

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1258

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2003

Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. MOORE, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. QUINN, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. EVANS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. OLVER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. WATT, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. LEE, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SABO, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HOLT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. RUSH, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. ALLEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE .**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Latin America Military  
 5       Training Review Act of 2003”.

6       **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF AUTHORITY FOR WESTERN HEMI-**  
 7                       **SPHERE INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY CO-**  
 8                       **OPERATION.**

9       (a) CLOSURE OF INSTITUTE.—The Secretary of the  
 10       Army shall close the Western Hemisphere Institute for Se-  
 11       curity Cooperation.

12       (b) REPEAL.—(1) Section 2166 of title 10, United  
 13       States Code, is repealed.

14       (2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter  
 15       108 of such title is amended by striking the item relating  
 16       to section 2166.

17       (c) LIMITATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW EDU-  
 18       CATION AND TRAINING FACILITY.—No training or edu-  
 19       cation facility may be established in the Department of  
 20       Defense for Latin American military personnel (as a suc-  
 21       cessor to the United States Army School of the Americas,  
 22       the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Coopera-

tion, or otherwise) until the end of the ten-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 3. JOINT CONGRESSIONAL TASK FORCE.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a joint congressional task force to conduct an assessment of the kind of education and training that is appropriate for the Department of Defense to provide to military personnel of Latin American nations.

(b) COMPOSITION.—The task force shall be composed of eight Members of Congress, of whom two each shall be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, and the minority leader of the Senate.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the task force shall submit to Congress a report on its assessment under subsection (a). The report shall include—

(1) a critical assessment of courses, curriculum and procedures appropriate for such education and training; and

(2) an evaluation of the effect of such education and training on the performance of Latin American military personnel in the areas of human rights and

1 adherence to democratic principles and the rule of  
2 law.

3 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Mem-  
4 ber” includes a Delegate to, or Resident Commissioner,  
5 in the Congress.

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