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To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a strategy to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and related materials in the Middle East and North Africa region, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORTENBERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cooperative Threat
5 Reduction Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO MODERNIZE COOPERATIVE THREAT**
2 **REDUCTION AND PREVENT THE PROLIFERA-**
3 **TION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION**
4 **AND RELATED MATERIALS IN THE MIDDLE**
5 **EAST AND NORTH AFRICA REGION.**

6 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
7 fense, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the
8 Secretary of Energy, shall establish a comprehensive strat-
9 egy to modernize cooperative threat reduction and advance
10 cooperative efforts with international partners to reduce
11 the threat from the proliferation of weapons of mass de-
12 struction and related materials in the Middle East and
13 North Africa region.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection
15 (a) shall—

16 (1) build upon the current activities of the De-
17 partments of Defense, State, and Energy’s non-
18 proliferation programs that aim to mitigate the
19 range of threats in the Middle East and North Afri-
20 ca region posed by weapons of mass destruction;

21 (2) review issues relating to the threat from the
22 proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and re-
23 lated materials in the Middle East and North Africa
24 region on a regional basis as well as on a country-
25 by-country basis;

1 (3) review the activities and achievements in the
2 Middle East and North Africa region of the Depart-
3 ment of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Pro-
4 gram and the nonproliferation programs at the De-
5 partment of State and Department of Energy and
6 other United States Government agencies and de-
7 partments designed to address nuclear, radiological,
8 chemical, and biological safety and security issues;

9 (4) ensure the continued coordination of cooper-
10 ative nonproliferation efforts within the United
11 States Government and further mobilize and lever-
12 age additional resources from partner nations, non-
13 governmental and multilateral organizations, and
14 international institutions;

15 (5) include an assessment of what countries are
16 financially, materially, or technologically supporting
17 proliferation in this region and how the strategy will
18 prevent, stop or interdict the support;

19 (6) include an estimate of associated costs re-
20 quired to plan and execute the proposed cooperative
21 threat reduction activities in order to execute the
22 comprehensive strategy to prevent the proliferation
23 of weapons of mass destruction and related mate-
24 rials; and

1 (7) include a discussion of the metrics to meas-
2 ure the strategy's and activities' success in reducing
3 the regional threat of the proliferation of weapons of
4 mass destruction.

5 (c) INTEGRATION AND COORDINATION.—The strat-
6 egy required by subsection (a) shall include an assessment
7 of gaps in current cooperative nonproliferation efforts, an
8 articulation of agencies' threat reduction priorities in the
9 Middle East and North Africa region, the establishment
10 of appropriate metrics for determining success in the re-
11 gion, and steps to ensure that the strategy fits in broader
12 United States efforts to reduce the threat from weapons
13 of mass destruction.

14 (d) CONSULTATION.—In establishing the strategy re-
15 quired by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense may
16 consult with both governmental and nongovernmental ex-
17 perts from a diverse set of views.

18 (e) STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not
19 later than March 31, 2014, the Secretary of Defense shall
20 submit to the specified congressional committees the coop-
21 erative threat reduction modernization strategy required
22 by subsection (a), as well as a plan for the implementation
23 of the strategy required by subsection (a).

1 (f) FORM.—The strategy required by subsection (a)
2 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
3 a classified annex.

4 (g) SPECIFIED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In
5 this section, the term “specific congressional committees”
6 means—

7 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
8 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
9 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;
10 and

11 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
12 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
13 on Appropriations of the Senate.

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