | | | [10,000] | [10,000] | |
| | | High Mach Airbreathing Targets | | | [20,000] | [2,000] | |
| | | Next Generation Hypersonic | | [7,500] | | [7,500] | |
| | | Sea-based launch for missile defense targets | | [10,000] | [10,000] | | |
| 099 | 0603923D8Z | COALITION WARFARE | 10,090 | 10,090 | 10,090 | | 10,090 |

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| 100 | 0604011D8Z | NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G). | 41,815 | 36,815 | 41,815 | | 41,815 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–5,000] | | | |
| 101 | 0604016D8Z | DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CORROSION PROGRAM | 2,545 | 2,545 | 8,545 | | 2,545 |
| | | Corrion Control Research | | | [6,000] | | |
| 102 | 0604102C | GUAM DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT | 128,485 | 128,485 | 244,485 | | 128,485 |
| | | AGS integration of AN/TPY–6 TAUs | | | [116,000] | | |
| 105 | 0604125D8Z | ADVANCED MANUFACTURING COMPONENTS AND PROTOTYPES. | 45,513 | 45,513 | 45,513 | | 45,513 |
| 106 | 0604181C | HYPERSONIC DEFENSE | 200,627 | 200,627 | 200,627 | | 200,627 |
| 107 | 0604250D8Z | ADVANCED INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES | 749,452 | 732,452 | 768,452 | 13,000 | 762,452 |
| | | EUCOM: Defense of undersea infrastructure | | | [9,000] | | |
| | | Project Pele | | | [10,000] | [10,000] | |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–20,000] | | | |
| | | Typhoon, Seaman's Eye Predictive Autonomous Navigational Routing. | | [3,000] | | [3,000] | |
| 108 | 0604294D8Z | TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS | 512,151 | 512,151 | 512,151 | | 512,151 |
| 109 | 0604331D8Z | RAPID PROTOTYPING PROGRAM | 235,292 | 220,292 | 235,292 | | 235,292 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–15,000] | | | |
| 112 | 0604400D8Z | DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) UNMANNED SYSTEM COMMON DEVELOPMENT. | 2,142 | 2,142 | 2,142 | | 2,142 |
| 113 | 0604551BR | CATAPULT INFORMATION SYSTEM | 4,161 | 4,161 | 4,161 | | 4,161 |
| 114 | 0604555D8Z | OPERATIONAL ENERGY PROTOTYPING—NON S&T | 55,005 | 55,005 | 55,005 | | 55,005 |
| 117 | 0604682D8Z | SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIC ANALYSIS | 2,776 | 2,776 | 2,776 | | 2,776 |
| 119 | 0604791D8Z | MULTI-DOMAIN JOINT OPERATIONS (MDJO) | 20,343 | 20,343 | 20,343 | | 20,343 |
| 120 | 0604797D8Z | JOINT ENERGETIC TRANSITION OFFICE | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | | 3,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 121 | 0604826J | JOINT C5 CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY ASSESSMENTS. | 25,889 | 25,889 | 25,889 | | 25,889 |
| 122 | 0604873C | LONG RANGE DISCRIMINATION RADAR (LRDR) | 60,443 | 60,443 | 60,443 | | 60,443 |
| 123 | 0604874C | IMPROVED HOMELAND DEFENSE INTERCEPTORS | 1,582,414 | 1,182,414 | 1,582,414 | | 1,582,414 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–400,000] | | | |
| 124 | 0604876C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT TEST. | 37,784 | 37,784 | 37,784 | | 37,784 |
| 125 | 0604878C | AEGIS BMD TEST | 153,618 | 153,618 | 153,618 | | 153,618 |
| 126 | 0604879C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSOR TEST | 68,699 | 68,699 | 84,699 | | 68,699 |
| | | Sensor Ground Testing | | | [16,000] | | |
| 127 | 0604880C | LAND-BASED SM–3 (LBSM3) | 24,555 | 24,555 | 42,555 | | 24,555 |
| | | Evaluation of CONUS, Hawaii, Alaska emplacements | | | [8,000] | | |
| | | Guam SM–3 software integration | | | [10,000] | | |
| 128 | 0604887C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE SEGMENT TEST | 38,325 | 38,325 | 38,325 | | 38,325 |
| 129 | 0604924D8Z | HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPE. | 5,589 | 5,589 | 5,589 | | 5,589 |
| 130 | 0202057C | SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT | 1,806 | 1,806 | 1,806 | | 1,806 |
| 131 | 0208059JCY | CYBERCOM ACTIVITIES | 30,212 | 30,212 | 30,212 | | 30,212 |
| 133 | 0208086JCY | CYBER TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (CTE) | 124,971 | 124,971 | 124,971 | | 124,971 |
| 135 | 0305103C | CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE | 2,131 | 2,131 | 2,131 | | 2,131 |
| 136 | 0305245D8Z | INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AND INNOVATION INVESTMENTS. | 43,596 | 43,596 | 48,596 | 5,000 | 48,596 |
| | | Geospatial Workforce Development Program | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | | EUCOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees | | | [1,000] | | |
| | | Office of Strategic Capital detailees | | | [1,000] | | |
| 139 | 1206895C | BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM SPACE PROGRAMS | 97,061 | 97,061 | 97,061 | | 97,061 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT AND PROTOTYPES.** | **10,390,334** | **9,801,434** | **10,733,334** | **42,300** | **10,432,634** |
| | | **SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION** | | | | | |
| 141 | 0604123D8Z | CHIEF DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (CDAO)—DEM/VAL ACTIVITIES. | 9,196 | 9,196 | 9,196 | | 9,196 |

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| 142 | 0604133D8Z | ALPHA–1 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES | 441,821 | 416,821 | 441,821 | | 441,821 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–25,000] | | | |
| 143 | 0604161D8Z | NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT RDT&E SDD. | 12,874 | 12,874 | 12,874 | | 12,874 |
| 144 | 0604384BP | CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—EMD | 255,630 | 217,880 | 255,630 | –55,750 | 199,880 |
| | | Program decrease | | [–37,750] | | [–55,750] | |
| 145 | 0604771D8Z | JOINT TACTICAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (JTIDS). | 10,527 | 10,527 | 10,527 | | 10,527 |
| 146 | 0605000BR | COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT. | 14,931 | 14,931 | 14,931 | | 14,931 |
| 147 | 0605013BL | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT | 1,283 | 1,283 | 1,283 | | 1,283 |
| 148 | 0605021SE | HOMELAND PERSONNEL SECURITY INITIATIVE | 9,137 | 9,137 | 9,137 | | 9,137 |
| 149 | 0605022D8Z | DEFENSE EXPORTABILITY PROGRAM | 6,780 | 6,780 | 6,780 | | 6,780 |
| 150 | 0605027D8Z | OUSD(C) IT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES | 9,765 | 9,765 | 9,765 | | 9,765 |
| 151 | 0605080S | DEFENSE AGENCY INITIATIVES (DAI)—FINANCIAL SYSTEM | 31,714 | 31,714 | 31,714 | | 31,714 |
| 152 | 0605141BR | MISSION ASSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (MARMS). | 9,573 | 9,573 | 9,573 | | 9,573 |
| 153 | 0605210D8Z | DEFENSE-WIDE ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT CAPABILITIES | 9,366 | 9,366 | 9,366 | | 9,366 |
| 154 | 0605294D8Z | TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS | 143,475 | 133,475 | 143,475 | | 143,475 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–10,000] | | | |
| 155 | 0605649D8Z | ACQUISITION INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY (AI2) | 13,556 | 13,556 | 13,556 | | 13,556 |
| 156 | 0605755D8Z | RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION. | 3,307 | 3,307 | 3,307 | | 3,307 |
| 157 | 0605772D8Z | NUCLEAR COMMAND, CONTROL, & COMMUNICATIONS | 3,158 | 3,158 | 3,158 | | 3,158 |
| 159 | 0305282K | JOINT FIRES NETWORK (JFN) | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | | 10,000 |
| 160 | 0305304D8Z | REAL PROPERTY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT | 6,473 | 6,473 | 6,473 | | 6,473 |
| 161 | 0305310D8Z | COUNTERPROLIFERATION ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT | 12,107 | 12,107 | 12,107 | | 12,107 |

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| | | **SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.** | **1,014,673** | **941,923** | **1,014,673** | **–55,750** | **958,923** |
| | | **MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | | | | | |
| 163 | 0603829J | JOINT CAPABILITY EXPERIMENTATION | 13,822 | 13,822 | 13,822 | | 13,822 |
| 164 | 0604122D8Z | JADC2 DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIMENTATION ACTIVITIES | 297,801 | 272,801 | 297,801 | | 297,801 |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–25,000] | | | |
| 165 | 0604774D8Z | DEFENSE READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (DRRS) | 8,552 | 8,552 | 8,552 | | 8,552 |
| 166 | 0604875D8Z | JOINT SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT | 8,627 | 8,627 | 8,627 | | 8,627 |
| 167 | 0604940D8Z | CENTRAL TEST AND EVALUATION INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT (CTEIP). | 542,773 | 542,773 | 542,773 | | 542,773 |
| 168 | 0604942D8Z | ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS | 1,275 | 1,275 | 1,275 | | 1,275 |
| 170 | 0605001E | MISSION SUPPORT | 115,673 | 115,673 | 115,673 | | 115,673 |
| 171 | 0605100D8Z | JOINT MISSION ENVIRONMENT TEST CAPABILITY (JMETC) | 210,878 | 210,878 | 210,878 | | 210,878 |
| 172 | 0605126J | JOINT INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ORGANIZATION (JIAMDO). | 78,057 | 78,057 | 78,057 | | 78,057 |
| 174 | 0605142D8Z | SYSTEMS ENGINEERING | 23,405 | 23,405 | 23,405 | | 23,405 |
| 175 | 0605151D8Z | STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—OSD | 5,301 | 5,301 | 5,301 | | 5,301 |
| 176 | 0605161D8Z | NUCLEAR MATTERS-PHYSICAL SECURITY | 12,549 | 12,549 | 22,549 | | 12,549 |
| | | Nuclear Matters Management Support | | | [10,000] | | |
| 177 | 0605170D8Z | SUPPORT TO NETWORKS AND INFORMATION INTEGRATION | 15,597 | 15,597 | 15,597 | | 15,597 |
| 178 | 0605200D8Z | GENERAL SUPPORT TO OUSD(INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY). | 3,468 | 3,468 | 3,468 | | 3,468 |
| 179 | 0605384BP | CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM | 67,263 | 67,263 | 67,263 | | 67,263 |
| 186 | 0605711D8Z | CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS | 11,781 | 11,781 | 11,781 | | 11,781 |
| 187 | 0605790D8Z | SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR)/ SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (STTR) ADMINISTRATION. | 5,411 | 8,411 | 5,411 | | 5,411 |
| | | Comprehensive Training Program for Contracting Officers on SBIR Phase III Direct Awards`. | | [3,000] | | | |
| 188 | 0605797D8Z | MAINTAINING TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE | 29,675 | 29,675 | 34,675 | | 29,675 |
| | | NSCEB recommendation—AIxBio Sandbox | | | [5,000] | | |

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| 189 | 0605798D8Z | DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS | 45,134 | 45,134 | 45,134 | | 45,134 |
| 190 | 0605801KA | DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC) | 60,209 | 60,209 | 60,209 | | 60,209 |
| 191 | 0605803SE | R&D IN SUPPORT OF DOD ENLISTMENT, TESTING AND EVALUATION. | 30,778 | 30,778 | 30,778 | | 30,778 |
| 192 | 0605804D8Z | DEVELOPMENT TEST AND EVALUATION | 37,381 | 37,381 | 37,381 | | 37,381 |
| 193 | 0605898E | MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D | 13,623 | 13,623 | 13,623 | | 13,623 |
| 194 | 0605998KA | MANAGEMENT HQ—DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC). | 3,466 | 3,466 | 3,466 | | 3,466 |
| 195 | 0606005D8Z | SPECIAL ACTIVITIES | 18,594 | 18,594 | 18,594 | | 18,594 |
| 196 | 0606100D8Z | BUDGET AND PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS | 13,084 | 13,084 | 13,084 | | 13,084 |
| 197 | 0606114D8Z | ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP (AWG) SUPPORT | 5,229 | 5,229 | 5,229 | | 5,229 |
| 199 | 0606225D8Z | ODNA TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE ANALYSIS | 3,461 | 3,461 | 3,461 | | 3,461 |
| 200 | 0606300D8Z | DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD | 6,563 | 6,563 | 6,563 | | 6,563 |
| 201 | 0606301D8Z | AVIATION SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES | 1,702 | 11,702 | 1,702 | | 1,702 |
| | | Pilot Program on Modernized Health and Usage Monitoring Systems to Address Obsolescence in Army Rotary-Wing Aircraft. | | [5,000] | | | |
| | | Pilot Program on Modernized Health and Usage Monitoring Systems to Address Obsolescence in Marine Corps Rotary-Wing and Tilt Rotor Aircraft. | | [5,000] | | | |
| 202 | 0606771D8Z | CYBER RESILIENCY AND CYBERSECURITY POLICY | 14,220 | 14,220 | 14,220 | | 14,220 |
| 203 | 0606774D8Z | DEFENSE CIVILIAN TRAINING CORPS | 8,752 | 8,752 | 8,752 | | 8,752 |
| 204 | 0606775D8Z | JOINT PRODUCTION ACCELERATOR CELL (JPAC) | 5,493 | 5,493 | 5,493 | | 5,493 |
| 205 | 0606829D8Z | SUSTAINMENT TRANSITION CAPABILITIES | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | | 30,000 |
| 206 | 0606853BR | MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT | 14,841 | 14,841 | 24,841 | | 14,841 |
| | | Critical Infrastructure Defense Analysis Center (CIDAC). | | | [10,000] | | |

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| 207 | 0203345D8Z | DEFENSE OPERATIONS SECURITY INITIATIVE (DOSI) | 2,493 | 2,493 | 2,493 | | 2,493 |
| 208 | 0204571J | JOINT STAFF ANALYTICAL SUPPORT | 8,070 | 8,070 | 8,070 | | 8,070 |
| 209 | 0208045K | C4I INTEROPERABILITY | 70,893 | 70,893 | 70,893 | | 70,893 |
| 210 | 0303169D8Z | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RAPID ACQUISITION | 4,355 | 4,355 | 4,355 | | 4,355 |
| 211 | 0305172K | COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS | 5,447 | 5,447 | 5,447 | | 5,447 |
| 213 | 0305208K | DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS | 2,887 | 2,887 | 2,887 | | 2,887 |
| 214 | 0305248J | JOINT STAFF OFFICE OF THE CHIEF DATA OFFICER (OCDO) ACTIVITIES. | 14,500 | 19,500 | 14,500 | 5,000 | 19,500 |
| | | Advanced Manufacturing Initiative in the Indo-Pacific. | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| 215 | 0804768J | COCOM EXERCISE ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING TRANSFORMATION (CE2T2)—NON-MHA. | 91,952 | 91,952 | 91,952 | | 91,952 |
| 216 | 0808709SE | DEFENSE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (DEOMI). | 388 | 388 | 388 | | 388 |
| 217 | 0808737SE | INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION | 5,744 | 5,744 | 5,744 | | 5,744 |
| 218 | 0901598C | MANAGEMENT HQ—MDA | 28,719 | 28,719 | 28,719 | | 28,719 |
| 219 | 0903235K | JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER (JSP) | 1,283 | 1,283 | 1,283 | | 1,283 |
| 219A | 9999999999 | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 31,148 | 31,148 | 31,148 | | 31,148 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | **2,032,317** | **2,025,317** | **2,057,317** | **5,000** | **2,037,317** |
| | | **OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |
| 220 | 0604011D8Z | NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (5G). | 22,439 | 22,439 | 22,439 | | 22,439 |
| 223 | 0607162D8Z | CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ELIMINATION TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT. | 2,360 | 2,360 | 2,360 | | 2,360 |
| 224 | 0607210D8Z | INDUSTRIAL BASE ANALYSIS AND SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT | 273,379 | 264,879 | 294,379 | 20,500 | 293,879 |
| | | Ablative Material Sustainment | | [3,000] | | [3,000] | |
| | | Corrosion Resistant Magnesium Coating for Aircraft | | | [17,000] | [10,000] | |
| | | Operational Systems Development | | [10,000] | | | |
| | | Rare Earth Magnet Manufacturing | | | [4,000] | [4,000] | |
| | | Reconciliation adjustment | | [–25,000] | | | |
| | | U.S.-based Synthetic Graphite Manufacturing | | [3,500] | | [3,500] | |

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| 225 | 0607310D8Z | COUNTERPROLIFERATION MODERNIZATION | 12,704 | 12,704 | 12,704 | | 12,704 |
| 226 | 0607327T | GLOBAL THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (G-TSCMIS). | 6,173 | 6,173 | 6,173 | | 6,173 |
| 227 | 0607384BP | CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE (OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT). | 79,118 | 79,118 | 79,118 | | 79,118 |
| 228 | 0607757D8Z | RADIOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR DEFENSE MODERNIZATION OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT. | 2,945 | 7,945 | 2,945 | | 2,945 |
| | | Shelf-Stable, Field Deployable Medical Countermeasure for Internal Radionuclide Contamination. | | [5,000] | | | |
| 229 | 0208085JCY | ROBUST INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS | 88,522 | 88,522 | 88,522 | | 88,522 |
| 230 | 0208097JCY | CYBER COMMAND AND CONTROL (CYBER C2) | 85,833 | 85,833 | 85,833 | | 85,833 |
| 231 | 0208099JCY | DATA AND UNIFIED PLATFORM (D&UP) | 83,039 | 83,039 | 83,039 | | 83,039 |
| 235 | 0302019K | DEFENSE INFO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING AND INTEGRATION. | 16,162 | 16,162 | 16,162 | | 16,162 |
| 236 | 0302609V | COUNTERING THREATS AUTOMATED PLATFORM | 5,030 | 5,030 | 5,030 | | 5,030 |
| 237 | 0303126K | LONG-HAUL COMMUNICATIONS—DCS | 40,293 | 40,293 | 40,293 | | 40,293 |
| 238 | 0303131K | MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (MEECN). | 5,113 | 5,113 | 5,113 | | 5,113 |
| 240 | 0303140D8Z | INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM | 25,347 | 25,347 | 40,347 | 6,000 | 31,347 |
| | | National Narrative Intelligence Research Center | | | [15,000] | [6,000] | |
| 242 | 0303140K | INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM | 23,224 | 23,224 | 23,224 | | 23,224 |
| 243 | 0303153K | DEFENSE SPECTRUM ORGANIZATION | 20,174 | 20,174 | 20,174 | | 20,174 |
| 244 | 0303171K | JOINT PLANNING AND EXECUTION SERVICES | 6,242 | 6,242 | 6,242 | | 6,242 |
| 246 | 0303430V | FEDERAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. | 22,700 | 22,700 | 22,700 | | 22,700 |
| 252 | 0305104D8Z | DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE (DIB) CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE. | 10,840 | 10,840 | 10,840 | | 10,840 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 257 | 0305146V | DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 | | 1,800 |
| 258 | 0305172D8Z | COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS | 22,548 | 22,548 | 22,548 | | 22,548 |
| 260 | 0305186D8Z | POLICY R&D PROGRAMS | 6,043 | 6,043 | 6,043 | | 6,043 |
| 262 | 0305199D8Z | NET CENTRICITY | 17,114 | 17,114 | 17,114 | | 17,114 |
| 264 | 0305208BB | DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS | 5,656 | 5,656 | 5,656 | | 5,656 |
| 270 | 0305387D8Z | HOMELAND DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM | 1,771 | 1,771 | 1,771 | | 1,771 |
| 279 | 0306250JCY | CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT | 473,399 | 473,399 | 473,399 | | 473,399 |
| 280 | 0307609V | NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (NISS) | 34,710 | 34,710 | 34,710 | | 34,710 |
| 283 | 0708012K | LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES | 2,876 | 2,876 | 2,876 | | 2,876 |
| 284 | 0708012S | PACIFIC DISASTER CENTERS | 2,000 | 2,000 | 4,000 | 2,000 | 4,000 |
| | | Pacific Disaster Centers | | | [2,000] | [2,000] | |
| 285 | 0708047S | DEFENSE PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM | 3,020 | 3,020 | 3,020 | | 3,020 |
| 289 | 1160403BB | AVIATION SYSTEMS | 119,699 | 119,699 | 134,699 | | 119,699 |
| | | Vertical Take Off and Landing Optionally Piloted Vehicle (VTOL-OPV). | | | [15,000] | | |
| 290 | 1160405BB | INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT | 102,732 | 105,732 | 105,732 | 3,000 | 105,732 |
| | | Ultra-lightweight Group 1 Small UAS | | | [3,000] | [3,000] | |
| | | Ultra-lightweight Group 1 small unmanned aerial systems—advanced Group 1 small unmanned aerial systems. | | [3,000] | | | |
| 291 | 1160408BB | OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS | 234,653 | 234,653 | 234,653 | | 234,653 |
| 292 | 1160431BB | WARRIOR SYSTEMS | 279,639 | 279,639 | 284,639 | 3,500 | 283,139 |
| | | Blast Overpressure Analysis and Mitigation | | | [5,000] | [3,500] | |
| 293 | 1160432BB | SPECIAL PROGRAMS | 550 | 550 | 550 | | 550 |
| 294 | 1160434BB | UNMANNED ISR | 2,281 | 2,281 | 2,281 | | 2,281 |
| 295 | 1160480BB | SOF TACTICAL VEHICLES | 9,213 | 9,213 | 9,213 | | 9,213 |
| 296 | 1160483BB | MARITIME SYSTEMS | 120,475 | 120,475 | 120,475 | | 120,475 |
| 297 | 1160490BB | OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE | 21,752 | 21,752 | 21,752 | | 21,752 |
| 298 | 1203610K | TELEPORT PROGRAM | 24,319 | 24,319 | 24,319 | | 24,319 |
| 298A | 9999999999 | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 8,276,313 | 8,276,313 | 8,276,313 | | 8,276,313 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT** | **10,594,200** | **10,593,700** | **10,655,200** | **35,000** | **10,629,200** |

SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION
(In Thousands of Dollars)

| Line | Program Element | Item | FY 2026 Request | House Authorized | Senate Authorized | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
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| | | **SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS** | | | | | |
| 299 | 0608140D8Z | ENTERPRISE PLATFORMS AND CAPABILITIES—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM. | 402,783 | 402,783 | 402,783 | | 402,783 |
| 300 | 0608648D8Z | ACQUISITION VISIBILITY—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM | 17,549 | 17,549 | 17,549 | | 17,549 |
| 301 | 0608776D8Z | DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT FIELDING | 48,413 | 48,413 | 198,413 | | 48,413 |
| | | Attritable autonomous systems | | | [150,000] | | |
| 302 | 0303150K | GLOBAL COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM | 44,474 | 44,474 | 44,474 | | 44,474 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.** | **513,219** | **513,219** | **663,219** | | **513,219** |
| | | **TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE.** | **33,921,939** | **33,532,439** | **34,923,139** | **384,250** | **34,306,189** |
| | | **OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | | | | | |
| 001 | 0605118OTE | OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION | 133,542 | 133,542 | 133,542 | | 133,542 |
| 002 | 0605131OTE | LIVE FIRE TEST AND EVALUATION | 108,109 | 108,109 | 108,109 | | 108,109 |
| 003 | 0605814OTE | OPERATIONAL TEST ACTIVITIES AND ANALYSES | 76,492 | 76,492 | 76,492 | | 76,492 |
| | | **SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT** | **318,143** | **318,143** | **318,143** | | **318,143** |
| | | **TOTAL OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE.** | **318,143** | **318,143** | **318,143** | | **318,143** |
| | | **TOTAL RDT&E** | **142,001,108** | **142,564,792** | **150,485,240** | **3,697,507** | **145,698,615** |

# TITLE XLIII—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

## SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

SEC. 4301. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
(In Thousands of Dollars)

| Line | Item | FY 2026 Request | House Authorized | Senate Authorized | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
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| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | MANEUVER UNITS | 4,671,407 | 4,668,407 | 4,671,407 | –3,000 | 4,668,407 |
| | Program decrease | | [–3,000] | | [–3,000] | |
| 020 | MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES | 221,578 | 216,578 | 221,578 | | 221,578 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–5,000] | | | |
| 030 | ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE | 927,219 | 892,219 | 927,219 | | 927,219 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–35,000] | | | |
| 040 | THEATER LEVEL ASSETS | 2,220,746 | 2,220,746 | 2,320,746 | | 2,220,746 |
| | FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning | | | [100,000] | | |
| 050 | LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 1,333,769 | 1,323,769 | 1,333,769 | | 1,333,769 |
| | Program decrease | | [–10,000] | | | |
| 060 | AVIATION ASSETS | 1,829,054 | 1,829,054 | 1,829,054 | | 1,829,054 |
| 070 | FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 7,497,735 | 7,447,735 | 7,599,735 | 102,000 | 7,599,735 |
| | FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning | | | [102,000] | [102,000] | |
| | Program decrease | | [–50,000] | | | |
| 080 | LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS | 583,196 | 561,996 | 583,196 | | 583,196 |
| | Program decrease | | [–21,200] | | | |
| 090 | LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE | 152,404 | 152,404 | 152,404 | | 152,404 |
| 100 | MEDICAL READINESS | 844,140 | 844,140 | 844,140 | | 844,140 |
| 110 | BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 10,694,915 | 10,694,915 | 10,694,915 | | 10,694,915 |
| 120 | FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 6,159,744 | 6,179,744 | | 20,000 | 6,179,744 |

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| | Program increase | | [20,000] | | [20,000] | |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–6,159,744] | | |
| 130 | MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS | 263,147 | 263,147 | 263,147 | | 263,147 |
| 140 | ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES | 392,457 | 386,457 | 392,457 | –5,419 | 387,038 |
| | Program decrease | | [–6,000] | | [–5,419] | |
| 150 | RESET | 111,688 | 111,688 | 111,688 | | 111,688 |
| 160 | US AFRICA COMMAND | 413,046 | 413,046 | 414,046 | | 413,046 |
| | AFRICOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees | | | [1,000] | | |
| 170 | US EUROPEAN COMMAND | 385,744 | 385,744 | 586,744 | | 385,744 |
| | EUCOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees | | | [1,000] | | |
| | Experimentation for EUCOM Eastern Flank Defense Line | | | [150,000] | | |
| | Unmanned systems for EUCOM | | | [50,000] | | |
| 180 | US SOUTHERN COMMAND | 224,971 | 224,971 | 225,971 | | 224,971 |
| | SOUTHCOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees | | | [1,000] | | |
| 190 | US FORCES KOREA | 77,049 | 77,049 | 77,049 | | 77,049 |
| 200 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS | 331,467 | 331,467 | 331,467 | | 331,467 |
| 210 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY | 550,089 | 550,089 | 553,089 | | 550,089 |
| | Human-Artificial Intelligence teaming | | | [3,000] | | |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **39,885,565** | **39,775,365** | **34,133,821** | **113,581** | **39,999,146** |
| | **MOBILIZATION** | | | | | |
| 220 | STRATEGIC MOBILITY | 134,892 | 134,892 | 134,892 | | 134,892 |
| 230 | ARMY PREPOSITIONED STOCKS | 330,812 | 656,812 | 362,212 | | 330,812 |
| | APS–2 Reset | | [326,000] | | | |
| | Army Prepositioned Stocks | | | [31,400] | | |
| 240 | INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS | 3,162 | 3,162 | 3,162 | | 3,162 |
| | **SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION** | **468,866** | **794,866** | **500,266** | | **468,866** |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **TRAINING AND RECRUITING** | | | | | |
| 250 | OFFICER ACQUISITION | 172,424 | 172,424 | 172,424 | | 172,424 |
| 260 | RECRUIT TRAINING | 78,929 | 78,929 | 78,929 | | 78,929 |
| 270 | ONE STATION UNIT TRAINING | 88,033 | 88,033 | 88,033 | | 88,033 |
| 280 | SENIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS | 508,982 | 508,982 | 508,982 | | 508,982 |
| 290 | SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING | 988,901 | 988,901 | 988,901 | | 988,901 |
| 300 | FLIGHT TRAINING | 1,398,974 | 1,398,974 | 1,398,974 | | 1,398,974 |
| 310 | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION | 202,738 | 197,738 | 202,738 | | 202,738 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–5,000] | | | |
| 320 | TRAINING SUPPORT | 596,528 | 596,528 | 596,528 | | 596,528 |
| 330 | RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING | 747,712 | 747,712 | 747,712 | | 747,712 |
| 340 | EXAMINING | 177,666 | 177,666 | 177,666 | | 177,666 |
| 350 | OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION | 181,211 | 181,211 | 181,211 | | 181,211 |
| 360 | CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING | 227,476 | 227,476 | 227,476 | | 227,476 |
| 370 | JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS | 190,668 | 190,668 | 212,668 | 22,000 | 212,668 |
| | Fully fund Army JROTC | | | [22,000] | [22,000] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING** | **5,560,242** | **5,555,242** | **5,582,242** | **22,000** | **5,582,242** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | |
| 390 | SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION | 1,306,690 | 1,264,190 | 1,306,690 | –7,500 | 1,299,190 |
| | Program decrease | | [–42,500] | | [–7,500] | |
| 400 | CENTRAL SUPPLY ACTIVITIES | 740,581 | 740,581 | 740,581 | | 740,581 |
| 410 | LOGISTIC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES | 588,151 | 588,151 | 588,151 | | 588,151 |
| 420 | AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT | 344,948 | 344,948 | 344,948 | | 344,948 |
| 430 | ADMINISTRATION | 408,825 | 408,825 | 408,825 | | 408,825 |
| 440 | SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS | 2,171,607 | 2,121,607 | 2,256,487 | –15,400 | 2,156,207 |
| | Army Data Platform 1.0 (VANTAGE)/Army Data Platform 2.0 | | | [74,880] | | |
| | Army Data Platform 2.0 | | | [10,000] | | |
| | Program decrease | | [–50,000] | | [–15,400] | |
| 450 | MANPOWER MANAGEMENT | 313,323 | 313,323 | 313,323 | | 313,323 |

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| 460 | OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT | 853,139 | 834,139 | 853,139 | –19,000 | 834,139 |
| | Program decrease | | [–29,000] | | [–19,000] | |
| | Soldier Readiness Analytics | | [10,000] | | | |
| 470 | OTHER SERVICE SUPPORT | 2,078,411 | 2,058,411 | 2,078,411 | –19,000 | 2,059,411 |
| | Military Women's Memorial | | | | [1,000] | |
| | Program decrease | | [–20,000] | | [–20,000] | |
| 480 | ARMY CLAIMS ACTIVITIES | 223,611 | 213,611 | 223,611 | | 223,611 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–10,000] | | | |
| 490 | REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT | 294,705 | 294,705 | 294,705 | | 294,705 |
| 500 | FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS | 618,471 | 618,471 | 618,471 | | 618,471 |
| 510 | DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT | 36,510 | 36,510 | 36,510 | | 36,510 |
| 520 | INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS | 664,510 | 664,510 | 664,510 | | 664,510 |
| 530 | MISC. SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONS | 31,387 | 31,387 | 31,387 | | 31,387 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **10,674,869** | **10,533,369** | **10,759,749** | **–60,900** | **10,613,969** |
| 590A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 2,385,523 | 2,385,523 | 2,385,523 | | 2,385,523 |
| | **SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | **2,385,523** | **2,385,523** | **2,385,523** | | **2,385,523** |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 600 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –812,335 | –812,335 | –812,335 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–812,335] | [–812,335] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–812,335** | **–812,335** | **–812,335** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY** | **58,975,065** | **59,044,365** | **52,549,266** | **–737,654** | **58,237,411** |
| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES | 14,651 | 14,651 | 14,651 | | 14,651 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 020 | ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE | 703,286 | 703,286 | 703,286 | | 703,286 |
| 030 | THEATER LEVEL ASSETS | 146,794 | 146,794 | 146,794 | | 146,794 |
| 040 | LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 685,541 | 685,541 | 685,541 | | 685,541 |
| 050 | AVIATION ASSETS | 55,155 | 90,155 | 55,155 | | 55,155 |
| | Flight hour funding for Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigades | | [35,000] | | | |
| 060 | FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 438,508 | 438,508 | 438,508 | | 438,508 |
| 070 | LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS | 23,783 | 23,783 | 23,783 | | 23,783 |
| 080 | LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE | 40,426 | 40,426 | 40,426 | | 40,426 |
| 090 | BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 557,465 | 557,465 | 557,465 | | 557,465 |
| 100 | FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 504,922 | 504,922 | | | 504,922 |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–504,922] | | |
| 110 | MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS | 20,531 | 20,531 | 20,531 | | 20,531 |
| 120 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS | 2,174 | 2,174 | 2,174 | | 2,174 |
| 130 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY | 19,041 | 19,041 | 19,041 | | 19,041 |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **3,212,277** | **3,247,277** | **2,707,355** | | **3,212,277** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| 140 | SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION | 14,629 | 14,629 | 14,629 | | 14,629 |
| 150 | ADMINISTRATION | 16,798 | 16,798 | 16,798 | | 16,798 |
| 160 | SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS | 6,432 | 6,432 | 6,432 | | 6,432 |
| 170 | MANPOWER MANAGEMENT | 7,186 | 7,186 | 7,186 | | 7,186 |
| 180 | OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT | 56,856 | 56,856 | 56,856 | | 56,856 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **101,901** | **101,901** | **101,901** | | **101,901** |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 220 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –10,222 | –10,222 | –10,222 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–10,222] | [–10,222] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–10,222** | **–10,222** | **–10,222** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE** | **3,314,178** | **3,349,178** | **2,799,034** | **–10,222** | **3,303,956** |
| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD** | | | | | |

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| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | MANEUVER UNITS | 911,525 | 911,525 | 911,525 | | 911,525 |
| 020 | MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES | 210,737 | 210,737 | 210,737 | | 210,737 |
| 030 | ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE | 879,111 | 879,111 | 879,111 | | 879,111 |
| 040 | THEATER LEVEL ASSETS | 88,001 | 88,001 | 88,001 | | 88,001 |
| 050 | LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 350,261 | 350,261 | 350,261 | | 350,261 |
| 060 | AVIATION ASSETS | 1,128,195 | 1,128,195 | 1,128,195 | | 1,128,195 |
| 070 | FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 810,263 | 820,263 | 810,263 | | 810,263 |
| | Robotic Targets | | [10,000] | | | |
| 080 | LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS | 34,354 | 34,354 | 34,354 | | 34,354 |
| 090 | LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE | 179,622 | 179,622 | 179,622 | | 179,622 |
| 100 | BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 1,246,273 | 1,246,273 | 1,246,273 | | 1,246,273 |
| 110 | FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 1,275,984 | 1,275,984 | | | 1,275,984 |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–1,275,984] | | |
| 120 | MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS | 1,203,158 | 1,208,158 | 1,203,158 | | 1,203,158 |
| | Center for the Study of the U.S. National Guard | | [5,000] | | | |
| 130 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS | 5,136 | 5,136 | 5,136 | | 5,136 |
| 140 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY | 24,096 | 24,096 | 24,096 | | 24,096 |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **8,346,716** | **8,361,716** | **7,070,732** | | **8,346,716** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| 150 | SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION | 6,460 | 6,460 | 6,460 | | 6,460 |
| 160 | ADMINISTRATION | 45,919 | 45,919 | 45,919 | | 45,919 |
| 170 | SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS | 9,373 | 9,373 | 9,373 | | 9,373 |
| 190 | OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT | 261,622 | 261,622 | 261,622 | | 261,622 |
| 200 | REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT | 3,891 | 3,891 | 3,891 | | 3,891 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **327,265** | **327,265** | **327,265** | | **327,265** |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 220 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –246,699 | –246,699 | –246,699 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–246,699] | [–246,699] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–246,699** | **–246,699** | **–246,699** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD** | **8,673,981** | **8,688,981** | **7,151,298** | **–246,699** | **8,427,282** |
| | **COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP** | | | | | |
| | **COUNTER-ISIL TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)** | | | | | |
| 010 | IRAQ | 212,516 | 212,516 | 212,516 | | 212,516 |
| 020 | SYRIA | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | | 130,000 |
| 030 | LEBANON | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | | 15,000 |
| | **SUBTOTAL COUNTER-ISIL TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)** | **357,516** | **357,516** | **357,516** | | **357,516** |
| | **TOTAL COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP** | **357,516** | **357,516** | **357,516** | | **357,516** |
| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS | 7,720,210 | 7,720,210 | 7,720,210 | | 7,720,210 |
| 020 | FLEET AIR TRAINING | 2,925,791 | 2,925,791 | 2,925,791 | | 2,925,791 |
| 050 | AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT | 1,447,480 | 1,455,480 | 1,447,480 | | 1,447,480 |
| | Advanced Engine Performance and Restoration Program | | [8,000] | | | |
| 060 | AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE | 1,661,933 | 1,661,933 | 1,661,933 | | 1,661,933 |
| 080 | AVIATION LOGISTICS | 2,147,907 | 2,087,907 | 2,147,907 | | 2,147,907 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–60,000] | | | |
| 090 | MISSION AND OTHER SHIP OPERATIONS | 5,350,073 | 5,430,073 | 5,350,073 | 80,000 | 5,430,073 |
| | Platform Supply Vessel Pilot Program | | [80,000] | | [80,000] | |
| 100 | SHIP OPERATIONS SUPPORT & TRAINING | 1,719,580 | 1,719,580 | 1,719,580 | | 1,719,580 |
| 110 | SHIP DEPOT MAINTENANCE | 13,803,188 | 13,803,188 | 13,803,188 | | 13,803,188 |
| 120 | SHIP DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 2,760,878 | 2,760,878 | 2,760,878 | | 2,760,878 |
| 130 | COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE | 1,830,993 | 1,830,993 | 1,830,993 | | 1,830,993 |

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| 140 | MEDICAL READINESS | 604,287 | 584,287 | 604,287 | | 604,287 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–20,000] | | | |
| 150 | SPACE SYSTEMS AND SURVEILLANCE | 453,847 | 453,847 | 453,847 | | 453,847 |
| 160 | WARFARE TACTICS | 1,000,516 | 1,000,516 | 1,000,516 | | 1,000,516 |
| 170 | OPERATIONAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY | 454,803 | 454,803 | 454,803 | | 454,803 |
| 180 | COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES | 2,291,340 | 2,291,340 | 2,442,570 | 97,730 | 2,389,070 |
| | AFRICOM: Safeguarding U.S. Operations in Somalia | | | [53,500] | | |
| | FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning | | | [97,730] | [97,730] | |
| 190 | EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT | 62,495 | 62,495 | 62,495 | | 62,495 |
| 200 | COMBATANT COMMANDERS CORE OPERATIONS | 105,914 | 105,914 | 127,634 | 4,500 | 110,414 |
| | Critical Joint Manpower | | | [16,720] | | |
| | INDOPACOM's Community Engagement Initiative | | | [5,000] | [4,500] | |
| 210 | COMBATANT COMMANDERS DIRECT MISSION SUPPORT | 386,657 | 386,657 | 647,157 | 83,780 | 470,437 |
| | AI-Enabled Planning & Wargaming (Thunderforge) | | | [18,000] | | |
| | Critical Joint Manpower | | | [29,390] | | |
| | FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning | | | [30,780] | [30,780] | |
| | INDOPACOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees | | | [1,000] | | |
| | Joint Sustainment Decision Tool (JSDT) | | | [42,000] | | |
| | Non-Standard Aviation—Sea Planes | | | | [10,000] | |
| | Prepositioned Material in Support of SOF | | | [43,000] | [43,000] | |
| | Resilient TS-SCI Warfighting Architecture | | | [58,300] | | |
| | Robust, Resilient Mission Platform (R2MP) | | | [10,100] | | |
| | SOF Air and Maritime Low-Vis Infrastructure | | | [27,930] | | |
| 220 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES | 634,746 | 619,746 | 634,746 | | 634,746 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–15,000] | | | |
| 230 | FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE | 1,837,670 | 1,837,670 | 1,837,670 | | 1,837,670 |
| 240 | WEAPONS MAINTENANCE | 1,601,768 | 1,601,768 | 1,601,768 | | 1,601,768 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 250 | OTHER WEAPON SYSTEMS SUPPORT | 839,619 | 839,619 | 839,619 | | 839,619 |
| 260 | ENTERPRISE INFORMATION | 2,185,422 | 2,127,422 | 2,185,422 | –13,000 | 2,172,422 |
| | Program decrease | | [–58,000] | | [–13,000] | |
| 270 | SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION | 3,991,438 | 3,991,438 | | | 3,991,438 |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–3,991,438] | | |
| 280 | BASE OPERATING SUPPORT | 6,166,266 | 6,166,266 | 6,210,266 | 10,000 | 6,176,266 |
| | Barber's Point—sec. 2856 of FY24 NDAA | | | [9,000] | | |
| | Red Hill long-term monitoring, research, and remediation | | | [35,000] | [10,000] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **63,984,821** | **63,919,821** | **60,470,833** | **263,010** | **64,247,831** |
| | **MOBILIZATION** | | | | | |
| 290 | SHIP PREPOSITIONING AND SURGE | 388,627 | 388,627 | 388,627 | | 388,627 |
| 300 | READY RESERVE FORCE | 785,052 | 785,052 | 785,052 | | 785,052 |
| 310 | SHIP ACTIVATIONS/INACTIVATIONS | 583,296 | 553,296 | 583,296 | | 583,296 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–30,000] | | | |
| 330 | COAST GUARD SUPPORT | 22,192 | 22,192 | 22,192 | | 22,192 |
| | **SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION** | **1,779,167** | **1,749,167** | **1,779,167** | | **1,779,167** |
| | **TRAINING AND RECRUITING** | | | | | |
| 340 | OFFICER ACQUISITION | 202,397 | 202,397 | 202,397 | | 202,397 |
| 350 | RECRUIT TRAINING | 16,945 | 21,245 | 16,945 | 4,300 | 21,245 |
| | Sea Cadets | | [4,300] | | [4,300] | |
| 360 | RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS | 164,348 | 164,348 | 164,348 | | 164,348 |
| 370 | SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING | 1,026,076 | 1,026,076 | 1,026,076 | | 1,026,076 |
| 380 | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION | 272,964 | 272,964 | 272,964 | | 272,964 |
| 390 | TRAINING SUPPORT | 463,572 | 463,572 | 463,572 | | 463,572 |
| 400 | RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING | 303,177 | 303,177 | 303,177 | | 303,177 |
| 410 | OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION | 914 | –4,086 | 914 | | 914 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–5,000] | | | |
| 420 | CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING | 65,819 | 65,819 | 65,819 | | 65,819 |
| 430 | JUNIOR ROTC | 25,334 | 25,334 | 61,334 | 36,000 | 61,334 |
| | Fully fund Navy JROTC | | | [36,000] | [36,000] | |

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| | **SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING** | **2,541,546** | **2,540,846** | **2,577,546** | **40,300** | **2,581,846** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | |
| 440 | ADMINISTRATION | 1,357,428 | 1,357,428 | 1,357,428 | | 1,357,428 |
| 450 | CIVILIAN MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT | 239,918 | 239,918 | 239,918 | | 239,918 |
| 460 | MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT | 690,712 | 690,712 | 690,712 | | 690,712 |
| 480 | MEDICAL ACTIVITIES | | | | 5,000 | |
| | Harmful Behaviors Software Implementation | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| 490 | DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT | 61,046 | 61,046 | 61,046 | | 61,046 |
| 500 | SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION | 289,748 | 289,748 | 289,748 | | 289,748 |
| 520 | PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT | 543,911 | 556,811 | 543,911 | 12,900 | 556,811 |
| | Supply Chain Risk Mitigation | | [12,900] | | [12,900] | |
| 530 | ACQUISITION, LOGISTICS, AND OVERSIGHT | 853,340 | 818,340 | 853,340 | | 853,340 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–35,000] | | | |
| 540 | INVESTIGATIVE AND SECURITY SERVICES | 1,007,078 | 1,007,078 | 1,007,078 | | 1,007,078 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **5,043,181** | **5,021,081** | **5,043,181** | **17,900** | **5,056,081** |
| 760A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 731,405 | 731,405 | 731,405 | | 731,405 |
| | **SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | **731,405** | **731,405** | **731,405** | | **731,405** |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 770 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –540,421 | –540,421 | –540,421 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–540,421] | [–540,421] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–540,421** | **–540,421** | **–540,421** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY** | **74,080,120** | **73,967,320** | **70,061,711** | **–219,211** | **73,860,909** |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | OPERATIONAL FORCES | 1,950,784 | 1,955,784 | 2,054,684 | 35,859 | 1,986,643 |
| | FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning | | | [103,900] | [35,859] | |
| | Small UAS for Marine Corps training | | [5,000] | | | |
| 020 | FIELD LOGISTICS | 1,981,840 | 1,981,840 | 1,981,840 | | 1,981,840 |
| 030 | DEPOT MAINTENANCE | 236 | 236 | 236 | | 236 |
| 040 | MARITIME PREPOSITIONING | 175,091 | 175,091 | 175,091 | | 175,091 |
| 050 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES | 349,082 | 349,082 | 349,082 | | 349,082 |
| 060 | SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 2,079,890 | 2,079,890 | | | 2,079,890 |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–2,079,890] | | |
| 070 | BASE OPERATING SUPPORT | 2,834,721 | 2,834,721 | 2,834,721 | | 2,834,721 |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **9,371,644** | **9,376,644** | **7,395,654** | **35,859** | **9,407,503** |
| | **TRAINING AND RECRUITING** | | | | | |
| 080 | RECRUIT TRAINING | 26,350 | 26,350 | 26,350 | | 26,350 |
| 090 | OFFICER ACQUISITION | 1,282 | 1,282 | 1,282 | | 1,282 |
| 100 | SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING | 119,526 | 119,526 | 119,526 | | 119,526 |
| 110 | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION | 58,696 | 58,696 | 58,696 | | 58,696 |
| 120 | TRAINING SUPPORT | 538,812 | 538,812 | 538,812 | | 538,812 |
| 130 | RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING | 237,004 | 237,004 | 237,004 | | 237,004 |
| 140 | OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION | 27,500 | 22,500 | 27,500 | | 27,500 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–5,000] | | | |
| 150 | JUNIOR ROTC | 30,808 | 30,808 | 30,808 | | 30,808 |
| | **SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING** | **1,039,978** | **1,034,978** | **1,039,978** | | **1,039,978** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | |
| 180 | SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION | 87,509 | 87,509 | 87,509 | | 87,509 |
| 190 | ADMINISTRATION | 431,282 | 431,282 | 431,282 | | 431,282 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **518,791** | **518,791** | **518,791** | | **518,791** |
| 300A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 73,788 | 73,788 | 73,788 | | 73,788 |

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| | **SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | **73,788** | **73,788** | **73,788** | | **73,788** |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 310 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –89,275 | –89,275 | –89,275 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–89,275] | [–89,275] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–89,275** | **–89,275** | **–89,275** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS** | **11,004,201** | **11,004,201** | **8,938,936** | **–53,416** | **10,950,785** |
| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS | 759,843 | 759,843 | 759,843 | | 759,843 |
| 030 | AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT | 9,972 | 9,972 | 9,972 | | 9,972 |
| 040 | AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE | 204,603 | 204,603 | 204,603 | | 204,603 |
| 060 | AVIATION LOGISTICS | 24,469 | 24,469 | 24,469 | | 24,469 |
| 070 | COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS | 19,698 | 19,698 | 19,698 | | 19,698 |
| 080 | COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES | 186,946 | 186,946 | 186,946 | | 186,946 |
| 090 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES | 294 | 294 | 294 | | 294 |
| 100 | ENTERPRISE INFORMATION | 33,414 | 33,414 | 33,414 | | 33,414 |
| 110 | SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION | 58,213 | 58,213 | | | 58,213 |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–58,213] | | |
| 120 | BASE OPERATING SUPPORT | 118,361 | 118,361 | 118,361 | | 118,361 |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **1,415,813** | **1,415,813** | **1,357,600** | | **1,415,813** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| 130 | ADMINISTRATION | 2,539 | 2,539 | 2,539 | | 2,539 |
| 140 | MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT | 22,185 | 22,185 | 22,185 | | 22,185 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 150 | ACQUISITION AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT | 1,517 | 1,517 | 1,517 | | 1,517 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **26,241** | **26,241** | **26,241** | | **26,241** |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 170 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –19,763 | –19,763 | –19,763 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–19,763] | [–19,763] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–19,763** | **–19,763** | **–19,763** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE** | **1,442,054** | **1,442,054** | **1,364,078** | **–19,763** | **1,422,291** |
| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS RESERVE** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | OPERATING FORCES | 117,987 | 117,987 | 117,987 | | 117,987 |
| 020 | DEPOT MAINTENANCE | 22,686 | 22,686 | 22,686 | | 22,686 |
| 030 | SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION | 48,519 | 48,519 | | | 48,519 |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–48,519] | | |
| 040 | BASE OPERATING SUPPORT | 123,079 | 123,079 | 123,079 | | 123,079 |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **312,271** | **312,271** | **263,752** | | **312,271** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| 050 | ADMINISTRATION | 49,774 | 49,774 | 49,774 | | 49,774 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **49,774** | **49,774** | **49,774** | | **49,774** |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 060 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –12,267 | –12,267 | –12,267 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–12,267] | [–12,267] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–12,267** | **–12,267** | **–12,267** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS RESERVE** | **362,045** | **362,045** | **301,259** | **–12,267** | **349,778** |
| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |

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| 010 | PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES | 1,425,125 | 1,425,125 | 1,711,125 | 243,300 | 1,668,425 |
| | DAF campaigning and exercises | | | [150,000] | [107,300] | |
| | FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning | | | [136,000] | [136,000] | |
| 020 | COMBAT ENHANCEMENT FORCES | 2,753,789 | 2,753,789 | 2,773,789 | 20,000 | 2,773,789 |
| | FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning | | | [20,000] | [20,000] | |
| 030 | AIR OPERATIONS TRAINING (OJT, MAINTAIN SKILLS) | 1,701,493 | 1,676,493 | 1,706,493 | 5,000 | 1,706,493 |
| | FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–25,000] | | | |
| 040 | DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | 4,676,962 | 4,526,962 | 4,676,962 | | 4,676,962 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–150,000] | | | |
| 050 | FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 3,093,331 | 3,118,331 | | 25,000 | 3,118,331 |
| | Program increase | | [25,000] | | [25,000] | |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–3,093,331] | | |
| 060 | CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT | 245,874 | 240,874 | 245,874 | | 245,874 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–5,000] | | | |
| 070 | CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT | 9,283,958 | 9,283,958 | 9,305,458 | 21,500 | 9,305,458 |
| | FY26 INDOPACOM Campaigning | | | [21,500] | [21,500] | |
| 080 | FLYING HOUR PROGRAM | 6,772,468 | 6,772,468 | 7,675,468 | | 6,772,468 |
| | FY26 F–15 retirement prohibition | | | [400,000] | | |
| | FY26 F–22 retirement prohibition | | | [200,000] | | |
| | FY26 reversal of accelerated A–10 divestment plan | | | [303,000] | | |
| 090 | BASE SUPPORT | 11,328,614 | 11,338,614 | 11,328,614 | | 11,328,614 |
| | Program increase | | [10,000] | | | |
| 100 | GLOBAL C3I AND EARLY WARNING | 1,239,641 | 1,164,641 | 1,239,641 | | 1,239,641 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–75,000] | | | |
| 110 | OTHER COMBAT OPS SPT PROGRAMS | 1,896,441 | 1,861,441 | 1,896,441 | | 1,896,441 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–35,000] | | | |

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| 120 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES | 858,321 | 858,321 | 858,321 | | 858,321 |
| 140 | MEDICAL READINESS | 554,180 | 568,180 | 554,180 | | 554,180 |
| | Harmful Behaviors Software Implementation | | [5,000] | | | |
| | Virtual Reality Technology Pilot Program | | [9,000] | | | |
| 150 | US NORTHCOM/NORAD | 266,248 | 266,248 | 266,248 | | 266,248 |
| 160 | US STRATCOM | 593,503 | 593,503 | 593,503 | | 593,503 |
| 170 | US CENTCOM | 350,566 | 350,566 | 1,351,566 | | 350,566 |
| | CENTCOM: Office of Strategic Capital detailees | | | [1,000] | | |
| | CENTCOM: replenishment of munitions and readiness for Operations ROUGH RIDER and MIDNIGHT HAMMER | | | [1,000,000] | | |
| 180 | US SOCOM | 28,018 | 28,018 | 28,018 | | 28,018 |
| 190 | US TRANSCOM | 703 | 703 | 703 | | 703 |
| 200 | CENTCOM CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT | 928 | 928 | 1,928 | 1,000 | 1,928 |
| | Cooperation with the Kingdom of Jordan | | | [1,000] | [1,000] | |
| 210 | USSPACECOM | 369,658 | 369,658 | 369,658 | | 369,658 |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **47,439,821** | **47,198,821** | **46,583,990** | **315,800** | **47,755,621** |
| 210A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 1,805,672 | 1,805,672 | 1,805,672 | | 1,805,672 |
| | **SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | **1,805,672** | **1,805,672** | **1,805,672** | | **1,805,672** |
| | **MOBILIZATION** | | | | | |
| 220 | AIRLIFT OPERATIONS | 3,391,672 | 3,391,672 | 3,391,672 | | 3,391,672 |
| 230 | MOBILIZATION PREPAREDNESS | 279,205 | 279,205 | 279,205 | | 279,205 |
| | **SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION** | **3,670,877** | **3,670,877** | **3,670,877** | | **3,670,877** |
| | **TRAINING AND RECRUITING** | | | | | |
| 240 | OFFICER ACQUISITION | 250,380 | 250,380 | 250,380 | | 250,380 |
| 250 | RECRUIT TRAINING | 29,335 | 29,335 | 29,335 | | 29,335 |
| 260 | RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) | 131,342 | 131,342 | 131,342 | | 131,342 |
| 270 | SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING | 522,068 | 522,068 | 528,068 | | 522,068 |
| | Local cyber training supplementals | | | [6,000] | | |
| 280 | FLIGHT TRAINING | 1,065,465 | 1,065,465 | 1,065,465 | | 1,065,465 |
| 290 | PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION | 284,442 | 284,442 | 284,442 | | 284,442 |

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| 300 | TRAINING SUPPORT | 181,966 | 181,966 | 181,966 | | 181,966 |
| 310 | RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING | 256,687 | 256,687 | 256,687 | | 256,687 |
| 320 | EXAMINING | 6,990 | 6,990 | 6,990 | | 6,990 |
| 330 | OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION | 224,340 | 224,340 | 224,340 | | 224,340 |
| 340 | CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING | 360,260 | 360,260 | 360,260 | | 360,260 |
| 350 | JUNIOR ROTC | | | | 80,000 | |
| | Fully fund AF JROTC | | | [80,000] | [80,000] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING** | **3,313,275** | **3,313,275** | **3,319,275** | **80,000** | **3,313,275** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | |
| 360 | LOGISTICS OPERATIONS | 1,155,659 | 1,140,659 | 1,155,659 | | 1,155,659 |
| | Automated maintenance | | [20,000] | | | |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–35,000] | | | |
| 370 | TECHNICAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES | 158,965 | 158,965 | 158,965 | | 158,965 |
| 380 | ADMINISTRATION | 1,221,364 | 1,196,364 | 1,221,364 | | 1,221,364 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–25,000] | | | |
| 390 | SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS | 45,228 | 45,228 | 45,228 | | 45,228 |
| 410 | OTHER SERVICEWIDE ACTIVITIES | 1,712,600 | 1,720,600 | 1,712,600 | 5,000 | 1,717,600 |
| | Combat Ready Airman Program | | [8,000] | | [5,000] | |
| 420 | CIVIL AIR PATROL | 32,394 | 32,394 | 32,394 | | 32,394 |
| 430 | DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT | 48,741 | 48,741 | 48,741 | | 48,741 |
| 450 | INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT | 89,341 | 74,341 | 89,341 | | 89,341 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–15,000] | | | |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **4,464,292** | **4,417,292** | **4,464,292** | **5,000** | **4,469,292** |
| 450A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 1,735,598 | 1,735,598 | 1,735,598 | | 1,735,598 |
| | **SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | **1,735,598** | **1,735,598** | **1,735,598** | | **1,735,598** |

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| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 460 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –1,020,189 | –1,020,189 | –1,020,189 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–1,020,189] | [–1,020,189] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–1,020,189** | **–1,020,189** | **–1,020,189** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE** | **62,429,535** | **62,141,535** | **60,639,515** | **–619,389** | **61,810,146** |
| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | GLOBAL C3I & EARLY WARNING | 846,856 | 846,856 | 846,856 | | 846,856 |
| 020 | SPACE LAUNCH OPERATIONS | 397,822 | 397,822 | 397,822 | | 397,822 |
| 030 | SPACE OPERATIONS | 983,784 | 983,784 | 983,784 | | 983,784 |
| 040 | EDUCATION & TRAINING | 302,939 | 302,939 | 302,939 | | 302,939 |
| 060 | DEPOT MAINTENANCE | 67,126 | 67,126 | 67,126 | | 67,126 |
| 070 | FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 557,175 | 557,175 | | | 557,175 |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–557,175] | | |
| 080 | CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS AND SYSTEM SUPPORT | 1,495,242 | 1,495,242 | 1,495,242 | | 1,495,242 |
| 090 | SPACE OPERATIONS -BOS | 233,546 | 233,546 | 233,546 | | 233,546 |
| 100 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES | 141,512 | 141,512 | 141,512 | | 141,512 |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **5,026,002** | **5,026,002** | **4,468,827** | | **5,026,002** |
| 100A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 641,519 | 641,519 | 641,519 | | 641,519 |
| | **SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | **641,519** | **641,519** | **641,519** | | **641,519** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| 110 | LOGISTICS OPERATIONS | 35,889 | 35,889 | 35,889 | | 35,889 |
| 120 | ADMINISTRATION | 184,753 | 184,753 | 184,753 | | 184,753 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **220,642** | **220,642** | **220,642** | | **220,642** |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 140 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –218,077 | –218,077 | –218,077 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–218,077] | [–218,077] | |

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| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–218,077** | **–218,077** | **–218,077** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE** | **5,888,163** | **5,888,163** | **5,112,911** | **–218,077** | **5,670,086** |
| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES | 2,010,793 | 2,010,793 | 2,010,793 | | 2,010,793 |
| 020 | MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS | 214,701 | 214,701 | 214,701 | | 214,701 |
| 030 | DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | 702,575 | 702,575 | 702,575 | | 702,575 |
| 040 | FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 188,802 | 188,802 | | | 188,802 |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–188,802] | | |
| 050 | CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT | 493,324 | 493,324 | 493,324 | | 493,324 |
| 060 | BASE SUPPORT | 585,430 | 585,430 | 585,430 | | 585,430 |
| 070 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES | 2,484 | 2,484 | 2,484 | | 2,484 |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **4,198,109** | **4,198,109** | **4,009,307** | | **4,198,109** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| 080 | ADMINISTRATION | 98,418 | 98,418 | 98,418 | | 98,418 |
| 090 | RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING | 10,618 | 10,618 | 10,618 | | 10,618 |
| 100 | MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERS MGMT (ARPC) | 14,951 | 14,951 | 14,951 | | 14,951 |
| 120 | AUDIOVISUAL | 521 | 521 | 521 | | 521 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **124,508** | **124,508** | **124,508** | | **124,508** |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 130 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –224,891 | –224,891 | –224,891 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–224,891] | [–224,891] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–224,891** | **–224,891** | **–224,891** |

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| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE** | **4,322,617** | **4,322,617** | **3,908,924** | **–224,891** | **4,097,726** |
| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS | 2,501,226 | 2,501,226 | 2,501,226 | | 2,501,226 |
| 020 | MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS | 627,680 | 627,680 | 627,680 | | 627,680 |
| 030 | DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE | 1,024,171 | 1,009,171 | 1,024,171 | | 1,024,171 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–15,000] | | | |
| 040 | FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 549,496 | 554,496 | | 5,000 | 554,496 |
| | Program increase | | [5,000] | | [5,000] | |
| | Transferred to Division B | | | [–549,496] | | |
| 050 | CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT | 1,258,081 | 1,188,081 | 1,258,081 | | 1,258,081 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–65,000] | | | |
| | Program decrease | | [–5,000] | | | |
| 060 | BASE SUPPORT | 1,110,875 | 1,110,875 | 1,110,875 | | 1,110,875 |
| 070 | CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT | 16,134 | 16,134 | 16,134 | | 16,134 |
| 080 | CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES | 112,205 | 112,205 | 112,205 | | 112,205 |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **7,199,868** | **7,119,868** | **6,650,372** | **5,000** | **7,204,868** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| 090 | ADMINISTRATION | 82,280 | 82,280 | 82,280 | | 82,280 |
| 100 | RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING | 50,451 | 50,451 | 50,451 | | 50,451 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **132,731** | **132,731** | **132,731** | | **132,731** |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 110 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | | –5,861 | –5,861 | –5,861 |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–5,861] | [–5,861] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | **–5,861** | **–5,861** | **–5,861** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD** | **7,332,599** | **7,252,599** | **6,777,242** | **–861** | **7,331,738** |

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| | **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE** | | | | | |
| | **OPERATING FORCES** | | | | | |
| 010 | JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF | 414,097 | 414,097 | 414,097 | | 414,097 |
| 020 | JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—JTEEP | 1,026,502 | 1,026,502 | 1,082,462 | | 1,026,502 |
| | Program increase | | | [55,960] | | |
| 030 | JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—CYBER | 9,086 | 9,086 | 9,086 | | 9,086 |
| 040 | OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—MISO | 209,442 | 209,442 | 251,242 | | 209,442 |
| | AFRICOM: MISO | | | [14,000] | | |
| | INDOPACOM Information Operations (MISO) | | | [27,800] | | |
| 050 | SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND COMBAT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES | 2,136,165 | 2,136,165 | 2,136,165 | | 2,136,165 |
| 060 | SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MAINTENANCE | 1,273,409 | 1,273,409 | 1,273,409 | | 1,273,409 |
| 070 | SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MANAGEMENT/OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS | 181,122 | 181,122 | 181,122 | | 181,122 |
| 080 | SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND THEATER FORCES | 3,409,285 | 3,409,285 | 3,479,285 | 65,000 | 3,474,285 |
| | Blast Overpressure Analysis and Mitigation | | | [5,000] | | |
| | Prepositioned Material in Support of SOF | | | [65,000] | [65,000] | |
| 090 | SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES | 77,241 | 77,241 | 77,241 | | 77,241 |
| 100 | SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND INTELLIGENCE | 1,187,600 | 1,187,600 | 1,187,600 | | 1,187,600 |
| 110 | SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT | 1,579,137 | 1,579,137 | 1,579,137 | | 1,579,137 |
| 120 | CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS | 1,300,384 | 1,305,384 | 1,310,384 | 10,000 | 1,310,384 |
| | Internet Operations Management | | [5,000] | | | |
| | IOM capabilities | | | [10,000] | [10,000] | |
| 130 | USCYBERCOM HEADQUARTERS | 314,284 | 314,284 | 314,284 | | 314,284 |
| | **SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES** | **13,117,754** | **13,122,754** | **13,295,514** | **75,000** | **13,192,754** |
| | **TRAINING AND RECRUITING** | | | | | |
| 140 | DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY | 173,265 | 173,265 | 173,265 | | 173,265 |
| 150 | JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF | 124,869 | 124,869 | 124,869 | | 124,869 |

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| 160 | SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION | 28,697 | 28,697 | 28,697 | | 28,697 |
| | **SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING** | **326,831** | **326,831** | **326,831** | | **326,831** |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| | **CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | | | | | |
| 170 | CIVIL MILITARY PROGRAMS | 126,637 | 387,637 | 126,637 | 150,000 | 276,637 |
| | National Guard Youth Challenge | | [211,000] | | [100,000] | |
| | STARBASE | | [50,000] | | [50,000] | |
| 180 | DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY—CYBER | 3,844 | 3,844 | 3,844 | | 3,844 |
| 190 | DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY | 632,959 | 626,959 | 632,959 | –6,000 | 626,959 |
| | Program decrease | | [–6,000] | | [–6,000] | |
| 200 | DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY | 1,441,456 | 1,441,456 | 1,441,456 | | 1,441,456 |
| 210 | DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY—CYBER | 43,434 | 43,434 | 43,434 | | 43,434 |
| 220 | DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY | 1,168,366 | 1,168,366 | 1,168,366 | | 1,168,366 |
| 240 | DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY—CYBER | 11,120 | 11,120 | 11,120 | | 11,120 |
| 250 | DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY—CYBER | 46,621 | 46,621 | 46,621 | | 46,621 |
| 260 | DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY | 932,144 | 934,544 | 967,144 | 50,000 | 982,144 |
| | DLNSEO Restoration | | | [20,000] | [15,000] | |
| | Flagship Language Program for Chinese & Arabic | | | [15,000] | [15,000] | |
| | Preserving Access to Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) Training | | [2,400] | | | |
| | Program increase: Beyond Yellow Ribbon | | | | [20,000] | |
| 290 | DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY | 3,042,559 | 2,990,059 | 3,047,559 | –52,500 | 2,990,059 |
| | Defense Information System Network (DISN)—Service Delivery Nodes | | | [5,000] | | |
| | Program decrease | | [–52,500] | | [–52,500] | |
| 300 | DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY—CYBER | 559,426 | 559,426 | 559,426 | | 559,426 |
| 310 | DEFENSE LEGAL SERVICES AGENCY | 164,770 | 164,770 | 164,770 | | 164,770 |
| 320 | DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY | 401,513 | 401,513 | 401,513 | | 401,513 |
| 330 | DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY | 226,665 | 226,665 | 226,665 | | 226,665 |
| 340 | DEFENSE POW/MIA OFFICE | 171,339 | 171,339 | 190,339 | | 171,339 |
| | Reverse cuts to Defense POW/MIA office (DPAA) | | | [19,000] | | |
| 350 | DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY | 2,864,252 | 3,291,252 | 3,570,252 | 606,000 | 3,470,252 |
| | Additional International Security Cooperation Programs—EUCOM | | | | [200,000] | |

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| | including amount for Baltic Security Initiative | | | | [175,000] | |
| | Institute for Security Governance | | [27,000] | | | |
| | International Security Cooperation Programs | | [–195,000] | | | |
| | International Security Cooperation Programs – European Command | | [195,000] | | | |
| | Irregular Warfare Center of Excellence | | | [6,000] | [6,000] | |
| | ISCP—EUCOM | | | [200,000] | | |
| | Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative | | [400,000] | [500,000] | [400,000] | |
| 360 | DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY SECURITY ADMINISTRATION | 40,052 | 40,052 | 40,052 | | 40,052 |
| 370 | DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY | 708,214 | 703,214 | 708,214 | | 708,214 |
| | Historical underexecution | | [–5,000] | | | |
| 390 | DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY—CYBER | 71,925 | 71,925 | 71,925 | | 71,925 |
| 400 | DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY | 3,600,175 | 3,645,175 | 3,680,175 | 70,000 | 3,670,175 |
| | Impact Aid | | [35,000] | [50,000] | [50,000] | |
| | Impact Aid for children with severe disabilities | | | [30,000] | [20,000] | |
| | Impact Aid, Students with Disabilities | | [10,000] | | | |
| 410 | MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY | 720,365 | 720,365 | 720,365 | | 720,365 |
| 420 | OFFICE OF THE LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY COOPERATION | 159,534 | 199,534 | 159,534 | 30,000 | 189,534 |
| | Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) | | | | [30,000] | |
| | Program increase | | [40,000] | | | |
| 460 | OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—CYBER | 98,034 | 104,034 | 134,934 | | 98,034 |
| | Cyber Collaboration Center | | [6,000] | | | |
| | Cyber Service Academy Scholarship Program | | | [22,900] | | |
| | Cybersecurity of the DIB | | | [6,000] | | |
| | Small business cybersecurity certification increase | | | [8,000] | | |
| 470 | OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE | 2,093,717 | 2,113,717 | 2,238,117 | 61,900 | 2,155,617 |
| | 2026 NDS Commission funding | | | [5,000] | [5,000] | |
| | Afghanistan War Commission | | | [11,400] | [11,400] | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Anomalous Health Incidents Cross-Functional Team | | | [13,000] | [5,000] | |
| | Bien Hoa dioxin remediation | | | [30,000] | [15,000] | |
| | Defense Community Infrastructure Program | | | [50,000] | | |
| | Defense Operational Resilience International Cooperation | | | [15,000] | | |
| | Program decrease | | [–5,000] | | | |
| | Program increase: USTTI defense training | | | | [500] | |
| | Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) | | [25,000] | [20,000] | [25,000] | |
| 530 | WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICES | 411,182 | 340,611 | 411,182 | –70,571 | 340,611 |
| | Program decrease | | [–70,571] | | [–70,571] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES** | **19,740,303** | **20,407,632** | **20,766,603** | **838,829** | **20,579,132** |
| 530A | CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 22,750,830 | 22,756,830 | 22,750,830 | | 22,750,830 |
| | Classified program | | [6,000] | | | |
| | **SUBTOTAL CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS** | **22,750,830** | **22,756,830** | **22,750,830** | | **22,750,830** |
| | **UNDISTRIBUTED** | | | | | |
| 540 | UNDISTRIBUTED | | –1,034,885 | –900,000 | –2,670,000 | –2,670,000 |
| | Favorable fuel rates | | [–1,034,885] | | [–1,000,000] | |
| | Foreign currency fluctuations | | | | [–770,000] | |
| | Unobligated balances | | | [–900,000] | [–900,000] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED** | | **–1,034,885** | **–900,000** | **–2,670,000** | **–2,670,000** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE** | **55,935,718** | **55,579,162** | **56,239,778** | **–1,756,171** | **54,179,547** |
| | **UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES** | | | | | |
| | **ADMINISTRATION AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES** | | | | | |
| 010 | US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES, DEFENSE | 21,243 | 21,243 | 21,243 | | 21,243 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES** | **21,243** | **21,243** | **21,243** | | **21,243** |
| | **TOTAL UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES** | **21,243** | **21,243** | **21,243** | | **21,243** |
| | **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND** | | | | | |
| | **ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | |

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| 010 | ACQ WORKFORCE DEV FD | 45,346 | 45,346 | 45,346 | | 45,346 |
| | **SUBTOTAL ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** | **45,346** | **45,346** | **45,346** | | **45,346** |
| | **TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND** | **45,346** | **45,346** | **45,346** | | **45,346** |
| | **OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID** | | | | | |
| | **HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE** | | | | | |
| 010 | OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER AND CIVIC AID | 100,793 | 115,317 | 100,793 | 2,653 | 103,446 |
| | Program increase | | [14,524] | | [2,653] | |
| | **SUBTOTAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE** | **100,793** | **115,317** | **100,793** | **2,653** | **103,446** |
| | **TOTAL OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID** | **100,793** | **115,317** | **100,793** | **2,653** | **103,446** |
| | **COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT** | | | | | |
| | **FSU THREAT REDUCTION** | | | | | |
| 010 | COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION | 282,830 | 282,830 | 282,830 | | 282,830 |
| | **SUBTOTAL FSU THREAT REDUCTION** | **282,830** | **282,830** | **282,830** | | **282,830** |
| | **TOTAL COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT** | **282,830** | **282,830** | **282,830** | | **282,830** |
| | **ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY** | | | | | |
| | **DEPARTMENT OF THE army** | | | | | |
| 050 | ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY | 148,070 | 148,070 | 148,070 | | 148,070 |
| | **SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY** | **148,070** | **148,070** | **148,070** | | **148,070** |
| | **TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY** | **148,070** | **148,070** | **148,070** | | **148,070** |

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| | **ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY** | | | | | |
| | **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY** | | | | | |
| 060 | ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY | 357,949 | 357,949 | 357,949 | | 357,949 |
| | **SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY** | **357,949** | **357,949** | **357,949** | | **357,949** |
| | **TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY** | **357,949** | **357,949** | **357,949** | | **357,949** |
| | **ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE** | | | | | |
| | **DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE** | | | | | |
| 070 | ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE | 342,149 | 342,149 | 342,149 | | 342,149 |
| | **SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE** | **342,149** | **342,149** | **342,149** | | **342,149** |
| | **TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE** | **342,149** | **342,149** | **342,149** | | **342,149** |
| | **ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE** | | | | | |
| | **DEFENSE-WIDE** | | | | | |
| 080 | ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE | 8,885 | 8,885 | 8,885 | | 8,885 |
| | **SUBTOTAL DEFENSE-WIDE** | **8,885** | **8,885** | **8,885** | | **8,885** |
| | **TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE** | **8,885** | **8,885** | **8,885** | | **8,885** |
| | **ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES** | | | | | |
| | **DEFENSE-WIDE** | | | | | |
| 090 | ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FORMERLY USED SITES | 235,156 | 235,156 | 235,156 | | 235,156 |
| | **SUBTOTAL DEFENSE-WIDE** | **235,156** | **235,156** | **235,156** | | **235,156** |
| | **TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES** | **235,156** | **235,156** | **235,156** | | **235,156** |
| | **TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE** | **295,660,213** | **294,956,681** | **277,743,889** | **–4,115,968** | **291,544,245** |

# TITLE XLIV—MILITARY PERSONNEL

## SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL.

SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL
(In Thousands of Dollars)

| Item | FY 2026 Request | House Authorized | Senate Authorized | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Military Personnel Appropriations | 181,803,137 | –750,000 | –740,000 | –1,498,610 | 180,304,527 |
| Historical unobligated balances | | [–750,000] | | [–1,498,610] | |
| Unobligated balances | | | [–740,000] | | |
| Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund Contributions | 12,850,165 | | | | 12,850,165 |
| **TOTAL, Military Personnel** | **194,653,302** | **–750,000** | **–740,000** | **–1,498,610** | **193,154,692** |

## SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS.

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS
(In Thousands of Dollars)

| Program Title | FY 2026 Request | House Authorized | Senate Authorized | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY** | | | | | |
| INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS | 20,589 | 20,589 | 520,589 | | 20,589 |
| Spares and readiness | | | [500,000] | | |
| **TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY** | **20,589** | **20,589** | **520,589** | | **20,589** |
| **WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY** | | | | | |
| NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTERS | 381,600 | 381,600 | 381,600 | | 381,600 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, NAVY** | **381,600** | **381,600** | **381,600** | | **381,600** |
| **WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE** | | | | | |
| **TRANSPORTATION** | | | | | |
| SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS | 90,262 | 90,262 | 90,262 | | 90,262 |
| **TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE** | **90,262** | **90,262** | **90,262** | | **90,262** |
| **NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND** | | | | | |
| DEFENSE STOCKPILE | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,700 | | 5,700 |
| **TOTAL NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND** | **5,700** | **5,700** | **5,700** | | **5,700** |
| **WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE** | | | | | |
| **DEFENSE AUTOMATION & PRODUCTION SERVICES** | | | | | |
| ENERGY MANAGEMENT—DEF | 1,272 | 1,272 | 1,272 | | 1,272 |
| SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT—DEFENSE | 10,697 | 10,697 | 10,697 | | 10,697 |
| UNDISTRIBUTED | | | | –400,000 | –400,000 |
| Reduction of WCF cash balances | | | | [–400,000] | |
| **TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE** | **11,969** | **11,969** | **11,969** | **–400,000** | **–388,031** |
| **WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY** | | | | | |
| WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DECA | 1,527,817 | 1,527,817 | 1,527,817 | | 1,527,817 |
| **TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY** | **1,527,817** | **1,527,817** | **1,527,817** | | **1,527,817** |
| **CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION, DEFENSE** | | | | | |
| CHEM DEMILITARIZATION—O&M | 3,243 | 3,243 | 3,243 | | 3,243 |
| CHEM DEMILITARIZATION—RDT&E | 210,039 | 210,039 | 210,039 | | 210,039 |
| **TOTAL CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION, DEFENSE** | **213,282** | **213,282** | **213,282** | | **213,282** |
| **DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEFENSE** | | | | | |
| COUNTER-NARCOTICS SUPPORT | 398,424 | 398,424 | 398,424 | | 398,424 |
| CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS | 254,460 | 254,460 | 254,460 | | 254,460 |
| DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM | 134,938 | 134,938 | 134,938 | | 134,938 |

**SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**
**(In Thousands of Dollars)**

| Program Title | FY 2026 Request | House Authorized | Senate Authorized | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PROGRAM | 110,125 | 110,125 | 295,125 | 100,000 | 210,125 |
| National Guard Counter-Drug Program | | | [185,000] | [100,000] | |
| NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS | 6,354 | 6,354 | 6,354 | | 6,354 |
| **TOTAL DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEFENSE** | **904,301** | **904,301** | **1,089,301** | **100,000** | **1,004,301** |
| **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** | | | | | |
| OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE | 494,865 | 514,036 | 514,036 | 15,000 | 509,865 |
| Office of the Inspector General | | | [19,171] | | |
| Staffing and operations | | [19,171] | | [15,000] | |
| OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE—CYBER | 2,030 | 2,030 | 2,030 | | 2,030 |
| RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION | 4,625 | 4,625 | 4,625 | | 4,625 |
| PROCUREMENT | 1,079 | 1,079 | 1,079 | | 1,079 |
| **TOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** | **502,599** | **521,770** | **521,770** | **15,000** | **517,599** |
| **DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM** | | | | | |
| IN-HOUSE CARE | 10,731,135 | 11,101,135 | 11,021,135 | 20,000 | 10,751,135 |
| 10 USC 1097e | | | | [20,000] | |
| Dental readiness for Reserve Components | | [120,000] | | | |
| Directed health assessments for servicemembers | | [250,000] | | | |
| Fully fund military medical treatment facilities | | | [290,000] | | |
| PRIVATE SECTOR CARE | 21,023,765 | 21,023,765 | 21,023,765 | | 21,023,765 |
| CONSOLIDATED HEALTH SUPPORT | 2,116,278 | 2,116,278 | 2,116,278 | | 2,116,278 |
| INFORMATION MANAGEMENT | 2,271,798 | 2,271,798 | 2,321,798 | | 2,271,798 |
| Fully fund Defense Health Agency information management systems | | | [50,000] | | |
| MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES | 303,898 | 323,898 | 303,898 | | 303,898 |
| Medical Surge Capability | | [20,000] | | | |
| EDUCATION AND TRAINING | 371,426 | 381,426 | 371,426 | | 371,426 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Advanced Vital Intervention Airborne Training for Emergencies | | [10,000] | | | |
| BASE OPERATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS | 2,356,290 | 2,356,290 | 2,356,290 | | 2,356,290 |
| R&D RESEARCH | 41,660 | 41,660 | 41,660 | | 41,660 |
| R&D EXPLORATRY DEVELOPMENT | 183,398 | 281,398 | 183,398 | 9,000 | 192,398 |
| AI Ready Biological Data at Joint Pathology Center | | [20,000] | | | |
| CDMRP for muiltcenter PTSD treatment study | | [2,000] | | | |
| Domestic Medical Countermeasure Manufacturing for the Warfighter | | [10,000] | | | |
| Establishment of Endometrial Cancer Line Item in DoD CDMRP | | [10,000] | | | |
| Establishment of Joint Neuroscience Research Demonstration Program | | [10,000] | | | |
| Freeze-Dried Platelet Hemostatics | | [10,000] | | [5,000] | |
| Ionizing Radiation Therapy | | [7,000] | | | |
| Large-scale deployment of neurotechnology systems | | [5,000] | | | |
| Military Aviator Cancer Causal Factors Research | | [20,000] | | | |
| Musculoskeletal Regenerative Medicine | | [4,000] | | [4,000] | |
| R&D ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT | 333,072 | 333,072 | 333,072 | | 333,072 |
| R&D DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION | 178,983 | 178,983 | 178,983 | | 178,983 |
| R&D ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT | 117,190 | 117,190 | 117,190 | | 117,190 |
| R&D MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT | 99,338 | 99,338 | 99,338 | | 99,338 |
| R&D CAPABILITIES ENHANCEMENT | 19,071 | 19,071 | 19,071 | | 19,071 |
| PROC INITIAL OUTFITTING | 24,597 | 24,597 | 24,597 | | 24,597 |
| PROC REPLACEMENT & MODERNIZATION | 222,445 | 222,445 | 222,445 | | 222,445 |
| PROC JOINT OPERATIONAL MEDICINE INFORMATION SYSTEM | 30,732 | 30,732 | 30,732 | | 30,732 |
| PROC MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM—DESKTOP TO DATACENTER | 77,047 | 77,047 | 77,047 | | 77,047 |
| **TOTAL DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM** | **40,502,123** | **41,000,123** | **40,842,123** | **29,000** | **40,531,123** |
| **TOTAL OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS** | **44,160,242** | **44,677,413** | **45,204,413** | **–256,000** | **43,904,242** |



# TITLE XLVI—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

## SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.

**SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
**(In Thousands of Dollars)**

| Account | State/ Country | Installation | Project Title | FY 2026 Request | House Authorized | Senate Authorized | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION** | | | | | | | | |
| **ARMY** | | | | | | | | |
| Army | Alabama | Anniston Army Depot | ACCESS CONTROL POINT | 0 | 115,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Army | Alabama | Redstone Arsenal | COST TO COMPLETE—PROPULSION SYSTEMS BUILDING | 55,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55,000 |
| Army | Alaska | Fort Wainwright | BARRACKS | 208,000 | –128,000 | –145,000 | –128,000 | 80,000 |
| Army | Alaska | Fort Wainwright | DINING FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Army | Arizona | Fort Huachuca | FLIGHT CONTROL TOWER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Army | Arizona | Yuma Proving Ground | POLE LINE ROAD (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 990 | 0 | 0 |
| Army | Florida | Eglin Air Force Base | BARRACKS | 91,000 | 0 | –41,000 | –41,000 | 50,000 |
| Army | Florida | Naval Air Station Key West | JOINT INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE-SOUTH COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITY (INC) | 50,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50,000 |
| Army | Georgia | Fort Benning | CAMP MERRILL BARRACKS (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 3,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Army | Georgia | Fort Gillem | EVIDENCE STORAGE BUILDING | 166,000 | –100,000 | –121,000 | –121,000 | 45,000 |
| Army | Georgia | Fort Gordon | CYBER FACULTY OPERATIONS AND AUDITORIUM FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 6,100 | 0 | 0 |
| Army | Germany | Smith Barracks | KNOWN DISTANCE RANGE | 9,800 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9,800 |
| Army | Germany | Smith Barracks | LIVE FIRE EXERCISE SHOOTHOUSE | 13,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,200 |
| Army | Germany | Smith Barracks | VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP | 39,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39,000 |
| Army | Germany | U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach | VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP | 92,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92,000 |
| Army | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | PDI: GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM, EIAMD, PHASE 2 (INC) | 33,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33,000 |
| Army | Hawaii | Pohakuloa Training Area | AIRFIELD OPERATIONS BUILDING | 0 | 0 | 20,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Army | Hawaii | Schofield Barracks | MCA WILDLAND FIRE STATION (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| Army | Illinois | Rock Island Arsenal | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 0 | 0 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Army | Illinois | Rock Island Arsenal | FORGING EQUIPMENT ANNEX (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Army | Indiana | Crane Army Ammunition Plant | PYROTECHNIC PRODUCTION FACILITY | 161,000 | –71,000 | –89,000 | –89,000 | 72,000 |
| Army | Kansas | Fort Riley | AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER | 0 | 0 | 26,000 | 26,000 | 26,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Army | Kansas | Fort Riley | AUTOMATED INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE | 13,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,200 |
| Army | Kansas | Fort Riley | BARRACKS (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 16,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Army | Kentucky | Fort Campbell | AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER | 0 | 0 | 45,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Army | Kentucky | Fort Campbell | BARRACKS | 112,000 | –52,000 | –72,000 | –72,000 | 40,000 |
| Army | Kentucky | Fort Campbell | FLIGHT CONTROL TOWER | 0 | 0 | 55,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 |
| Army | Maryland | Aberdeen Proving Ground | APPLIED SCIENCE CENTER, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 8,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Army | New York | Fort Drum | AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 9,824 | 9,500 | 9,500 |
| Army | New York | Fort Drum | ORTC TRANSIENT TRAINING BARRACKS (DEISGN) | 0 | 0 | 8,655 | 8,300 | 8,300 |
| Army | New York | Fort Drum | RANGE 41C, AUTOMATED RECORD FIRE PLUS RANGE (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Army | New York | Fort Hamilton | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 31,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31,000 |
| Army | New York | Watervliet Arsenal | ELECTRICAL SWITCHING STATION | 29,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29,000 |
| Army | North Carolina | Fort Bragg | AUTOMATED INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE | 19,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19,000 |
| Army | North Carolina | Fort Bragg | COST TO COMPLETE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR | 24,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24,000 |
| Army | Oklahoma | Fort Sill | AUTOMATED-AIDED INSTRUCTION BUILDING (DESIGN) | 0 | 9,300 | 0 | 9,300 | 9,300 |
| Army | Oklahoma | McAlester Army Ammunition Plant | COST TO COMPLETE—AMMUNITION DEMOLITION SHOP | 55,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55,000 |
| Army | Pennsylvania | Letterkenny Army Depot | DEFENSE ACCESS ROADS | 7,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,500 |
| Army | Pennsylvania | Letterkenny Army Depot | GUIDED MISSILE MAINTENANCE BUILDING | 84,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84,000 |
| Army | Pennsylvania | Tobyhanna Army Depot | RADAR TEST RANGE EXPANSION | 68,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68,000 |
| Army | Republic of the Marshall Islands | U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein | AIRFIELD APRON & TAXIWAY REPAIR | 0 | 0 | 161,000 | 43,000 | 43,000 |
| Army | Republic of the Marshall Islands | U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein | COST TO COMPLETE—FAMILY HOUSING REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,000 | 14,000 |
| Army | South Carolina | Fort Jackson | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 51,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51,000 |
| Army | Texas | Corpus Christi Army Depot | COST TO COMPLETE—POWERTRAIN FACILITY (ENGINE ASSEMBLY) | 60,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60,000 |
| Army | Texas | Red River Army Depot | COST TO COMPLETE—COMPONENT REBUILD SHOP | 93,000 | 0 | –45,000 | –45,000 | 48,000 |
| Army | Washington | Joint Base Lewis-McChord | AIRFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE STATION | 0 | 68,000 | 0 | 79,000 | 79,000 |
| Army | Washington | Joint Base Lewis-McChord | COMMAND & CONTROL FACILITY | 128,000 | –58,000 | –73,000 | –73,000 | 55,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | BARRACKS (DESIGN) | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 287,557 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 287,557 |
| Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION ($6,159,744 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M) | 0 | 0 | 6,459,744 | 0 | 0 |
| Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | HOST NATION SUPPORT | 46,031 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46,031 |
| Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | PDI: INDOPACOM MINOR CONSTRUCTION PILOT | 68,453 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68,453 |
| Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION | 79,218 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79,218 |
| Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (DEMOLITION) | 0 | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (LABS) | 0 | 40,000 | 0 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| **Subtotal Military Construction, Army** | | | | **2,173,959** | **–116,700** | **6,303,713** | **–101,300** | **2,072,659** |
| **NAVY & MARINE CORPS** | | | | | | | | |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Arizona | Marine Corps Air Station Yuma | UDP TRANSIENT BARRACKS (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 6,700 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Arizona | Marine Corps Air Station Yuma | WATER TREATMENT PLANT (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 26,100 | 26,100 | 26,100 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Australia | Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin | PDI: AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON (INC) | 190,630 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 190,630 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Bahrain | Naval Support Activity Bahrain | COST TO COMPLETE—FLEET MAINTENANCE FACILITY & TOC | 42,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton | COMMUNICATION CENTER (AREA 52) | 18,480 | 0 | 0 | 5,020 | 23,500 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton | FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATION | 0 | 0 | 43,800 | 43,800 | 43,800 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton | MESS HALL & ARMORY (AREA 43) | 108,740 | 0 | –86,000 | –86,000 | 22,740 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Naval Air Station Lemoore | F–35 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (DESIGN) | 0 | 33,490 | 0 | 33,490 | 33,490 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Naval Air Station Lemoore | STRIKE FIGHTER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE PACIFIC (INC) | 55,542 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55,542 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 8,900 | 0 | 8,900 | 8,900 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Naval Base Coronado | FORD CLASS CVN INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, PIER LIMA | 103,000 | 0 | –79,000 | –79,000 | 24,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Naval Base Coronado | UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING | 0 | 0 | 199,000 | 45,431 | 45,431 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Naval Base Point Loma | RECONFIGURABLE CYBER LABORATORY | 0 | 0 | 68,000 | 68,000 | 68,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Naval Base San Diego | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 86,820 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86,820 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu | COMMUNITY & AIRFIELD AREA FLOOD PROTECTION | 0 | 0 | 104,000 | 38,443 | 38,443 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Naval Base Ventura County Point Mugu | COST TO COMPLETE—MQ–25 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR | 71,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71,200 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | California | Naval Support Activity Monterey | NAVAL INNOVATION CENTER (INC) | 30,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Connecticut | Naval Submarine Base New London | SUBMARINE PIER 8 REPLACEMENT | 0 | 0 | 225,000 | 44,242 | 44,242 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Connecticut | Naval Submarine Base New London | WEAPONS MAGAZINE & ORDNANCE OPERATIONS FACILITY | 30,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | District Of Columbia | Marine Barracks Washington (8th Street & I) | BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS & SUPPORT FACILITY (INC) | 65,900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65,900 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | District of Columbia | Naval Research Laboratory | BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCE & SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY LABORATORY | 0 | 0 | 157,000 | 157,000 | 157,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Djibouti | Camp Lemmonier | ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT (INC) | 51,600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51,600 |

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| Account | State/ Country | Installation | Project Title | FY 2026 Request | House Authorized | Senate Authorized | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Navy & Marine Corps | Florida | Cape Canaveral Space Force Station | COST TO COMPLETE—ENGINEERING TEST FACILITY | 15,600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15,600 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Florida | Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island | COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND INFRASTRUCTURE | 0 | 45,425 | 0 | 45,425 | 45,425 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Florida | Naval Air Station Jacksonville | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 4,575 | 0 | 4,575 | 4,575 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Florida | Naval Air Station Jacksonville | F–35 AIRCRAFT ENGINE REPAIR FACILITY | 0 | 78,117 | 0 | 78,117 | 78,117 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Florida | Naval Air Station Jacksonville | MULTI AIRCRAFT PAINT & STRIP (DESIGN) | 0 | 26,515 | 0 | 26,515 | 26,515 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Florida | Naval Air Station Pensacola | CONSOLIDATED "A" SCHOOL DORMITORY | 0 | 0 | 164,000 | 45,502 | 45,502 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Florida | Naval Air Station Whiting Field | ADVANCED HELICOPTER TRAINING SYSTEM HANGAR (INC) | 98,505 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98,505 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Florida | Naval Air Station Whiting Field | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Georgia | Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay | TRIDENT REFIT FACILITY EXPANSION—COLUMBIA (INC) | 119,030 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 119,030 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Andersen Air Force Base | PDI: JOINT CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER (INC) | 181,124 | 0 | –60,000 | –60,000 | 121,124 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Andersen Air Force Base | PDI: WATER WELLS | 70,070 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70,070 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | BLK V VA CLASS OPERATIONAL STORAGE FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 103,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | NEX COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSE | 0 | 0 | 62,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | PDI: COST TO COMPLETE—X-RAY WHARF BERTH | 31,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | PDI: DEFENSE ACCESS ROADS | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 50,000 |

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| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | PDI: JOINT COMMUNICATION UPGRADE (INC) | 158,600 | 0 | –75,000 | –75,000 | 83,600 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | PDI: MISSILE INTEGRATION TEST FACILITY (INC) | 87,270 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87,270 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | POLARIS POINT ECP UPGRADE | 0 | 0 | 35,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | POLARIS POINT SUBMARINE PIER | 0 | 0 | 587,020 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | SATELLITE FIRE STATION | 0 | 0 | 23,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | SUBMARINE MAINTENANCE FACILITY PHASES 1–3 | 0 | 0 | 537,100 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE & ACCESS ROAD | 0 | 0 | 32,000 | 32,000 | 32,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Naval Base Guam | PDI: INNER APRA HARBOR RESILIENCY | 105,950 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 105,950 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz | PDI: ARTILLERY BATTERY FACILITIES (INC) | 64,774 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64,774 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz | PDI: RECYCLE CENTER | 61,010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61,010 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Hawaii | Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam | DDG–1000 SHIP SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES | 83,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Hawaii | Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam | DRY DOCK 3 REPLACEMENT (INC) | 553,720 | 0 | –61,000 | –61,000 | 492,720 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Hawaii | Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam | WATER TREATMENT PLANT (INC) | 141,650 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 141,650 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Hawaii | Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay | ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION MODERNIZATION | 0 | 0 | 94,250 | 15,690 | 15,690 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Hawaii | Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay | MAIN GATE ENTRY REPLACEMENT | 0 | 0 | 49,260 | 49,260 | 49,260 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Hawaii | Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay | WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY COMPLIANCE UPGRADE (INC) | 108,350 | 0 | –71,000 | –71,000 | 37,350 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Hawaii | Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands | PDI: AIRFIELD PAVEMENT UPGRADES | 235,730 | –135,730 | –170,000 | –170,000 | 65,730 |

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| Navy & Marine Corps | Japan | Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler | PDI: SCHOOL AGE CARE CENTERS | 58,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Maine | Portsmouth Naval Shipyard | MULTI-MISSION DRYDOCK #1 EXTENSION (INC) | 220,793 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 220,793 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Maine | Portsmouth Naval Shipyard | POWER RELIABILITY & WATER RESILIENCE UPGRADES (INC) | 227,769 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 227,769 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Maryland | Naval Support Activity Washington Suitland | FOREIGN MATERIALS EXPLOITATION LAB | 114,000 | –14,000 | –41,000 | –41,000 | 73,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Maryland | Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head | CONTAINED BURN FACILITY (INC) | 0 | 0 | 65,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Maryland | US Naval Academy Annapolis | STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES | 0 | 0 | 86,000 | 86,000 | 86,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Nevada | Naval Air Station Fallon | RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS | 47,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | North Carolina | Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point | F–35 AIRCRAFT SUSTAINMENT CTR (INC) | 200,000 | 0 | –160,000 | –160,000 | 40,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | North Carolina | Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point | FLIGHTLINE UTILITIES MODERNIZATION, PHASE 2 (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | North Carolina | Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune | AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE SHELTERS | 0 | 0 | 48,280 | 48,280 | 48,280 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Pennsylvania | Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg | MACHINERY CONTROL DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 0 | 0 | 88,000 | 94,140 | 94,140 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Rhode Island | Naval Station Newport | CONSOLIDATED RDT&E SYSTEMS FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Rhode Island | Naval Station Newport | NEXT GENERATION SECURE SUBMARINE PLATFORM FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 73,000 | 73,000 | 73,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Rhode Island | Naval Station Newport | NEXT GENERATION TORPEDO INTEGRATION LAB | 0 | 0 | 37,000 | 37,000 | 37,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Rhode Island | Naval Station Newport | SUBMARINE PAYLOAD INTEGRATION LABORATORY | 0 | 0 | 40,000 | 40,000 | 40,000 |

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| Navy & Marine Corps | South Carolina | Joint Base Charleston | NUCLEAR POWER TRAINING FACILITY SIMULATION EXPANSION (INC) | 65,400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65,400 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story | COST TO COMPLETE—CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 12,360 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,360 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story | EOD EXPEDITIONARY MINE COUNTERMEASURES FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 12,000 | 0 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Marine Corps Base Quantico | WATER TREATMENT PLANT | 63,560 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63,560 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Naval Station Norfolk | COST TO COMPLETE—CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 11,700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,700 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Naval Station Norfolk | ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES (INC) | 93,307 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93,307 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Naval Station Norfolk | MQ–25 AIRCRAFT LAYDOWN FACILITIES | 20,430 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20,430 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Naval Station Norfolk | POWER UPGRADES—PIER 14 (DESIGN) | 0 | 15,000 | 0 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Naval Station Norfolk | PPV UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING INVESTMENT | 380,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 380,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Naval Weapons Station Yorktown | SHORE POWER FOR VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINES (DESIGN) | 0 | 2,200 | 0 | 2,200 | 2,200 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Naval Weapons Station Yorktown | WEAPONS MAGAZINES (INC) | 71,758 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71,758 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Virginia | Norfolk Naval Shipyard | DRY DOCK 3 MODERNIZATION (INC) | 188,576 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 188,576 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Washington | Naval Air Station Whidbey Island | EA–18G GROWLER MAINTENANCE FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Washington | Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor | TRIDENT REFIT FACILITY WAREHOUSE | 245,700 | –145,700 | –150,000 | –150,000 | 95,700 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Washington | Puget Sound Naval Shipyard | COST TO COMPLETE—CVN 78 AIRCRAFT CARRIER ELECTRICAL UPGRADES | 48,800 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48,800 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | BARRACKS (DESIGN) | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | BARRACKS (DESIGN) | 0 | 91,208 | 0 | 69,208 | 69,208 |

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| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DATA PROCESSING FACILITY | 57,190 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57,190 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 562,423 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 562,423 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (MARINE CORPS) ($2,079,890 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M) | 0 | 0 | 2,179,890 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (NAVY) ($3,991,438 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M) | 0 | 0 | 4,191,438 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM | 162,855 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 162,855 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | JOINT MARITIME FACILITY | 72,430 | 0 | 0 | 10,450 | 82,880 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | SIOP (DESIGN) | 0 | 150,000 | 0 | 110,000 | 110,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION | 119,331 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 119,331 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (DEMOLITION) | 0 | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (LABS) | 0 | 40,000 | 0 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| **Subtotal Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps** | | | | **6,012,677** | **322,000** | **8,504,838** | **759,788** | **6,772,465** |
| **AIR FORCE** | | | | | | | | |
| Air Force | Alaska | Eielson Air Force Base | COAL THAW SHED ADDITION (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 1,750 | 1,750 | 1,750 |
| Air Force | Alaska | Eielson Air Force Base | CONSOLIDATED MUNITIONS COMPLEX (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 13,200 | 13,200 | 13,200 |
| Air Force | Alaska | Eielson Air Force Base | JOINT PACIFIC ALASKA RANGE COMPLEX OPERATIONS FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 8,040 | 0 | 0 |

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| Air Force | Alaska | Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson | JOINT INTEGRATED TEST & TRAINING CENTER (INC) | 152,000 | 0 | –70,000 | –70,000 | 82,000 |
| Air Force | Arizona | Davis-Monthan Air Force Base | COMMUNICATIONS HEADQUARTERS FACILITY | 49,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49,000 |
| Air Force | Arizona | Davis-Monthan Air Force Base | MC–130J HANGAR/AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT | 125,000 | –25,000 | –75,000 | –75,000 | 50,000 |
| Air Force | Arizona | Luke Air Force Base | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 0 | 0 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 |
| Air Force | California | Travis Air Force Base | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 60,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60,000 |
| Air Force | Diego Garcia | Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia | OPERATIONS SUPPORT FACILITY | 29,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29,000 |
| Air Force | Florida | Cape Canaveral Space Force Station | INSTALL WASTE WATER "FORCE" MAIN, ICBM ROAD | 11,400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,400 |
| Air Force | Florida | Cape Canaveral Space Force Station | INSTALL WATER MAIN, ICBM ROAD | 10,400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,400 |
| Air Force | Florida | Cape Canaveral Space Force Station | PHILLIPS PARKWAY HAUL ROUTE | 28,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28,000 |
| Air Force | Florida | Eglin Air Force Base | 350TH SPECTRUM WARFARE WING (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 |
| Air Force | Florida | Eglin Air Force Base | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER WITH LAND ACQUISITION | 41,000 | 0 | 0 | 16,000 | 57,000 |
| Air Force | Florida | Eglin Air Force Base | F–35A ADAL SQUADRON OPERATIONS | 23,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23,000 |
| Air Force | Florida | Eglin Air Force Base | F–35A DEVELOPMENTAL TEST 2–BAY MX HANGAR | 52,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52,000 |
| Air Force | Florida | Eglin Air Force Base | F–35A DEVELOPMENTAL TEST 2–BAY TEST HANGAR | 50,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50,000 |
| Air Force | Florida | Hurlburt Field | 361 ISRG MISSION OPERATIONS FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 66,000 | 66,000 | 66,000 |
| Air Force | Florida | MacDill Air Force Base | KC–46A ADAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR 2 | 30,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30,000 |
| Air Force | Florida | MacDill Air Force Base | KC–46A ADAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR 3 | 33,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33,000 |
| Air Force | Florida | MacDill Air Force Base | KC–46A GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE | 11,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,000 |
| Air Force | Florida | Tyndall Air Force Base | FIRE/CRASH RESCUE STATION | 0 | 0 | 48,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | Georgia | Moody Air Force Base | 23RD SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON OPS FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| Air Force | Georgia | Moody Air Force Base | MILITARY WORKING DOG KENNEL | 0 | 0 | 14,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | Georgia | Robins Air Force Base | AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER | 28,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28,000 |
| Air Force | Germany | Ramstein Air Base | 35 POINT INDOOR FIRING RANGE | 44,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44,000 |
| Air Force | Germany | Ramstein Air Base | AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION COMPOUND | 29,000 | 0 | –29,000 | –29,000 | 0 |
| Air Force | Greenland | Pituffik Space Base | RUNWAY APPROACH LANDING SYSTEM | 32,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32,000 |
| Air Force | Hawaii | Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam | COMBINED OPERATIONS CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 |

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| Air Force | Japan | Kadena Air Base | PDI: THEATER A/C CORROSION CONTROL CENTER (INC) | 66,350 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66,350 |
| Air Force | Louisiana | Barksdale Air Force Base | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 |
| Air Force | Louisiana | Barksdale Air Force Base | WEAPONS GENERATION FACILITIES DORMITORY | 116,000 | 0 | –98,000 | –98,000 | 18,000 |
| Air Force | Maryland | Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling | LARGE VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION | 0 | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | Massachusetts | Hanscom Air Force Base | FIRE STATION | 55,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55,000 |
| Air Force | Mississippi | Columbus Air Force Base | WATER TANK STORAGE | 0 | 0 | 14,200 | 14,200 | 14,200 |
| Air Force | Missouri | Whiteman Air Force Base | B–21 ADAL WEAPONS RELEASE SYSTEM STORAGE | 13,600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,600 |
| Air Force | Missouri | Whiteman Air Force Base | B–21 RADIO FREQUENCY HANGAR | 114,000 | –14,000 | –94,000 | –94,000 | 20,000 |
| Air Force | Montana | Malmstrom Air Force Base | WEAPONS STORAGE & MAINTENANCE FACILITY (INC) | 60,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60,000 |
| Air Force | Nebraska | Offutt Air Force Base | SAOC BEDDOWN—1–BAY HANGAR (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 1,900 | 19,000 | 19,000 |
| Air Force | Nebraska | Offutt Air Force Base | SAOC BEDDOWN—2–BAY HANGAR (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 16,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Air Force | Nebraska | Offutt Air Force Base | SAOC BEDDOWN—SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 7,350 | 7,350 | 7,350 |
| Air Force | New Jersey | Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst | WELL NO. 5 | 0 | 0 | 11,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | New Jersey | Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst | WELL NO. 6 | 0 | 0 | 11,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | New Mexico | Cannon Air Force Base | 192 BED DORMITORY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 9,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | New Mexico | Cannon Air Force Base | DEPLOYMENT PROCESSING CENTER | 0 | 0 | 79,000 | 79,000 | 79,000 |
| Air Force | New Mexico | Cannon Air Force Base | DORMITORY | 90,000 | 0 | –80,000 | –80,000 | 10,000 |
| Air Force | New Mexico | Kirtland Air Force Base | 58 SOW/PJ/CRO PIPELINE DORM | 0 | 0 | 91,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Air Force | New Mexico | Kirtland Air Force Base | COMBAT RESCUE HELICOPTER SIMULATOR | 0 | 0 | 33,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | New Mexico | Kirtland Air Force Base | EXPLOSIVE OPERATIONS BUILDING | 0 | 0 | 26,000 | 26,000 | 26,000 |
| Air Force | New Mexico | Kirtland Air Force Base | JOINT NAVIGATION WARFARE CENTER HEADQUARTERS (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 6,200 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | New Mexico | Kirtland Air Force Base | SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE HEADQUARTERS | 83,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83,000 |
| Air Force | North Carolina | Seymour Johnson Air Force Base | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 0 | 0 | 54,000 | 54,000 | 54,000 |

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| Air Force | North Carolina | Seymour Johnson Air Force Base | COMBAT ARMS TRAINING AND MAINTENANCE COMPLEX | 0 | 41,000 | 41,000 | 41,000 | 41,000 |
| Air Force | Norway | Royal Norwegian Air Force Base Rygge | QUICK REACTION AIRCRAFT HANGAR | 72,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72,000 |
| Air Force | Ohio | Wright-Patterson Air Force Base | AI SUPERCOMPUTING CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,800 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | Ohio | Wright-Patterson Air Force Base | HUMAN PERFORMANCE CENTER LAB | 0 | 0 | 45,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 |
| Air Force | Ohio | Wright-Patterson Air Force Base | RUNWAY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Air Force | Oklahoma | Tinker Air Force Base | BOMBER AGILE COMMON HANGAR (INC) | 127,000 | 0 | –112,000 | –112,000 | 15,000 |
| Air Force | Oklahoma | Tinker Air Force Base | CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 54,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54,000 |
| Air Force | Oklahoma | Tinker Air Force Base | E–7 SQUAD OPERATIONS CENTER | 0 | 0 | 108,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Air Force | South Dakota | Ellsworth Air Force Base | B–21 ADD FLIGHT SIMULATOR 2 | 63,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63,000 |
| Air Force | South Dakota | Ellsworth Air Force Base | B–21 ALERT FACILITY | 71,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71,000 |
| Air Force | South Dakota | Ellsworth Air Force Base | B–21 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHELTERS | 75,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75,000 |
| Air Force | South Dakota | Ellsworth Air Force Base | B–21 S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHELTERS | 88,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88,000 |
| Air Force | South Dakota | Ellsworth Air Force Base | B–21 W. ALERT APRON & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHELTERS | 81,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81,000 |
| Air Force | Tennessee | Arnold Air Force Base | INSTALLATION ACP GATE 2 UPGRADE | 0 | 0 | 17,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | Texas | Dyess Air Force Base | B–21 LOW OBSERVABLE CORROSION HANGAR AND THE MISSION PLANNING FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 24,700 | 24,700 | 24,700 |
| Air Force | Texas | Dyess Air Force Base | B–21 MISSION PLANNING FACILITY | 78,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78,000 |
| Air Force | Texas | Dyess Air Force Base | B–21 UTILITIES & SITE IMPROVEMENTS | 12,800 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,800 |
| Air Force | Texas | Dyess Air Force Base | GATE REPAIRS (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Air Force | Texas | Goodfellow Air Force Base | PIPELINE STUDENT DORMITORY | 112,000 | –12,000 | –89,000 | –89,000 | 23,000 |
| Air Force | Texas | Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland | BMT CLASSROOMS/DINING FACILITY 4 (INC) | 79,000 | 0 | –50,000 | –40,000 | 39,000 |
| Air Force | United Kingdom | Royal Air Force Feltwell | RADR STORAGE FACILITY | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20,000 |
| Air Force | United Kingdom | Royal Air Force Lakenheath | SURETY: COMMAND POST | 104,000 | 0 | –94,000 | –94,000 | 10,000 |
| Air Force | United Kingdom | Royal Air Force Lakenheath | SURETY: DEFENDER OPERATIONS COMPOUND | 149,000 | 0 | –139,000 | –139,000 | 10,000 |
| Air Force | Utah | Hill Air Force Base | F–35 CANOPY REPAIR FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 2,600 | 0 | 2,600 | 2,600 |
| Air Force | Utah | Hill Air Force Base | F–35 MAINTENANCE FACILITY, PHASE 1 (INC) | 22,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22,000 |
| Air Force | Utah | Hill Air Force Base | T–7A DEPOT MAINTENANCE COMPLEX (INC) | 178,000 | 0 | –55,000 | –65,000 | 113,000 |

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| Air Force | Virginia | Joint Base Langley-Eustis | FUEL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DOCK | 0 | 0 | 49,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | Virginia | Langley Air Force Base | 192ND WING HEADQUARTERS (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 3,200 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | Washington | Fairchild Air Force Base | ALTERATION AIRCRAFT PARTS WAREHOUSE (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | BARRACKS (DESIGN) | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 573,223 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 573,223 |
| Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (AIR FORCE) ($3,093,331 TRANSFERRED FROM O&M) | 0 | 0 | 3,643,331 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (SPACE FORCE) | 0 | 0 | 557,175 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM | 123,800 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123,800 |
| Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION | 72,900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72,900 |
| Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (DEMOLITION) | 0 | 10,000 | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (LABS) | 0 | 40,000 | 0 | 40,000 | 40,000 |
| Air Force | Wyoming | F.E. Warren Air Force Base | GBSD UTILITY CORRIDOR (INC) | 130,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130,000 |
| **Subtotal Military Construction, Air Force** | | | | **3,721,473** | **92,600** | **4,181,346** | **–326,700** | **3,394,773** |
| **DEFENSE-WIDE** | | | | | | | | |
| Defense-Wide | Alabama | DLA Distribution Center Anniston | GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE | 32,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32,000 |
| Defense-Wide | California | Armed Forces Reserve Center Mountain View | POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID | 0 | 0 | 20,600 | 20,600 | 20,600 |
| Defense-Wide | California | Naval Base Coronado | SOF SEAL TEAM SEVENTEEN OPERATIONS FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 75,900 | 75,900 | 75,900 |

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| Defense-Wide | California | Travis Air Force Base | MEDICAL WAREHOUSE ADDITION | 49,980 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49,980 |
| Defense-Wide | California | Travis Air Force Base | POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID | 0 | 0 | 25,120 | 25,120 | 25,120 |
| Defense-Wide | Cuba | Naval Station Guantanamo Bay | HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT (INC 3) | 35,794 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35,794 |
| Defense-Wide | Florida | Homestead Air Reserve Base | SOF CLIMATE CONTROLLED TACTICAL STORAGE WAREHOUSE | 0 | 0 | 33,000 | 33,000 | 33,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Florida | Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island | POWER GENERATION & ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE | 0 | 0 | 30,500 | 30,500 | 30,500 |
| Defense-Wide | Georgia | Fort Benning | DEXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 127,375 | –60,000 | –105,000 | –105,000 | 22,375 |
| Defense-Wide | Germany | Rhine Ordnance Barracks | MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT (INC 12) | 99,167 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99,167 |
| Defense-Wide | Germany | U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach (Storck Barracks) | POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID | 0 | 0 | 73,000 | 73,000 | 73,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Germany | U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz | SOF HUMAN PERFORMANCE TRAINING CENTER | 16,700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16,700 |
| Defense-Wide | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | PDI: GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM, COMMAND CENTER (INC) | 183,900 | –83,900 | –95,000 | –100,000 | 83,900 |
| Defense-Wide | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | PDI: GUAM DEFENSE SYSTEM, EIAMD, PHASE 1 (INC) | 61,903 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61,903 |
| Defense-Wide | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | POWER RESILIENCY UPGRADES | 0 | 0 | 53,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Defense-Wide | Guam | Naval Base Guam | POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID | 0 | 0 | 63,010 | 63,010 | 63,010 |
| Defense-Wide | Japan | Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni | POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID | 0 | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Maryland | Fort Meade | NSAW EAST CAMPUS BUILDING #5 (INC 2) | 455,000 | –355,000 | –60,000 | –225,000 | 230,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Maryland | Fort Meade | NSAW VENONA WIDENING | 26,600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26,600 |
| Defense-Wide | Maryland | Walter Reed National Military Medical Center | MEDCEN ADDITION/ALTERATION (INC 9) | 70,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Massachusetts | Cape Cod Space Force Station | POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID | 0 | 0 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Defense-Wide | New Mexico | White Sands Missile Range | POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID | 0 | 0 | 38,500 | 38,500 | 38,500 |
| Defense-Wide | North Carolina | Fort Bragg | POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID | 0 | 0 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 |
| Defense-Wide | North Carolina | Fort Bragg | SOF FORWARD OPERATING BASE FREEDOM UPGRADES | 0 | 44,700 | 0 | 44,700 | 44,700 |
| Defense-Wide | North Carolina | Fort Bragg | SOF JOINT INTELLIGENCE CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 8,100 | 0 | 8,100 | 8,100 |
| Defense-Wide | North Carolina | Fort Bragg | SOF MISSION COMMAND CENTER | 130,000 | –65,000 | –98,000 | –50,000 | 80,000 |

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| Defense-Wide | North Carolina | Fort Bragg | SOF OPERATIONAL AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT PHASE 1 | 80,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80,000 |
| Defense-Wide | North Carolina | Fort Bragg | SOF OPERATIONAL AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT PHASE 2 | 0 | 0 | 65,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 |
| Defense-Wide | North Carolina | Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune | SOF COMBAT SERIVCE SUPPORT/MOTOR TRANSPORT EXPANSION | 0 | 0 | 34,000 | 51,400 | 51,400 |
| Defense-Wide | North Carolina | Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune | SOF MARINE RAIDER BATTALION OPS FACILITY (INC) | 90,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Pennsylvania | Defense Distribution Depot New Cumberland | GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE | 90,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Pennsylvania | Harrisburg Air National Guard Base | SOF SIMULATOR FACILITY (MC–130J) | 13,400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,400 |
| Defense-Wide | Puerto Rico | Punta Borinquen | RAMEY UNIT SCHOOL REPLACEMENT | 155,000 | –75,000 | –114,000 | –88,481 | 66,519 |
| Defense-Wide | Texas | Camp Swift | SMART WATER GRID | 0 | 0 | 19,800 | 19,800 | 19,800 |
| Defense-Wide | Texas | Fort Hood | CENTRAL ENERGY PLANT | 0 | 0 | 34,500 | 34,500 | 34,500 |
| Defense-Wide | Texas | NSA Texas | NSA/CSS TEXAS CRYPTOLOGIC CENTER (INC) | 500,000 | 0 | –352,673 | 0 | 500,000 |
| Defense-Wide | United Kingdom | Royal Air Force Lakenheath | HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT, PHASE 2 (INC) | 322,200 | 0 | –275,000 | –275,000 | 47,200 |
| Defense-Wide | United Kingdom | Royal Air Force Mildenhall | SOF MRSP & PARTS STORAGE | 45,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Utah | Camp Williams | POWER GENERATION & MICROGRID | 0 | 0 | 28,500 | 28,500 | 28,500 |
| Defense-Wide | Virginia | Pentagon | OPERATIONS FACILITY | 34,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Washington | Fairchild Air Force Base | HYDRANT SYSTEM AREA C | 85,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Washington | Manchester | BULK STORAGE TANKS, PHASE 3 | 71,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN (DEFENSE-WIDE) | 26,571 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26,571 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN (DHA) | 29,077 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29,077 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN (DLA) | 30,900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30,900 |

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| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN (ERCIP) | 38,669 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38,669 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN (MDA) | 21,360 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21,360 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN (NSA) | 14,842 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,842 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN (SOCOM) | 32,731 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32,731 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN (TJS) | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN (WHS) | 14,851 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,851 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | ENERGY RESILIENCE & CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM | 684,330 | 0 | –684,330 | –684,330 | 0 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | EXERCISE RELATED MINOR CONSTRUCTION | 4,727 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,727 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM | 77,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (DEFENSE-WIDE) | 3,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (DLA) | 3,084 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,084 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (MDA) | 4,140 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,140 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (NSA) | 6,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,000 |
| Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION (SOCOM) | 25,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25,000 |
| **Subtotal Military Construction, Defense-Wide** | | | | **3,792,301** | **–586,100** | **–1,089,573** | **–816,181** | **2,976,120** |
| **ARMY NATIONAL GUARD** | | | | | | | | |
| Army National Guard | Arizona | Camp Navajo | BRIDGE (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 4,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Army National Guard | Guam | Joint Forces Headquarters—Guam | READINESS CENTER ADDITION | 55,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55,000 |

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| Army National Guard | Illinois | General Richard L. Jones National Guard Readiness Center | READINESS CENTER ALTERATION (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Army National Guard | Illinois | Marseilles Training Center | RANGE CONTROL (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 3,050 | 3,050 | 3,050 |
| Army National Guard | Illinois | Peoria Armory | READINESS CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Army National Guard | Indiana | Shelbyville Armory | AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION/ALTERATION | 0 | 0 | 55,000 | 55,000 | 55,000 |
| Army National Guard | Iowa | Waterloo Armory | NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP | 13,800 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,800 |
| Army National Guard | Kentucky | Jackson Field | VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 1,850 | 1,850 | 1,850 |
| Army National Guard | Michigan | Camp Grayling | ALL-DOMAIN WARFIGHTING TRAINING COMPLEX (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 4,400 | 4,400 | 4,400 |
| Army National Guard | Mississippi | Camp Shelby | ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY AND READINESS CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 11,600 | 11,600 | 11,600 |
| Army National Guard | Mississippi | Meridian Readiness Center and Army Aviation Support Facility | ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,200 |
| Army National Guard | Nevada | Henderson Armory | ARMORY EXPANSION (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,371 | 0 | 0 |
| Army National Guard | New Hampshire | Plymouth Training Center | NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER | 26,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26,000 |
| Army National Guard | New Mexico | Santa Fe Training Center | SOLDIER PERFORMANCE READINESS CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 4,250 | 4,250 | 4,250 |
| Army National Guard | New York | Albany | READINESS CENTER | 0 | 0 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 |
| Army National Guard | North Carolina | Salisbury Training Center | AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION/ALTERATION | 0 | 69,000 | 69,000 | 69,000 | 69,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Army National Guard | North Dakota | Jamestown Armory | ARMORY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 5,200 | 5,200 | 5,200 |
| Army National Guard | Oregon | Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman | AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN (MPMG) RANGE | 0 | 0 | 16,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Army National Guard | South Dakota | Watertown Training Center | NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP | 28,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28,000 |
| Army National Guard | Tennessee | Smyrna Training Site | AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Army National Guard | Vermont | Swanton Armory | READINESS CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 4,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Army National Guard | Virginia | Army Aviation Support Facility Sandston | COST TO COMPLETE—AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR | 15,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15,500 |
| Army National Guard | Washington | Fairchild Air Force Base | DINING FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 1,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| Army National Guard | Wisconsin | Black River Falls | READINESS CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Army National Guard | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 13,580 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,580 |
| Army National Guard | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 0 | 0 | 1,275,984 | 0 | 0 |
| Army National Guard | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION | 0 | 0 | 39,000 | 0 | 0 |
| **Subtotal Military Construction, Army National Guard** | | | | **151,880** | **69,000** | **1,608,705** | **278,350** | **430,230** |
| **ARMY RESERVE** | | | | | | | | |
| Army Reserve | Alabama | Maxwell Air Force Base | AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY | 0 | 0 | 28,000 | 28,000 | 28,000 |
| Army Reserve | Alaska | Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson | MAINTENANCE FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 46,000 | 46,000 | 46,000 |
| Army Reserve | Illinois | Fort Sheridan | AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY | 0 | 0 | 36,000 | 36,000 | 36,000 |
| Army Reserve | Kentucky | Fort Knox | AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Army Reserve | Pennsylvania | New Castle Army Reserve Center | AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY/VMS/LAND | 30,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30,000 |
| Army Reserve | Texas | Camp Bullis | ARMY RESERVE CENTER BUILDING (DESIGN) | 0 | 5,000 | 0 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Army Reserve | Texas | Conroe Army Reserve Center | ROTARY-WING LANDING PAD & TAXIWAY | 0 | 0 | 12,000 | 0 | 0 |

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| Army Reserve | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 6,013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,013 |
| Army Reserve | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 0 | 0 | 504,922 | 0 | 0 |
| Army Reserve | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION | 6,226 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,226 |
| **Subtotal Military Construction, Army Reserve** | | | | **42,239** | **55,000** | **626,922** | **165,000** | **207,239** |
| **NAVY RESERVE & MARINE CORPS RESERVE** | | | | | | | | |
| Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve | Maine | Portsmouth Naval Shipyard | PARKING CONSOLIDATION (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 1,020 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve | Texas | Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth | AIRCRAFT HANGAR MODERNIZATION | 0 | 50,000 | 106,870 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 2,255 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,255 |
| Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (MARINE CORPS RESERVE) | 0 | 0 | 48,519 | 0 | 0 |
| Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION (NAVY RESERVE) | 0 | 0 | 58,213 | 0 | 0 |
| **Subtotal Military Construction, Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve** | | | | **2,255** | **50,000** | **214,622** | **50,000** | **52,255** |
| **AIR NATIONAL GUARD** | | | | | | | | |
| Air National Guard | Alaska | Eielson Air Force Base | BCE PAVEMENTS & GROUNDS FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 16,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |

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| Air National Guard | Alaska | Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson | BASE SUPPLY COMPLEX | 46,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46,000 |
| Air National Guard | Georgia | Savannah Combat Readiness Training Center | TROOP CAMP (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| Air National Guard | Georgia | Savannah Hilton Head International Airport | C–130J CORROSION CONTROL FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 11,400 | 11,400 | 11,400 |
| Air National Guard | Georgia | Savannah Hilton Head International Airport | DINING HALL & SERVICES TRAIN FACILITY | 27,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27,000 |
| Air National Guard | Illinois | Scott Air Force Base | AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Air National Guard | Indiana | Fort Wayne International Airport | F16 MISSION TRAINING FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 18,000 | 18,000 | 18,000 |
| Air National Guard | Iowa | Sioux Gateway Airport | ADAL AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON | 0 | 0 | 45,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Air National Guard | Iowa | Sioux Gateway Airport | EXTEND RUNWAY 13–31 | 0 | 0 | 47,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 |
| Air National Guard | Iowa | Sioux Gateway Airport | REPAIR RUNWAY 13–31 | 0 | 0 | 45,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 |
| Air National Guard | Iowa | Sioux Gateway Airport | WARM-UP / HOLDING PAD | 0 | 0 | 11,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Air National Guard | Maine | Bangor Air National Guard Base | MENG 101ST ARW AMXS/AGE FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Air National Guard | Maryland | Warfield Air National Guard Base | ENGINE SOUND SUPPRESSOR EQUIPMENT (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Air National Guard | Massachusetts | Otis Air National Guard Base | DINING FACILITY / EMEDS | 31,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31,000 |
| Air National Guard | Michigan | Selfridge Air National Guard Base | BRAVO RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,400 |
| Air National Guard | Michigan | Selfridge Air National Guard Base | RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Air National Guard | Michigan | Selfridge Air National Guard Base | TAXIWAY ALPHA RUNWAY IMPROVEMENT (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,800 |
| Air National Guard | Mississippi | Key Field Air National Guard Base | BASE SUPPLY WAREHOUSE | 19,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19,000 |

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| Air National Guard | Mississippi | Key Field Air National Guard Base | CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 6,700 | 6,700 | 6,700 |
| Air National Guard | Nevada | Reno-Tahoe International Airport | ENGINE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 |
| Air National Guard | Nevada | Reno-Tahoe International Airport | FUEL CELL HANGAR (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,400 |
| Air National Guard | New Hampshire | Pease Air National Guard Base | JOINT USE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 3,613 | 0 | 0 |
| Air National Guard | New Hampshire | Pease Air National Guard Base | SMALL ARMS RANGE | 0 | 0 | 16,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Air National Guard | New Jersey | Atlantic City Air National Guard Base | ADAL MAINTENANCE HANGAR AIR NATIONAL GUARD/ SHOPS | 0 | 61,000 | 68,000 | 68,000 | 68,000 |
| Air National Guard | Oregon | Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base | ACADEMIC TRAINING CENTER (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 8,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Air National Guard | Oregon | Klamath Falls Airport | F–35 FTU ACADEMIC TRAINING CENTER | 0 | 0 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 |
| Air National Guard | Oregon | Portland International Airport | ADAL COMMUNICATIONS ANNEX | 16,500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16,500 |
| Air National Guard | Utah | Salt Lake City International Airport | FUEL CELL CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR | 0 | 0 | 73,000 | 73,000 | 73,000 |
| Air National Guard | Utah | Salt Lake City International Airport | MAINTENANCE HANGAR & SHOPS | 0 | 0 | 72,000 | 72,000 | 72,000 |
| Air National Guard | West Virginia | Mclaughlin Air National Guard Base | SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 3,300 | 0 | 0 |
| Air National Guard | Wisconsin | Volk Air National Guard Base | ADAL ACS COMPLEX | 0 | 0 | 8,400 | 8,400 | 8,400 |
| Air National Guard | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 24,146 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24,146 |
| Air National Guard | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 0 | 0 | 549,496 | 0 | 0 |

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| Air National Guard | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION | 25,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25,000 |
| **Subtotal Military Construction, Air National Guard** | | | | **188,646** | **61,000** | **1,118,009** | **622,100** | **810,746** |
| **AIR FORCE RESERVE** | | | | | | | | |
| Air Force Reserve | Delaware | Dover Air Force Base | 512TH OPERATIONS GROUP FACILITY | 42,000 | 0 | –42,000 | –42,000 | 0 |
| Air Force Reserve | Georgia | Dobbins Air Reserve Base | ENTRY CONTROL FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 3,200 | 0 | 3,200 | 3,200 |
| Air Force Reserve | New York | Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station | COMBINED OPERATIONS FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 54,000 | 54,000 | 54,000 |
| Air Force Reserve | South Carolina | Joint Base Charleston | AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION FACILITY | 0 | 0 | 33,000 | 33,000 | 33,000 |
| Air Force Reserve | Texas | Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland | C5M AGE MAINTENANCE FACILITY | 18,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18,000 |
| Air Force Reserve | Virginia | Joint Base Langley-Eustis | TARGETING ISR CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS DATA FACILITY (DESIGN) | 0 | 0 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Air Force Reserve | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 270 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 270 |
| Air Force Reserve | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FACILITIES, SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION | 0 | 0 | 188,802 | 0 | 0 |
| Air Force Reserve | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION | 188 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 188 |
| **Subtotal Military Construction, Air Force Reserve** | | | | **60,458** | **3,200** | **248,802** | **63,200** | **123,658** |
| **NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM** | | | | | | | | |
| NATO | Worldwide Unspecified | NATO Security Investment Program | NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM | 481,832 | 0 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 531,832 |
| **Subtotal NATO Security Investment Program** | | | | **481,832** | **0** | **50,000** | **50,000** | **531,832** |
| **INDOPACIFIC COMBATANT COMMAND** | | | | | | | | |
| MILCON, INDOPACOM | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM | 0 | 0 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| **Subtotal INDOPACOM MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM** | | | | **0** | **0** | **150,000** | **150,000** | **150,000** |
| **TOTAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION** | | | | **16,627,720** | **–50,000** | **21,917,384** | **894,257** | **17,521,977** |

**FAMILY HOUSING**

**FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY**

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| Fam Hsg Con, Army | Belgium | Chièvres Air Base | FAMILY HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION (100 UNITS) | 145,042 | 0 | –100,000 | –100,000 | 45,042 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Army | Germany | U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria | FAMILY HOUSING REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION (27 UNITS) | 50,692 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50,692 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 32,824 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32,824 |
| **Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Army** | | | | **228,558** | **0** | **–100,000** | **–100,000** | **128,558** |
| **FAMILY HOUSING O&M, ARMY** | | | | | | | | |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FURNISHINGS | 16,254 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16,254 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT | 41,089 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41,089 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | LEASED HOUSING | 116,275 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116,275 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | MAINTENANCE | 110,941 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110,941 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | MANAGEMENT | 41,450 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41,450 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | MISCELLANEOUS | 319 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 319 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | SERVICES | 8,096 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,096 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UTILITIES | 43,994 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43,994 |
| **Subtotal Family Housing Operation & Maintenance, Army** | | | | **378,418** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **378,418** |
| **FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY & MARINE CORPS** | | | | | | | | |

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| Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | COST TO COMPLETE—REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE 4 (68 UNITS) | 19,384 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19,384 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | COST TO COMPLETE—REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE 7 (46 UNITS) | 18,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18,000 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps | Guam | Joint Region Marianas | REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE 9 (136 UNITS) (INC) | 65,378 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65,378 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps | Japan | Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni | REPAIR WHOLE HOUSE BUILDING 1255 (6 UNITS) | 11,230 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,230 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 3,806 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,806 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN (DPRI/GUAM) | 2,799 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,799 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | NAVY SOUTHEAST MHPI (2ND RESTRUCTURE) (100 UNITS) | 57,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57,000 |
| **Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Navy & Marine Corps** | | | | **177,597** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **177,597** |
| **FAMILY HOUSING O&M, NAVY & MARINE CORPS** | | | | | | | | |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FURNISHINGS | 16,820 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16,820 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT | 57,061 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57,061 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | LEASING | 68,426 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 68,426 |

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| Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | MAINTENANCE | 112,019 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 112,019 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | MANAGEMENT | 56,956 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56,956 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | MISCELLANEOUS | 435 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 435 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | SERVICES | 17,424 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17,424 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UTILITIES | 44,967 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44,967 |
| **Subtotal Family Housing Operation & Maintenance, Navy & Marine Corps** | | | | **374,108** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **374,108** |
| **FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE** | | | | | | | | |
| Fam Hsg Con, Air Force | Colorado | Buckley Air Force Base | MHPI RESTRUCTURE (351 UNITS) | 12,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,000 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Air Force | Hawaii | Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam | MHPI RESTRUCTURE (460 UNITS) | 147,555 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 147,555 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Air Force | Japan | Kadena Air Base | FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS, KADENA TOWER 4511 (68 UNITS) | 34,100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34,100 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Air Force | Japan | Yokota Air Base | FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS, PAIP 9, PHASE 3 (34 UNITS) | 44,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44,000 |
| Fam Hsg Con, Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | DESIGN | 36,575 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36,575 |
| **Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Air Force** | | | | **274,230** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **274,230** |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FAMILY HOUSING O&M, AIR FORCE** | | | | | | | | |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FURNISHINGS | 31,275 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31,275 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT | 38,987 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38,987 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | LEASING | 5,436 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,436 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | MAINTENANCE | 142,572 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 142,572 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | MANAGEMENT | 54,581 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54,581 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | MISCELLANEOUS | 1,475 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,475 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | SERVICES | 12,701 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,701 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UTILITIES | 72,738 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72,738 |
| **Subtotal Family Housing Operation & Maintenance, Air Force** | | | | **359,765** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **359,765** |
| **FAMILY HOUSING O&M, DEFENSE-WIDE** | | | | | | | | |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FURNISHINGS (DIA) | 553 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 553 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | FURNISHINGS (NSA) | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | LEASING (DIA) | 33,911 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33,911 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | LEASING (NSA) | 14,320 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,320 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | MAINTENANCE (NSA) | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UTILITIES (DIA) | 4,445 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,445 |
| Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | UTILITIES (NSA) | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| **Subtotal Family Housing Operation & Maintenance, Defense-Wide** | | | | **53,374** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **53,374** |

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| **FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND** | | | | | | | | |
| Family Housing Improvement Fund | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—FHIF | 8,315 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8,315 |
| **Subtotal Family Housing Improvement Fund** | | | | **8,315** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **8,315** |
| **UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND** | | | | | | | | |
| Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—UHIF | 497 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 497 |
| **Subtotal Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund** | | | | **497** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **497** |
| **TOTAL FAMILY HOUSING** | | | | **1,854,862** | **0** | **–100,000** | **–100,000** | **1,754,862** |
| **DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE** | | | | | | | | |
| **BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, ARMY** | | | | | | | | |
| BRAC, Army | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE | 171,870 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 171,870 |
| **Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Army** | | | | **171,870** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **171,870** |
| **BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, NAVY** | | | | | | | | |
| BRAC, Navy | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE | 112,791 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 162,791 |
| **Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Navy** | | | | **112,791** | **50,000** | **0** | **50,000** | **162,791** |
| **BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, AIR FORCE** | | | | | | | | |
| BRAC, Air Force | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE | 124,196 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 124,196 |
| **Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Air Force** | | | | **124,196** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **124,196** |

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| **BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, DEFENSE-WIDE** | | | | | | | |
| BRAC, Defense-Wide | Worldwide Unspecified | Unspecified Worldwide Locations | BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE | 1,304 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,304 |
| **Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Defense-Wide** | | | | **1,304** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1,304** |
| **TOTAL DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE** | | | | **410,161** | **50,000** | **0** | **50,000** | **460,161** |
| **TOTAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, FAMILY HOUSING, AND BRAC** | | | | **18,892,743** | **0** | **21,817,384** | **844,257** | **19,737,000** |

# TITLE XLVII—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

## SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS.

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| **Discretionary Summary By Appropriation** | | | | | |
| **Energy And Water Development, And Related Agencies** | | | | | |
| **Appropriation Summary:** | | | | | |
| Nuclear Energy | 160,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160,000 |
| Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D | 278,000 | –278,000 | –278,000 | –278,000 | 0 |
| **Atomic Energy Defense Activities** | | | | | |
| **National nuclear security administration:** | | | | | |
| Weapons activities | 20,074,400 | 503,752 | 1,757,187 | 954,345 | 21,028,745 |
| Defense nuclear nonproliferation | 2,284,600 | 5,000 | –45,947 | 0 | 2,284,600 |
| Naval reactors | 2,346,000 | –320,000 | –99,000 | –245,000 | 2,101,000 |
| Federal salaries and expenses | 555,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 555,000 |

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| **Total, National Nuclear Security Administration** | **25,260,000** | **188,752** | **1,612,240** | **709,345** | **25,969,345** |
| **Environmental and other defense activities:** | | | | | |
| Defense environmental cleanup | 6,956,000 | 53,750 | 0 | 0 | 6,956,000 |
| Other defense activities | 1,182,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,182,000 |
| **Total, Environmental & other defense activities** | **8,138,000** | **53,750** | **0** | **0** | **8,138,000** |
| **Total, Atomic Energy Defense Activities** | **33,398,000** | **242,502** | **1,612,240** | **709,345** | **34,107,345** |
| **Total, Discretionary Funding** | **33,836,000** | **–35,498** | **1,334,240** | **431,345** | **34,267,345** |
| **Nuclear Energy** | | | | | |
| Idaho sitewide safeguards and security | 160,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 160,000 |
| **Total, Nuclear Energy** | **160,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **160,000** |
| **Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D** | | | | | |
| Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D Program | 278,000 | –278,000 | –278,000 | –278,000 | 0 |
| Program reduction | | | [–278,000] | | |
| Program decrease | | [–278,000] | | [–278,000] | |
| **Total, Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D** | **278,000** | **–278,000** | **–278,000** | **–278,000** | **0** |
| **Weapons Activities** | | | | | |
| **Stockpile Management** | | | | | |
| **Stockpile Major Modernization** | | | | | |
| B61–12 Life Extension Program | 16,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16,000 |
| W80–4 Life Extension Program | 1,259,048 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,259,048 |
| SLCM-N Warhead | 0 | 100,000 | 186,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Reconciliation adjustment | | [100,000] | | [50,000] | |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Restoration of full funding for Nuclear-Armed Sea-Launched Cruise Missile Warhead | | | [186,000] | | |
| W87–1 Modification Program | 649,096 | 0 | 121,187 | 0 | 649,096 |
| Restoration of management reserve for program stabilization | | | [121,187] | | |
| W93 Program | 806,797 | 0 | –25,000 | 0 | 806,797 |
| Program decrease | | | [–25,000] | | |
| B61–13 | 49,357 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49,357 |
| **Total, Stockpile Major Modernization** | **2,780,298** | **100,000** | **282,187** | **50,000** | **2,830,298** |
| | | | | | |
| **Stockpile services** | | | | | |
| Stockpile Sustainment | 1,720,200 | 0 | –100,000 | 0 | 1,720,200 |
| Program decrease | | | [–100,000] | | |
| Weapons Dismantlement and Disposition | 82,367 | –20,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 82,367 |
| Program decrease | | [–20,000] | | | |
| Harvesting dismantlement for stockpile modernization | | | [25,000] | | |
| Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds | | | [–20,000] | | |
| Production Operations | 1,020,243 | –50,000 | 0 | 0 | 1,020,243 |
| Program decrease | | [–50,000] | | | |
| Nuclear Enterprise Assurance | 117,193 | 0 | –19,000 | 0 | 117,193 |
| Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds | | | [–19,000] | | |
| **Subtotal, Stockpile Services** | **2,940,003** | **–70,000** | **–114,000** | **0** | **2,940,003** |
| **Total, Stockpile Management** | **5,720,301** | **30,000** | **168,187** | **50,000** | **5,770,301** |
| | | | | | |
| **Production Modernization** | | | | | |
| **Primary Capability Modernization** | | | | | |
| **Plutonium Modernization** | | | | | |
| **Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization** | | | | | |
| **Los Alamos Pit Production** | 982,263 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 982,263 |
| 21–D–512 Plutonium Pit Production Project, LANL | 509,316 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 509,316 |
| 15–D–302 TA–55 Reinvestments Project, Phase 3, LANL | 7,942 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,942 |
| 07–D–220-04 Transuranic Liquid Waste Facility, LANL | 5,865 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,865 |
| 04–D–125 Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement Project, LANL | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Reconciliation adjustment | | [50,000] | | | |
| **Subtotal, Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization** | **1,505,386** | **50,000** | **0** | **0** | **1,505,386** |
| **Savannah River Plutonium Modernization** | | | | | |
| **Savannah River Pit Production** | 75,486 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75,486 |
| 21–D–511 Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility, SRS | 1,130,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,130,000 |
| **Subtotal, Savannah River Plutonium Modernization** | **1,205,486** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1,205,486** |
| Enterprise Plutonium Support | 122,094 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122,094 |
| **Total, Plutonium Modernization** | **2,832,966** | **50,000** | **0** | **0** | **2,832,966** |
| **High Explosives and Energetics** | | | | | |
| High Explosives & Energetics | 132,023 | 0 | 24,000 | 0 | 132,023 |
| Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds | | | [24,000] | | |
| 21–D–510 HE Synthesis Formulation and Production, PX | 0 | 20,000 | 125,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Program increase | | [20,000] | | | |
| Project continuation | | | [125,000] | | |
| PFAS Binder Mitigation and Future Alternatives | 0 | 0 | 60,000 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total, High Explosives and Energetics** | **132,023** | **20,000** | **209,000** | **0** | **132,023** |
| **Total, Primary Capability Modernization** | **2,964,989** | **70,000** | **209,000** | **0** | **2,964,989** |
| | | | | | |
| **Secondary Capability Modernization** | | | | | |
| Secondary Capability Modernization | 770,186 | 0 | 282,000 | 0 | 770,186 |
| Depleted uranium risk reduction | | | [145,000] | | |
| Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds | | | [137,000] | | |
| 18–D–690 Lithium Processing Facility, Y–12 | 0 | 115,000 | 150,000 | 65,000 | 65,000 |
| Program increase | | [50,000] | | | |
| Reconciliation adjustment | | [65,000] | | [65,000] | |
| Project continuation | | | [150,000] | | |
| 06–D–141 Uranium Processing Facility, Y–12 | 0 | 525,000 | 830,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reconciliation adjustment | | [525,000] | | [500,000] | |
| Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds | | | [830,000] | | |
| **Total, Secondary Capability Modernization** | **770,186** | **640,000** | **1,262,000** | **565,000** | **1,335,186** |
| | | | | | |
| **Tritium and Defense Fuels Program** | | | | | |
| Tritium and Defense Fuels Program | 568,384 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 568,384 |
| 18–D–650 Tritium Finishing Facility, SRS | 0 | 0 | 35,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Program increase | | | [35,000] | | |
| **Total, Tritium and Defense Fuels Program** | **568,384** | **0** | **35,000** | **0** | **568,384** |
| | | | | | |
| Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization | 221,588 | 0 | –31,000 | 0 | 221,588 |
| Program decrease | | | [–31,000] | | |
| 26–D–511 MESA Photolithography Capability (MPC), SNL | 40,000 | –40,000 | 0 | 0 | 40,000 |
| Program decrease | | [–40,000] | | | |
| 26–D–510 Product Realization Infrastructure for Stockpile Modernization (PRISM), LLNL | 15,000 | –15,000 | 0 | 0 | 15,000 |
| Program decrease | | [–15,000] | | | |
| Warhead Assembly Modernization | 34,336 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34,336 |
| Capability Based Investments | 177,996 | 0 | –24,000 | 0 | 177,996 |
| Program decrease | | | [–24,000] | | |
| 22–D–513 Power Sources Capability, SNL | 0 | 115,000 | 0 | 115,000 | 115,000 |
| Reconciliation adjustment | | [115,000] | | [115,000] | |
| **Total, Production Modernization** | **4,792,479** | **770,000** | **1,451,000** | **680,000** | **5,472,479** |
| | | | | | |
| **Stockpile Research, Technology, and Engineering** | | | | | |
| Assessment Science | 980,959 | 0 | 12,000 | 0 | 980,959 |
| Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds | | | [–97,000] | | |
| Plutonium aging and mitigation; high explosives evaluation and alternate pathways development | | | [109,000] | | |
| 26–D–512 LANSCE Modernization Project (LAMP), LANL | 20,000 | –20,000 | 0 | 0 | 20,000 |
| Program decrease | | [–20,000] | | | |

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| 24–D–513 Z-pinch Experimental Underground System (ZEUS) Test Bed Facilities Improvement (ZTBFI), NNSS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57,345 | 57,345 |
| Reconciliation adjustment | | | | [57,345] | |
| 17–D–640 U1a Complex Enhancements Project, NNSS | 0 | 64,000 | 0 | 64,000 | 64,000 |
| Reconciliation adjustment | | [64,000] | | [64,000] | |
| Engineering and Integrated Assessments | 399,777 | 15,000 | 74,000 | 0 | 399,777 |
| Rapid Capabilities Program | | [15,000] | | | |
| Establishment of Rapid Capabilities Development Office | | | [12,000] | | |
| Phase 1 study support | | | [36,000] | | |
| Realignment of improperly applied reconciliation funds | | | [26,000] | | |
| 26–D–513 Combined Radiation Environments for Survivability Testing, SNL | 52,248 | –52,248 | 0 | 0 | 52,248 |
| Program decrease | | [–52,248] | | | |
| Inertial Confinement Fusion | 699,206 | 0 | 25,000 | 0 | 699,206 |
| Enhanced facility sustainment | | | [25,000] | | |
| 26–D–514 NIF Enhanced Fusion Yield Capability, LLNL | 26,000 | –26,000 | 0 | 0 | 26,000 |
| Program decrease | | [–26,000] | | | |
| Advanced Simulation and Computing | 865,995 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 865,995 |
| Weapon Technology and Manufacturing Maturation | 276,279 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 276,279 |
| **Total, Stockpile Research, Technology, and Engineering** | **3,320,464** | **–19,248** | **111,000** | **121,345** | **3,441,809** |
| Academic Programs | 94,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94,000 |
| PSAAP | | [–7,000] | | | |
| TEPP | | [5,000] | | | |
| MSIPP | | [2,000] | | | |
| **Total, Academic Programs** | **94,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **94,000** |
| **Infrastructure and Operations** | | | | | |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Operations of facilities | 1,722,000 | 0 | –80,000 | 0 | 1,722,000 |
| Program decrease | | | [–80,000] | | |
| Safety and environmental operations | 194,360 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 194,360 |
| Maintenance and repair of facilities | 920,000 | –205,000 | 141,000 | 0 | 920,000 |
| Reconciliation adjustment | | [–205,000] | | | |
| Program decrease | | | [–50,000] | | |
| Deferred maintenance buy-down | | | [191,000] | | |
| Recapitalization | 741,179 | –205,000 | 193,821 | 0 | 741,179 |
| Reconciliation adjustment | | [–205,000] | | | |
| Program decrease | | | [–31,179] | | |
| Deferred maintenance buy-down | | | [225,000] | | |
| **Construction:** | | | | | |
| 25–D–511 PULSE New Access, NNSS | 0 | 48,000 | 0 | 48,000 | 48,000 |
| Reconciliation adjustment | | [48,000] | | [48,000] | |
| 23–D–517 Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade, LANL | 0 | 85,000 | 0 | 85,000 | 85,000 |
| Reconciliation adjustment | | [85,000] | | [85,000] | |
| **Total, Construction** | **0** | **133,000** | **0** | **133,000** | **133,000** |
| **Total, Infrastructure and operations** | **3,577,539** | **–277,000** | **254,821** | **133,000** | **3,710,539** |
| | | | | | |
| **Secure transportation asset** | | | | | |
| Operations and equipment | 299,541 | 0 | –30,000 | 0 | 299,541 |
| Program decrease | | | [–30,000] | | |
| Program direction | 149,244 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 149,244 |
| **Total, Secure transportation asset** | **448,785** | **0** | **–30,000** | **0** | **448,785** |
| | | | | | |
| **Defense Nuclear Security** | | | | | |
| Operations and Maintenance | 1,245,418 | 0 | –45,000 | 0 | 1,245,418 |
| Program decrease | | | [–45,000] | | |
| **Total, Defense nuclear security** | **1,245,418** | **0** | **–45,000** | **0** | **1,245,418** |
| | | | | | |
| Information technology and cybersecurity | 811,208 | 0 | –152,821 | –30,000 | 781,208 |
| Program decrease | | | [–152,821] | [–30,000] | |

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| Legacy contractor pensions | 64,206 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64,206 |
| **Total, Weapons Activities** | **20,074,400** | **503,752** | **1,757,187** | **954,345** | **21,028,745** |
| **Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation** | | | | | |
| **Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Programs** | | | | | |
| **Global material security** | | | | | |
| International nuclear security | 62,865 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62,865 |
| Radiological security | 186,406 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 186,406 |
| Nuclear smuggling detection and deterrence | 140,601 | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | 140,601 |
| Program increase | | [5,000] | | | |
| **Total, Global material security** | **389,872** | **5,000** | **0** | **0** | **389,872** |
| **Material management and minimization** | | | | | |
| Reactor Conversion and Uranium Supply | 63,383 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63,383 |
| Nuclear Material Removal and Elimination | 61,000 | 0 | –23,000 | 0 | 61,000 |
| Program decrease | | | [–23,000] | | |
| Plutonium Disposition | 150,686 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150,686 |
| **Total, Material management & minimization** | **275,069** | **0** | **–23,000** | **0** | **275,069** |
| Nonproliferation and arms control | 221,008 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 221,008 |
| **Defense nuclear nonproliferation R&D** | | | | | |
| Proliferation Detection | 269,376 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 269,376 |
| Nuclear Detonation Detection | 307,435 | 0 | 2,053 | 0 | 307,435 |
| Restoral of orbital sensors | | | [2,053] | | |
| Forensics R&D | 20,460 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20,460 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nonproliferation Stewardship Program | 149,383 | 0 | –25,000 | 0 | 149,383 |
| Program decrease | | | [–25,000] | | |
| **Total, Defense nuclear nonproliferation R&D** | **746,654** | **0** | **–22,947** | **0** | **746,654** |
| **Nonproliferation Construction:** | | | | | |
| 18–D–150 Surplus Plutonium Disposition Project, SRS | 50,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50,000 |
| **Total, Nonproliferation construction** | **50,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **50,000** |
| **Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation Programs** | **1,682,603** | **5,000** | **–45,947** | **0** | **1,682,603** |
| **Nuclear counterterrorism and incident response program** | | | | | |
| Emergency Management | 33,122 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33,122 |
| Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation | 596,878 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 596,878 |
| **Total, Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program** | **630,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **630,000** |
| Legacy contractor pensions | 20,993 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20,993 |
| Use of Prior Year Balances | –48,996 | 0 | 0 | 0 | –48,996 |
| **Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation** | **2,284,600** | **5,000** | **–45,947** | **0** | **2,284,600** |
| **Naval Reactors** | | | | | |
| Naval reactors development | 884,579 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 884,579 |
| Columbia-Class reactor systems development | 35,300 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35,300 |
| Naval reactors operations and infrastructure | 703,581 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 703,581 |
| Program direction | 61,540 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61,540 |
| **Construction:** | | | | | |
| 26–D–530 East Side Office Building | 75,000 | –75,000 | 0 | 0 | 75,000 |
| Program decrease | | [–75,000] | | | |
| 25–D–530 Naval Examination Acquisition Project | 60,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60,000 |
| 14–D–901 Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project, NRF | 526,000 | –245,000 | –99,000 | –245,000 | 281,000 |
| Program decrease | | [–245,000] | [–99,000] | [–245,000] | |
| **Total, Construction** | **661,000** | **–320,000** | **–99,000** | **–245,000** | **416,000** |
| **Total, Naval Reactors** | **2,346,000** | **–320,000** | **–99,000** | **–245,000** | **2,101,000** |

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| Program | FY 2026 Request | House Authorized | Senate Authorized | Conference Change | Conference Authorized |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Federal Salaries And Expenses** | | | | | |
| Program Direction | 555,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 555,000 |
| **Total, Federal Salaries And Expenses** | **555,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **555,000** |
| **Defense Environmental Cleanup** | | | | | |
| **Closure sites:** | | | | | |
| Closure sites administration | 500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 500 |
| **Richland:** | | | | | |
| River corridor and other cleanup operations | 68,562 | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | 68,562 |
| Program increase | | [20,000] | | | |
| Central plateau remediation | 754,259 | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | 754,259 |
| Program increase | | [10,000] | | | |
| Richland community and regulatory support | 10,700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,700 |
| **Construction:** | | | | | |
| 22–D–402 L–897, 200 Area Water Treatment Facility | 4,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,000 |
| **Total, Construction—Richland** | **4,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **4,000** |
| **Total, Richland** | **837,521** | **30,000** | **0** | **0** | **837,521** |
| **Office of River Protection:** | | | | | |
| Waste Treatment Immobilization Plant Commissioning | 390,415 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 390,415 |
| Rad liquid tank waste stabilization and disposition | 923,212 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 923,212 |
| **Construction:** | | | | | |
| 01–D–16D High-Level Waste Facility | 600,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 600,000 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 01–D–16E Pretreatment Facility | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 15–D–409 Low Activity Waste Pretreatment System | 78,600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78,600 |
| 23–D–403, Hanford 200 West Area Tank Farms Risk Management Project | 108,200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 108,200 |
| **Total, Construction—Office of River Protection** | **786,800** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **786,800** |
| **Total, Office of River Protection** | **2,100,427** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **2,100,427** |
| **Idaho National Laboratory:** | | | | | |
| Idaho cleanup and waste disposition | 452,242 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 452,242 |
| Idaho community and regulatory support | 3,779 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,779 |
| **Construction:** | | | | | |
| 22–D–403 Idaho Spent Nuclear Fuel Staging Facility | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 |
| 23–D–402—Calcine Construction | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 |
| **Total, Construction—Idaho** | **4,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **4,000** |
| **Total, Idaho National Laboratory** | **460,021** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **460,021** |
| **NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites** | | | | | |
| Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory | 1,955 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,955 |
| **Nuclear facility . . .** | | | | | |
| Separations Process Research Unit | 950 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 950 |
| Nevada Site | 64,835 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64,835 |
| Sandia National Laboratories | 1,030 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,030 |
| Los Alamos National Laboratory | 278,288 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 278,288 |
| Los Alamos Excess Facilities D&D | 1,693 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,693 |
| **Total, NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites** | **348,751** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **348,751** |
| **Oak Ridge Reservation:** | | | | | |
| OR Nuclear facility . . . | 346,562 | 20,000 | 0 | 0 | 346,562 |
| Program increase | | [20,000] | | | |
| **Total, OR Nuclear facility . . .** | **346,562** | **20,000** | **0** | **0** | **346,562** |
| U233 Disposition Program | 63,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63,000 |

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| OR cleanup and disposition | 75,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75,000 |
| **Construction:** | | | | | |
| 14–D–403 Outfall 200 Mercury Treatment Facility | 34,885 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34,885 |
| 17–D–401 On-site waste disposal facility | 15,050 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15,050 |
| **Total, Construction—Oak Ridge** | **49,935** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **49,935** |
| **Total, OR cleanup and waste disposition** | **187,935** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **187,935** |
| OR community & regulatory support | 5,900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,900 |
| OR technology development and deployment | 3,300 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,300 |
| **Total, Oak Ridge Reservation** | **543,697** | **20,000** | **0** | **0** | **543,697** |
| **Savannah River Sites:** | | | | | |
| Savannah River risk management operations | 396,394 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 396,394 |
| **Construction:** | | | | | |
| 19–D–701 SR Security Systems Replacement | 708 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 708 |
| **Total, Savannah River Risk Management Operations** | **397,102** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **397,102** |
| SR Community and Regulatory Support | 5,317 | 0 | 5,000 | 0 | 5,317 |
| Payment in lieu of taxes | | | [5,000] | | |
| Savannah River National Laboratory Operations & Maintenance | 90,719 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90,719 |
| Radioactive Liquid Tank Waste Stabilization and Disposition | 1,066,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,066,000 |
| **Construction:** | | | | | |
| 20-D–401 Saltstone Disposal Unit #10, 11, 12 | 52,500 | 3,750 | 0 | 0 | 52,500 |
| Program increase | | [3,750] | | | |
| **Total, Construction—Savannah River sites** | **52,500** | **3,750** | **0** | **0** | **52,500** |
| **Total, Savannah River sites** | **1,611,638** | **3,750** | **5,000** | **0** | **1,611,638** |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Waste Isolation Pilot Plant** | | | | | |
| Waste Isolation Pilot Plant | 413,424 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 413,424 |
| **Construction:** | | | | | |
| 21–D–401 Hoisting Capability Project | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 |
| **Total, Construction—Waste Isolation Pilot Plant** | **2,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **2,000** |
| **Total, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant** | **415,424** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **415,424** |
| Program Direction | 312,818 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 312,818 |
| Program Support | 20,320 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20,320 |
| Safeguards and Security | 288,871 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 288,871 |
| Technology Development and Deployment | 16,012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16,012 |
| **Total, Defense Environmental Cleanup** | **6,956,000** | **53,750** | **5,000** | **0** | **6,956,000** |
| **Other Defense Activities** | | | | | |
| **Environment, health, safety and security** | | | | | |
| Program direction | 90,555 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90,555 |
| Environment, Health, Safety & Security | 141,908 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 141,908 |
| **Total, Environment, Health, safety and security** | **232,463** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **232,463** |
| **Office of Enterprise Assessments** | | | | | |
| Program direction | 59,132 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59,132 |
| Enterprise Assessments | 30,022 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30,022 |
| **Total, Office of Enterprise Assessments** | **89,154** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **89,154** |
| Specialized security activities | 441,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 441,000 |
| **Office of Legacy Management** | | | | | |
| Legacy management | 177,716 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177,716 |
| Program direction | 22,542 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22,542 |
| **Total, Office of Legacy Management** | **200,258** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **200,258** |
| Defense-related administrative support | 214,626 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 214,626 |

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| Office of hearings and appeals | 4,499 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,499 |
| **Subtotal, Other Defense Activities** | **1,182,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1,182,000** |
| **Total, Other Defense Activities** | **1,182,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1,182,000** |

## DIVISION E—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

*Secs. 5001–5608—Department of State Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026*

The Senate bill contained Division J that included the Department of State Authorization Act of 2026.

The House bill contained no similar division or provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with various technical and clarifying amendments.

## DIVISION F—INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

*Secs. 6001–6806—Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026*

The Senate bill contained Division F that included the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.

The House bill contained no similar division or provision.

The agreement includes the Intelligence Authorization Act with various modifications.

## DIVISION G—COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

*Secs. 7001–7701—Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025*

The House bill included two provisions (sec. 6101 and sec. 6102 of Division F) that would authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2025 through 2029.

The Senate bill contained similar provisions (sec. 5001 through sec. 5190 of Division H).

The agreement includes the Senate provisions with amendments.

## DIVISION H—OTHER MATTERS

### TITLE LXXXI—FINANCIAL SERVICES MATTERS

*Sec. 8101—Defense Production Act of 1950 extension*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6027) that would amend section 717(a) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4564(a)) by extending the program for an additional year.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 8102—Review of and reporting on national security sensitive sites for purposes of reviews of real estate transactions by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1067) that would require review of and reporting on national security sensitive sites for purposes of reviews of real estate transactions by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 8103—Disclosures by directors, officers, and principal stockholders*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6034) that would amend section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78p(a)).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 8104—Study and report*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6022) that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, to conduct a study on transparency and cooperation regarding brokers and dealers that are a member of a national securities association and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission that are controlled by or organized under the laws of the People's Republic of China, and investment advisors registered with the Securities and Exchanges Commission and controlled by or organized under the laws of the People's Republic of China, and submit to the Congress a report that includes the results of such study.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

## TITLE LXXXII—JUDICIARY MATTERS

*Sec. 8201—Authority of Marshal of the Supreme Court and Supreme Court Police*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1069) that would amend section 6121(a)(2) of title 40, United States Code, to authorize the Marshal of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Police to provide protection for any retired or former Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court or any member of the immediate family of the Chief Justice, any Associate Justice, any retired or former Chief Justice or Associate Justice, or any officer of the Supreme Court.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 8202—PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 reauthorization*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1093) that would reauthorize the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 21111).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would make technical corrections and authorize appropriations of $60.0 million for the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2008 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2028.

*Sec. 8203—Trauma kit standards*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1097 (sub H)) that would amend section 521 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10202) to establish standards for trauma kits.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 8204—Inclusion of certain retired public safety officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1094 Sub. H) that would amend section 1201 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281) to include certain retired public safety officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 8205—Honoring our fallen heroes*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1098) that would amend section 1201 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10281) to identify certain cancer-related deaths and disabilities presumed to constitute a presumptive condition for compensation.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment to address funding.

## TITLE LXXXIII—FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATTERS

### Subtitle A—Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act of 2025

*Secs. 8301–8305—Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act of 2025*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 6251 through sec. 6255) that would require that in each of the next 7 years in which the Secretary of the Treasury is required by section 1705(b) of the International Financial Institutions Act (Public Law 95–118) to present testimony, the Secretary shall include in the testimony a description of the efforts of the United States to support the greatest participation practicable by Taiwan at each international financial institution (as defined in section 1701(c)(2) of such Act).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

### Subtitle B—Bust Fentanyl Act

*Secs. 8311–8320—BUST FENTANYL Act*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 6101 through sec. 6107) that would expand sanctions authorities to allow the United States to target Chinese government owned or controlled entities, including financial institutions, being used to finance foreign opioid trafficking and broaden the list of methamphetamine precursor chemicals tracked in the annual International Narcotics Control Strategy Report.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provisions with clarifying amendments.

Subtitle C—Western Balkans Democracy and Prosperity

*Secs. 8331–8341—Western Balkans Democracy and Prosperity Act*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 1271 through sec. 1280A Sub. F) that would enact the Western Balkans Democracy and Prosperity Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provisions with a clarifying amendment.

Subtitle D—Countering Wrongful Detention Act of 2025

*Secs. 8351–8354—Countering Wrongful Detention Act of 2025*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 6201 through sec. 6205) that would provide the U.S. Government with additional tools to deter state and non-state actors from wrongfully detaining U.S. nationals for political leverage.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provisions with amendments.

Subtitle E—Other Matters

*Sec. 8361—National registry of Korean American divided families*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6024) that would require the Secretary of State, acting through the Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, the Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, or such other individual as the Secretary may designate, to establish a private, internal national registry of the names and other relevant information of Korean American divided families.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 8362—Sense of Congress on Russia's illegal abduction of Ukrainian children*

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6221) that would express the sense of Congress that Congress: (1) Condemns the Russian Federation's abduction, forcible transfer, and facilitation of the illegal deportation of Ukrainian children; and (2) Implores the Russian Federation to work with the international community to ensure the return, without delay, of all forcibly transferred Ukrainian children to their families.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 8363—Supporting the identification and recovery of abducted Ukrainian children*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1266) that would support the identification and recovery of abducted Ukrainian children.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 8364—Fairness in issuance of tactical gear to Diplomatic Security Service personnel*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1073) that would direct the Department of State to provide Diplomatic Security Services personnel with tactical equipment in both men's and women's sizing options as needed when such equipment is commercially available.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision.

*Sec. 8365—Strategy for countering transnational criminal organizations in Mexico*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1265) that would direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to counter transnational criminal organizations in Mexico and report the strategy to the relevant congressional committees.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with clarifying amendments.

*Sec. 8366—International nuclear energy*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6023) that would establish a National Energy Dominance Council within the Executive Office of the President, a Nuclear Exports Working Group composed of senior Federal Government officials to develop and execute a 10-year civil nuclear strategy for exporting civil nuclear technologies, and a Strategic Infrastructure Fund Working Group; direct the President to launch a supporting international initiative to modernize U.S. civil nuclear outreach to embarking civil nuclear nations, designate White House officials to establish international financing relationships with allies and partners in support of this initiative; require the Secretaries of State and Commerce to engage in bilateral and multilateral meetings to expand international energy cooperation; make a series of amendments to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–58); establish congressional oversight mechanisms for activities related to these actions; direct the Secretary of State to establish a joint consultative mechanism with the Government of India on peaceful uses of nuclear energy; and require a series of reports and briefings related to each of these activities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement contains the Senate provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 8367—Strategy to respond to global bases of the People's Republic of China*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6232) that would, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, require the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and other appropriate senior Federal officials, to submit a

strategy to the appropriate congressional committees to respond to the People's Republic of China's global basing intentions.

*Sec. 8368—Disposition of weapons and materiel in transit from Iran to the Houthis in Yemen*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6242) that would authorize the President to treat any weapon or material seized by the United States as stocks of the United States while in transit from the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Houthis in the Republic of Yemen.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 8369—Repeal of Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6211) that would repeal the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019 (title LXXIV of division F of Public Law 116–92; 22 U.S.C. 8791 note). The provision included a reporting requirement requiring the President or his designee to certify certain aspects of the Government of Syria's performance, and a sense of Congress supporting the reimposition of sanctions if the certification could not be made during two consecutive reporting periods.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 8370—Repeal of Authorizations for Use of Military Force relating to Iraq*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1733F) to repeal The Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution (Public Law 102–1; 105 Stat. 3; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) and The Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107–243; 116 Stat. 1498; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note).

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 1219).

The agreement includes the House provision.

## TITLE LXXXIV—NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

*Secs. 8401–8431—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 5701–5741 (Div. H)) that would amend statutory requirements related to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Subtitle A, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps, would designate the Director of the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps as the Assistant Administrator of the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, require Senate confirmation for flag officers, improve separation and retirement process of officers, mandate a detailed biennial fleet modernization plan, improve oversight of large vessel purchases, improve the aviation training program, and modernize personnel policies, among other amendments. Subtitle B, South Pacific Tuna Treaty Matters, revises federal requirements for U.S. commercial

fishing vessels operating in the South Pacific including, update funding requirements and limitations, modernize licensing and observer rules for certain United States vessels, strengthens enforcement, and adjust advisory committee roles to maintain American access to the Western and Central Pacific fishery, among other amendments. Subtitle C, Other Matters, would make certain changes to the North Pacific Research Board, including changes to the board's composition and allocations for funding for administrative expenses.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provisions with technical amendments.

## TITLE LXXXV—COMPREHENSIVE OUTBOUND INVESTMENT NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 2025

*Secs. 8501–8531—Comprehensive Outbound Investment National Security Act of 2025*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 1701 through sec. 1741) that would protect the national security of the United States by imposing sanctions with respect to certain persons of the People's Republic of China and prohibiting and requiring notifications with respect to certain investments by United States persons in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment.

## TITLE LXXXVI—SECURING THE AIRSPACE, FACILITATING EMERGENCY RESPONSE, AND SAFEGUARDING KEY INFRASTRUCTURE, ENTERTAINMENT VENUES, AND STADIUMS

*Secs. 8601–8607—SAFER SKIES Act*

The agreement contains a provision that would extend, expand, and modify Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice authorities to counter unmanned aircraft systems.

## TITLE LXXXVII—DFC MODERNIZATION AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

*Secs. 8701–8758—DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 1270 through sec. 1298) titled "DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2025."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provisions with a clarifying amendment.

## TITLE LXXXVIII—OTHER MATTERS

*Sec. 8801—Pilot program for sound insulation repair and replacement*

The agreement includes a provision that would authorize the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to establish a pilot program for sound insulation repair and replacement projects.

*Sec. 8802—Alignment of timing of updates of strategic plan with updates to National Strategy for Advanced Manufacturing*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6026) that would amend section 34(i) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C. 278s(i)) for the alignment of timing of updates of strategic plan with updates to national strategy for advanced manufacturing.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 8803—Lumbee Fairness Act*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1733C) that would extend Federal recognition to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina as an Indian Tribe.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the House provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 8804—Drinking water well replacement for Chincoteague, Virginia*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6031) that would replace the drinking water wells in Chincoteague, Virginia.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 8805—Briefing on implementation of Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2024 with respect to veterans in the Freely Associated States*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1077) that would amend section 1724(f)(1) of title 38, United States Code, to provide certain telehealth benefits and mail order pharmacy benefits to veterans in the Freely Associated States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide, no less than monthly, a report to the Committees on Veterans Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the status of implementation of the provisions of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2024 (title II of division G of Public Law 118–42) relating to veterans in the Freely Associated States.

We note that section 1724 of title 38, United States Code, authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish hospital care and medical services to eligible veterans in the Freely Associated States and section 111 of title 38, United States Code, authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish beneficiary travel benefits to such veterans. We encourage the Department of Veterans Affairs to use its authority to provide telehealth, mail order pharmacy, and beneficiary travel benefits to eligible veterans in the Freely Associated States, in line with clear congressional intent. Implementation of these services by the Department of Veterans Affairs relates critically to U.S. national interests with respect to global security, the All-Volunteer Force, and veteran success after service.

*Sec. 8806—Disinterment of remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas*

The agreement includes a provision that would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

*Continued implementation of anti-trafficking programs for children*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1038) that would require the Office for Victims of Crime of the Department of Justice to continue implementing anti-trafficking recommendations contained in the report of the Government Accountability Office entitled "Child Trafficking: Addressing Challenges to Public Awareness and Survivor Support" (GAO–24–106038), published on December 11, 2023.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Eligibility of spouses for services under the disabled veterans' outreach program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1068) that would amend section 4103A of title 38, United States Code, to make certain spouses eligible for services under the disabled veterans' outreach program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Second Chance Act Reauthorization*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1070) that would reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2007 (Public Law No. 110–199).

The House bill contained no similar provision

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Application of leave provisions for members of the Armed Forces to members of the Public Health Service*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1071) that would amend section 221(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 213a(a)) to apply leave provisions for members of the Armed Forces to members of the Public Health Service.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Study of national security risks posed by certain routers and modems*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1072) that would require the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to conduct a study on the national security risks posed by consumer routers and modems and provide the results of the study to Congress.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Commercial Space Activity Advisory Committee*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1074) that would direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Commercial Space Activity Advisory Committee.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Review and prohibitions by Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States of certain transactions relating to agriculture*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1075) that would amend section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4565) to review and prohibit certain transactions relating to agriculture by the Committee on Foreign Investment of the United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Finding opportunities for resource exploration*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1076) that would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a memorandum of understanding with foreign countries to expand cooperation on mapping, assessing, and acquiring mineral resources; authorize the Secretary of State to implement memorandums of understanding entered into by the Secretary of the Interior and support U.S. private sector companies in obtaining access to overseas mineral reserves for development; and require the Secretary of the Interior to notify Congress at least 30 days prior to entering into a memorandum of understanding with foreign countries to expand cooperation on mapping, assessing, and acquiring mineral resources.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Protecting covered information in public records*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1078) that would prohibit U.S. Government agencies from posting or displaying publicly available content that includes covered information of individuals in specified circumstances.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Improving coordination between Federal and State agencies and the Do Not Pay working system*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1079) that would amend section 205(r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(r)), as amended by section 801(a)(7) of title VIII of division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), to improve coordination between Federal and state agencies and the Do Not Pay working system.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Agent membership*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1080) that would amend Section 304(b)(2) of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C.

1795c(b)(2)) by striking "all those credit unions" and inserting "any such credit unions".

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Exemption from immigrant visa limit*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1081 Sub. F) that would amend section 201(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1)) to exempt certain aliens from the immigrant visa limit.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Preventing first responder secondary exposure to fentanyl*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1091) that would amend section 3021 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10701) to provide training and resources for first responders on the use of containment devices to prevent secondary exposure to fentanyl and other potentially lethal substances, and to purchase containment devices for use by first responders.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Reauthorizing support and treatment for officers in crisis*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1092) that would amend section 1001 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10261) to extend the Act through 2029.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Strong Communities Program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1095) that would amend section 1701 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381) to authorize the Attorney General to make completive grants to local law enforcement agencies for officers and recruits to attend law enforcement training programs.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Retired law enforcement officers continuing service*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1096) that would amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101) to authorize the Attorney General to award grants for the purpose

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*FISH Act of 2025*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1091 through sec. 1099F Sub. I) that would combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing at its sources globally.

The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Anti-CBDC Surveillance State Act*

The House bill contained provisions (sec. 5101 through sec. 5105) that prohibits a Federal Reserve bank from offering products or services directly to an individual, maintaining an account on behalf of an individual, or issuing a central bank digital currency, and prohibits the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from using a central bank digital currency to implement monetary policy or from testing, studying, creating, or implementing a central bank digital currency, with exceptions as provided by the Act.
The Senate bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement does not include the House provisions.

*Table of contents*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6001) that contained the table of contents for Department of State matters.
The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Taking or transmitting video of defense information prohibited*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6021) that would amend section 793 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the taking or transmitting of videos of defense information.
The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Informational materials under the Foreign Agents Registration Act*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6028) that would amend the definition of information material under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.
The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Credit monitoring*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6029) that would amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) to expand existing credit-monitoring protections to all members of the Armed Forces regardless of duty status.
The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Treatment of exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6030) that would amend certain Foreign Agents Registration Act exemptions with respect to foreign agents representing countries of concern.
The House bill contained no similar provision.
The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Report on implementation of artificial intelligence into certain anti-money laundering investigations*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6032) that would direct the Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the Department of the Treasury, in consultation with the Chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Chair of the National Credit Union Administration, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives, a report on implementation of artificial intelligence into certain anti-money laundering investigations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Keeping drugs out of schools*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6033) that would authorize the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to award grants to eligible schools to implement school-community partnerships for preventing substance use and misuse among youth.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Requirement to testify*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6035) that would amend Section 104(b) of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4703(b)).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*CDFI bond guarantee program improvement*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6036) titled the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program Improvement Act of 2025.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Capitalization assistance to enhance liquidity*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6037) that would amend section 113 of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4712).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Native CDFI relending program*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6038) that would amend Section 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*DETERRENCE Act*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 6071 through sec. 6077) that would authorize sentencing enhancements for certain

criminal offenses directed by or coordinated with foreign governments.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*GAIN AI Act of 2025*

The Senate bill contained provisions (sec. 6081, sec. 6082, and sec. 6083) that would grant the authority to deny licenses for the export of certain types of advanced artificial intelligence microchips and to restrict the export of less advanced artificial intelligence chips to foreign entities in countries of concern to the Department of Commerce.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*Countering Captagon production and distribution*

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6212) that would authorize the Secretary of State to establish a program that provides funding to rehabilitate border crossings in Syria and supports counter-narcotics, counterterrorism, and counter-weapons trafficking, particularly by personnel and ministries linked to the new Government of Syria.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provision.

*International Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2025*

The Senate bill contains provisions (sec. 6301 through sec. 6332) that would reauthorize programs related to combating human trafficking worldwide and expand oversight of human trafficking reporting.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include the Senate provisions.

*ROAD to Housing Act of 2025*

The Senate bill contained a provision (Division I., sec. 5001–5803) titled "Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream to Housing Act of 2025" or the "ROAD to Housing Act of 2025".

The House bill did not contain a similar provision.

The agreement does not include the provision.

## COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XXI

**(Community Project Funding Items)**

| TITLE | AGENCY | PROJECT NAME | PROJECT LOCATION | AMOUNT (Dollars in Thousands) | MEMBER(S) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4601 | Army | Access Control Point | Anniston Army Depot, AL | 115,000 | Rogers, Mike (AL) |
| 4601 | Army | Automated-Aided Instruction Building (Design) | Fort Sill, OK | 9,300 | Cole, Tom (OK) |
| 4601 | Army | Airfield Fire and Rescue Station | Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA | 68,000 | Strickland, Marilyn (WA) |
| 4601 | Navy | F-35 Aircraft Maintenance Hangar (Design) | Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA | 33,490 | Fong, Vince (CA) |
| 4601 | Navy | Child Development Center (Design) | Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, CA | 8,900 | Fong, Vince (CA) |
| 4601 | Navy | Communications Center and Infrastructure | Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island, FL | 45,425 | Rutherford, John H. (FL) |
| 4601 | Navy | Child Development Center (Design) | Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL | 4,575 | Rutherford, John H. (FL) |
| 4601 | Navy | Multi Aircraft Paint & Strip (Design) | Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL | 26,515 | Rutherford, John H. (FL) |
| 4601 | Navy | F-35 Aircraft Engine Repair Facility | Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL | 78,117 | Rutherford, John H. (FL) |
| 4601 | Navy | PDI: Defense Access Roads | Joint Region Marianas, GU | 50,000 | Moylan, James C. (GU) |
| 4601 | Navy | EOD Expeditionary Mine Countermeasures Facility (Design) | Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, VA | 12,000 | Kiggans, Jennifer A. (VA) |
| 4601 | Navy | Power Upgrades - Pier 14 (Design) | Naval Station Norfolk, VA | 15,000 | Kiggans, Jennifer A. (VA) |
| 4601 | Navy | Shore Power for Virginia-Class Submarines (Design) | Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, VA | 2,200 | Wittman, Robert J. (VA) |
| 4601 | Air Force | Combat Arms Training & Maintenance Complex | Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, NC | 41,000 | Davis, Donald (NC) |
| 4601 | Air Force | F-35 Canopy Repair Facility (Design) | Hill Air Force Base, UT | 2,600 | Moore, Blake D. (UT) |
| 4601 | Defense-Wide | SOF Joint Intelligence Center (Design) | Fort Bragg, NC | 8,100 | Hudson, Richard (NC) |

**COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XXI**—Continued

**(Community Project Funding Items)**

| TITLE | AGENCY | PROJECT NAME | PROJECT LOCATION | AMOUNT (Dollars in Thousands) | MEMBER(S) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4601 | Defense-Wide | SOF Forward Operating Base Freedom Upgrades | Fort Bragg, NC | 44,700 | Hudson, Richard (NC) |
| 4601 | Army National Guard | Aircraft Maintenance Hangar | Salisbury Readiness Complex, NC | 69,000 | Hudson, Richard (NC) |
| 4601 | Air National Guard | ADAL Maintenance Hangar Air National Guard/ Shops | Atlantic City Air National Guard Base, NJ | 61,000 | Van Drew, Jefferson (NJ) |
| 4601 | Army Reserve | Aviation Support Facility | Fort Knox, KY | 50,000 | Guthrie, Brett (KY) |
| 4601 | Army Reserve | Army Reserve Center Building (Design) | Camp Bullis, TX | 5,000 | Gonzales, Tony (TX) |
| 4601 | Navy and Marine Corps Reserve | Maintenance Hangar | Naval Air Station Fort Worth, TX | 50,000 | Ellzey, Jake (TX) |
| 4601 | Air Force Reserve | Entry Control Facility (Design) | Dobbins Air Reserve Base, GA | 3,200 | Loudermilk, Barry (GA) |